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## **HOON WATCH – A SUNSHINE COAST FIRST**

**Glen Elmes, State Member for Noosa says he's fed up with hoons and their total disregard for other people and is determined to make it easier for residents to report hooning activities to police.**

"I've decided to distribute a '*Hoon Watch Form*' in my electorate that will make it easier for residents to report anti-social hoon activity which in turn, will make it easier for police to catch them.

"The '*Hoon Watch Form*' is an idea borrowed from the New South Wales police and together with my colleague Fiona Simpson MP, Member for Maroochydore, we have decided to adopt the same method here.

"The *Hoon Watch Form* is an ideal way for residents to familiarise themselves with the details they need to provide to police so that when an incident occurs, they know exactly what they have to look for and can jot it down quickly and systematically.

"Residents have always been able to phone their local police station and I encourage them to continue to do so but Hoon Watch is an additional tool that might help local residents in the reporting process.

Glen Elmes said that the forms will have the contact addresses and phone numbers of the local police stations on the reverse and are available from his office or can be downloaded from his website at [www.glenelmes.com](http://www.glenelmes.com)

"I also intend distributing them to local Neighbourhood Watch Groups, Resident's Associations, Chambers of Commerce, etc.

"Police Minister Judy Spence has criticised the use of the forms but police I've spoken to and police and community groups on the Gold Coast where they are in circulation believe that this is an efficient tool that will help them do their job more effectively.

"I encourage anyone to contact my office if they would like supplies of the form and I will get them to them as soon as possible. This is a great opportunity for the community to strike back at hoons and their anti-social behaviour. **ENDS**

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