



Item 7.4 Petition regarding dangerous hoon driving and vehicle noise in the City of Port Phillip

A Petition containing 6 signatures, was received from local residents.

The Petition states the following:

The petition of the following named citizens draws the attention of the Council to a big increase in hoon driving and vehicle noise across Port Melbourne and in particular at Station Pier, Williamstown Road, Beach Street, Bay Street, Beaconsfield Parade, and nearby streets. The noise, smoke and dangerous driving and dangerous driving is compromising community safety and impacting on residents' quality of life and mental health. Property owners are selling up due to the hoon noise. Residents have witnessed dangerous driving and 'near misses' at the pedestrian crossing at Station Pier.

The following petitioners hereby request that Council, at its meeting on 3rd February 2021, considers this issue and decides to invest in measures that would complement VicPol presence and prevent dangerous hoon driving and vehicle noise at Station Pier. For example:

Cameras: *Portable CCTV cameras, such as Vic Police camera trailers, have an immediate deterrent effect as vehicle owners observe the equipment on arrival. Covert cameras also play a role.*

Improved lighting: *The waterfront Place precinct, including Station Pier, requires improved lighting.*

Electronic Sign: *Welcoming visitors. Alerting them that cameras are installed, and that bad behaviour will attract action/fines.*

Installation of a boom gate before the pedestrian crossing at Waterfront Place: *This would be open by day but closed at, say 10pm at night. The gate would allow visitors to the areas (such as restaurant patrons) to leave but entry prevented.*

OFFICER COMMENT

Council is aware of the speeding, hooning, noise and antisocial behaviour on main roads in the City of Port Phillip including Station Pier carpark. Whilst, the Victoria Police have the enforcement powers over speeding, hoon activities and noisy vehicles, Council officers are continuing to meet and work with the Police to address these issues. The Police have advised that they have increased patrols over summer and plan to have targeted campaigns along the 'hot spots' areas including Station Pier carpark targeting noisy vehicles and hoon driver behaviour. Residents can contact the Crime Stoppers Hoon Hotline on 1800 333 000 or online at www.crimestoppersvic.com.au to report hoon activities.

The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) provides information on transport noise. EPA's advice to Council is that vehicle noise complaints should be raised with Victoria Police to allow for joint operations targeting noisy vehicles.



Council will continue to work with Victoria Police to review the Station Pier carpark and offer our assistance to support joint operations run by Victoria Police and the Department of Transport. Requests for speed cameras will be included in discussions with the Police (noting that only the Department of Justice can approve the installation of speed cameras). Victoria Police have advised that they will deploy variable message signs advising drivers that police are targeting hoon activity in the area.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the Petition.
2. Acknowledges the concerns of the community in relation to speeding, hoon activities and noisy vehicles in locations such as the Station Pier carpark.
3. Notes that Council officers will continue to meet with Victoria Police and the Department of Transport to discuss these issues and investigate options such as road safety cameras, variable message signs and other treatments to deter this behaviour.
4. Requests the Department of Transport review the speed limit and road safety signs along main roads such as Beach Road corridor.
5. Offers assistance for any joint operations run by Victoria Police and the Department of Transport.
6. Advises the petition organiser of this resolution.

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ATTACHMENTS Nil