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Greetings,

Please find below my submission to the 'Inquiry into Dangerous Driving'.

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Regards,

[Redacted Signature]

Letters below refer to the items in the terms of reference:

d) Prison sentences, fines and vehicle sanctions legislated for dangerous driver offences in the ACT

1. Dangerous speeding / hooning in high-performance or modified cars should mean the car is seized and crushed - since reselling these encourages further hooning.
2. In addition to seized cars, additional fines should be levied so that all costs of government enforcement & justice are covered by the offenders.
3. Use 'Day-Fines' - All penalties should be adjusted to match the means of the offender - so that rich offenders are still heavily impacted by fines.
4. Fines / sentences should take into account the intention to speed which is indicated by owning a high-performance / modified car.
5. A list of all speed offenders should be made available to insurance companies - so that the rest of the general public is not burdened by their dangerous driving.

f) Corrections responses and the sentencing regime for dangerous driving in the ACT

1. GPS tracking - Convicted dangerous drivers should be required to only drive a car with police GPS tracking which would upload all significant speed violations.

h) Police and other related technological advances to identify and prevent dangerous driving

1. Unmarked & hidden police - marked speed cameras are only useful for specific black-spots. All mobile speed cameras should be hidden as much as possible.

2. Average speed cameras - Install average speed cameras at all major intersections throughout the city to catch consistent speeders.
3. Noise cameras - major intersections should be fitted with microphones that identify loud cars with illegally modified exhaust systems. (so they can be sent for complete government inspection)
4. Ban mobile speed camera warning services - The feature of Google maps and other services that allow dangerous drivers to avoid being caught by mobile speed cameras should be banned from the ACT.
5. Police acting on videos from citizens - It is currently possible to send video of dangerous driving to ACT police, but there is no indication that these are even viewed or acted-on.
6. Allow police to target hoon cars by look and sound - Cars used by hooners are often easy to identify just by looks and sound - police should stop such cars and require that they have been government inspected for legality and safety of all modifications.
7. Have unmarked police drive intentionally slowly to identify aggressive/dangerous tail-gaters

i) Any other related measure with respect to the administration of corrections, courts and sentences in the ACT with respect to dangerous driving.

The terms of reference of this inquiry are too narrow : There are many ways that other parts of the government could prevent dangerous driving:

1. Stop hosting SummerNats - This event blatantly encourages and emboldens hooners, and is not appropriate for the ACT's green and safety conscious aims.
2. Mandatory safety & modification inspections - The lack of yearly road-worthiness inspections in the ACT is extremely worrying to many road users since there are undoubtedly many unsafe cars on the road - Such yearly tests should be introduced, with the addition of checks for hoon modifications.
3. Narrow roads - Lanes of residential roads in ACT are too wide, allowing and encouraging drivers to greatly exceed the speed limits.
4. Ban 'race' modifications - Make a clear division between racetrack cars and road cars - any 'performance' enhancements should be only available to owners of racetrack-only cars. Especially exhaust, suspension, ECU, supercharger/turbocharger & race wheels/tires.
5. Massive registration fees for hoon cars and speed offenders - Cars with performance modifications and/or very high power-weight ratios should be classified as 'hoon cars' and should attract registration fees that cover all costs of government anti-hoon enforcement.