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STATE LIBERAL PARTY NITPICKS IMPORTANT LEGISLATION WHILE MONKEY BIKES CONTINUE TO WREAK HAVOC IN SUBURBS

Federal Member for Kingston, Amanda Rishworth MP today said that the South Australian Liberal Party has made legislation to end the illegal use of monkey bikes in the Southern Suburbs of Adelaide unworkable.

Ms Rishworth said “Monkey bikes continue to be a menace in suburbs like Sheidow Park, Trott Park, Hackham and Seaford.

“Monkey bike riders are putting the safety of residents in communities around the State at risk by racing around on public footpaths, in family parks and on walking tracks.”

Ms Rishworth said that almost a year after tough new laws were first introduced to curb this unacceptable behaviour, Liberal Party Members of the Legislative Council have handed down a number of amendments that undermine the entire basis of the legislation- to get these illegal bikes off our roads.

Ms Rishworth said “Under the laws proposed by the State Labor Government, anyone caught illegally riding a monkey bike in a public place could receive an on the spot fine up to a maximum of \$5, 000 and their bike could be crushed- this would go a long way to curbing the illegal use of monkey bikes.

“But the amendments proposed by the State Liberal Party will water down the legislation by reducing police powers and restricting the ability of police officers to seize unregistered bikes on the spot.

“Reckless conduct by monkey bike riders in public places endangers pedestrians and shows complete disregard for the safety of others in our community. It is high-time that we put an end this destructive behaviour.”

Ms Rishworth said it was disappointing that the State Liberal Party chose to make these laws unworkable, allowing this reckless conduct which shows complete disregard for the safety of others in the community to continue.