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IMPOUNDED VEHICLES TO GO UNDER THE HAMMER

Seventeen vehicles and one motorbike impounded by Ipswich Police under the government's tough anti-hooning laws will be auctioned next week, local MPs Rachel Nolan and Wayne Wendt announced today.

Ms Nolan said the vehicles had been seized in relation to a variety of offences including driving unregistered and uninsured vehicles and unlicensed or disqualified driving.

"Next week's auction demonstrates that the Bligh Government's tough anti-hooning laws are hitting repeat offenders where it hurts ... the impounding and sale of their vehicles," Ms Nolan said.

Mr Wendt said Police across the state had a zero-tolerance approach when it comes to people who continue to break the law and put the lives of other road users at risk.

"These people need to learn that if they continue to ignore the law there are tough consequences," Mr Wendt said.

The Type 2 hoon laws target repeat offenders who are charged with multiple offences in one of 5 categories:

- Driving an unregistered and uninsured motor vehicle
- Driving whilst unlicensed or disqualified
- Drink driving over 0.15%
- Failing to supply a specimen of breath or blood, or driving under 24 hour suspension
- Driving an illegally modified vehicle.

Offenders can lose their vehicle for 48 hours for the first repeat offence, up to three months for a second repeat offence, or permanently for a third repeat offence.

Sergeant Nadine Webster, Officer-in-Charge Ipswich District Crime Prevention Unit, said police were taking a proactive approach as without a motor vehicle it makes it difficult for the driver to commit further driving offences.

"Enforcing the law hits where it hurts because the more times a driver offends the longer their vehicle may be impounded and in some cases forfeited," Sergeant Webster said.

Vehicles up for auction have either been ordered by a Magistrate to become property of the State, failed to be collected by their owners or have voluntarily been handed over to the State.

Vehicles will be auctioned on Tuesday, June 9 at 10.30am at Blue Star Towing, 13 Sonia Crt, Raceview.

Inspection of vehicles is permitted at 9.30am, one hour prior to the commencement of the auction at the holding yard. No inspections will be permitted prior to this time.

Additional information in relation to the vehicles being sold at this auction will be available in the Public Notice section of the Queensland Police Service website www.police.qld.gov.au

Any inquiries regarding these vehicles are to be directed only to the Goodna Police Property Officer on (07) 34362999.