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### HOON CARS TO BE HOME CLAMPED

Hoon drivers, drug drivers and graffiti vandals could face having their vehicles clamped at home, impounded or forfeited under tough new measures unveiled by Attorney-General Michael Atkinson today.

Mr Atkinson says the new sanctions will give South Australia some of the harshest penalties in the country as the Rann Government continues its crackdown on the sort of anti-social behaviour that blights many neighbourhoods.

**“What we are doing is sending a message to the ratbags who ruin people’s quality of life that this Government will not tolerate their behaviour.”**

The new laws give police the power to home clamp a car for a week as an alternative to impounding the vehicle.

“It is a penalty that could now be imposed not only for hoon driving but also for a range of other vehicle related offences and for the **first time**, graffiti vandalism, where the offender owns a car.

“It’s an immediate sanction that not only causes inconvenience but a with a bright yellow clamp on their car, it lets the neighbours know what kind of behaviour the owner has been up to.”

**“If we can embarrass these louts into behaving more responsibly then I consider that a good result.”**

According to figures being released today by Police Minister Paul Holloway, more than 1,800 people have been charged with hoon driving offences and more than 1,100 cars have been impounded.

“These new laws are an extension of this already successful program,” Mr Atkinson says.

The new measures also:

- Increases the range of offences for which courts can enforce the impounding or forfeiture of a vehicle to include; driving an uninsured or unregistered vehicle, drug driving and graffiti vandalism
- Allows any vehicle owned by the alleged offender to be home clamped or impounded, not only the vehicle the offence was committed in.
- Extends from five to 10 years the period for which the courts can take into account a previous offence.

“This is a concerted attempt to crack down on anti-social behaviour. We are giving the courts and police the powers to deliver the penalties the public expect,” Mr Atkinson says.