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Alternatives for hoons

In recent years hoon drivers have become an increasingly dangerous problem on Perth roads.

What many young drivers do not realise is that there are places where they can legally experiment with their driving skills.

Local MLA Tony Simpson would like more information provided to young people about where they can practice their driving in a safe environment.

“Young people will always want to experiment and act in a reckless manner,” said Mr Simpson.

“It is a fact of life. Many of them think they are invincible.

“However, this is no excuse for dangerous driving on public roads.

“Besides the obvious solution of creating harsher penalties for dangerous drivers, which Parliament has already done, there needs to be other methods used to stop hoon driving.

“One method is to provide young drivers with alternatives.

“One such alternative is the Perth Motorplex at Kwinana Beach.

“This facility provides drag and speedway racing.

“It can provide young drivers with an outlet in which they can drive how they want without endangering other drivers and without breaking the law.”

Scott Beckett, a regular driver at the Motorplex has stated that the Perth Motorplex is a controlled, safe environment for young drivers to test their driving skills.

“The staff and drivers at the Motorplex take safety very seriously,” said Mr Beckett.

“When being driven at the Motorplex, cars are checked for safety and all drivers are tested for basic driving skills.

“If any person wants to drive their car faster than is legal on the road, they should come down to the Motorplex on Wednesday nights instead.”

Mr Simpson believes that this is a better alternative than young drivers speeding or doing burnouts on the road.

“Young drivers should not be encouraged to speed or be hoons. However, if they want to drive like hoons, better at the Motorplex where no one else will be hurt than on the roads where lives are placed in danger.”

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