



Amanda Rishworth MP

Member for Kingston

MEDIA RELEASE

Monkey Bikes

Amanda Rishworth MP, the Federal Member for Kingston, has called for tough action to end the illegal use of monkey bikes and trail bikes in the community.

Amanda Rishworth has written to the City of Onkaparinga and the City of Marion to urge them to adopt strict measures taken by the Frankston City Council in Victoria to tackle the problem.

Frankston City Council has introduced a hoon-hotline, fines and the impounding and destruction of monkey bikes confiscated from reckless users.

"Reckless monkey bike riders are putting the safety of residents at risk and the council should be saying that enough is enough", Ms Rishworth said.

Under the Frankston City Council's scheme, a rider's first offence attracts a \$550 fine and fees to be paid within seven days. If they pay the fine, the monkey bike is confiscated for six months. For the second offence, the fine is increased and the bike is confiscated for a year.

Riders who do not pay the fine risk having their bikes crushed.

"While minibikes and motorcycles are great fun when ridden responsibly in designated motocross tracks, I don't think that residents should have to put up with reckless and dangerous riders on suburban streets", Ms Rishworth said.

"Innocent bystanders shouldn't have to risk serious injury just to walk on a footpath or through a park.

"This scheme sends the message to illegal monkey bike users that the community won't tolerate their dangerous behaviour

"I urge the council to take the lead of Frankston City Council and take tough action against monkey bikes to protect residents against these hoons," Ms Rishworth said.

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