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Mr Tom Duncan  
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Dear Mr Duncan

*TOM*

Thankyou for your letter of 26 October 2017 regarding petition No.23-17 lodged with the Assembly, by Mr Andrew Wall MLA, on 26 October 2017. The terms of the petition relate to concerns held by certain residents of the Australian Capital Territory about excessive hooning, anti-social and dangerous driving on Preddey Way, Clare Dennis Avenue and Lewis Luxton Avenue in Gordon.

In accordance with Standing Order 100, I provide you the following response to the issues raised by the petition:

The ACT Government is committed to reducing deaths and injuries on our roads and has in place the ACT Road Safety Strategy 2011-2020. Underpinning this strategy, the ACT Government released the ACT Road Safety Action Plan 2016-2020.

ACT Policing routinely enforces road rules in order to ensure the safety of road users. ACT Policing targets traffic 'hot-spots' with enforcement activities, prioritised according to traffic volume, accident statistics and community information. As police cannot be present at all times in any particular location, they rely heavily on public information.

I am advised during the period of 1 January 2015 to 10 December 2017, three Traffic Infringement Notices (TINs) were issued for driving offences on Clare Dennis Avenue. During the same period, nine TINs were issued on Lewis Luxton Avenue. No TINs were issued on Preddey Way during this time period. Please note the above numbers include TINs issued for all driving offences.

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I can advise the petition has been forwarded to the Officers in Charge (OIC) of Tuggeranong Police Station and Traffic Operations, Station Sergeant Greg O’Ryan and Detective Acting Station Sergeant Marcus Boorman respectively. I am advised the area encompassing Preddey Way, Clare Dennis Avenue and Lewis Luxton Avenue has been flagged for increased Police patrols as operational priorities allow.

I encourage of the Canberra community to continue to report offences to ACT Policing on 131444, or triple zero (000) in the case of an emergency. Traffic related issues can be reported to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000, or online via [www.act.crimestoppers.com.au](http://www.act.crimestoppers.com.au).

Information provided to Crime Stoppers is sent to ACT Policing Intelligence for collation and analysis. The collation of this information assists police to identify trends in offending behaviour and prioritise resources accordingly.

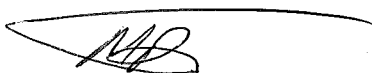
In preparing my response, I sought input from Roads ACT regarding the possibility of traffic calming measures for the streets named in the petition. To identify the requirement for traffic calming measures in residential areas, Roads ACT considers a range of factors, including traffic volume and speed data, crash history, heavy vehicle use and surrounding land use. The results of these assessments are then compared with data obtained regarding other streets of concern to determine priorities for detailed investigation.

However, Roads ACT advised traffic calming measures are not an effective means of deterring or controlling anti-social driving behaviour as they rely on drivers reacting reasonable to the road layout. Drivers committing intentional and deliberate ‘hooning’ type driving behaviour often see traffic calming measures as an added challenge, even when a multitude of closely-spaced devices are installed.

A consideration of the factors above in respect of Preddey Way, Clare Dennis Avenue and Lewis Luxton Avenue, indicates they are performing better than similar roads in the ACT. Accordingly, I am advised Roads ACT has no immediate plans to implement additional traffic calming measures on Preddey Way, Clare Dennis Avenue or Lewis Luxton Avenue. Roads ACT will however, continue to monitor the roads for any significant deterioration in traffic conditions and take action if warranted.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



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