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LNP Member for **Mudgeeraba**

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Dear Minister

For three years, I have been urging Labor ministers to finally do something about dangerous hooning activity at the intersection of Nerang-Murwillumbah Road and Pine Creek Road in the Numinbah Valley which is putting the community at risk.

The community is sick and tired of inaction from Labor and want a plan to be put in place at this intersection. This intersection is a meeting place for often more than 30 hoons at a time, who participate in organised hooning activity which includes 'spotters' keeping an eye out for Police. When they have finished hooning for the night, they burn their tyres in dense Numinbah bushland, putting the community at risk of a bushfire. The latest example of this was just two days ago. It is a continuing problem.

This intersection is only five kilometres from the Numinbah Valley township and a mere 200 metres from the Numinbah Valley Environmental Education Centre. This Centre regularly hosts groups of young students aged between 7 and 14 years, who are regularly awoken and greatly distressed by loud hooning activity and put at imminent risk as a bushfire could be sparked by these hoons at any moment.

Our Police are frustrated. They are frequently called to this location and have been proactive in their response to complaints through increased patrols and intelligence gathering. However, it's not enough. Our Police are outnumbered by hoons and being put in danger. Response times are delayed due to the location's relative isolation. Urgent action needs to be taken to implement a permanent solution.

At the 2015 and 2017 State elections, the LNP committed \$300,000 for CCTV and a road realignment at this intersection which would have included concrete bollards to deter hoons and stop them from gathering here. I understand Police have identified their preferred solution as the location being upgraded to include traffic islands and overhead lighting. In addition, I understand local QPS officers would like for a 'declared hoon zone' to be implemented to allow Police to stop and ask for the personal details of drivers entering the zone.



We need to act now before a tragedy occurs. I implore you to take action to implement these solutions to protect the community.

Yours sincerely

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