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New Prohibited Behaviour Orders To Protect Community

Dr Mike Nahan, the Member for Riverton said serious anti-social offenders would face orders banning them from doing things, being places or associating with people related to their crimes under a bill tabled in State Parliament.

"The State Government has approved the introduction of the Prohibited Behaviour Orders Bill 2009 which would give courts the power to make civil orders when dealing with repeat, anti-social offenders who are more than 14 years old," said Dr Nahan.

"What this legislation says is that if you engage in serious and repeat anti-social behaviour the freedoms that you have enjoyed will be curtailed through the issuing of a Prohibited Behaviour Order and that the rights of the community will be promoted," said Dr Nahan.

Dr Nahan said breaching a Prohibited Behaviour Order (PBO) would be a criminal offence with a maximum penalty of two years jail or \$6,000 in the Magistrates Court or Children's Court, and up to five years jail or a fine of \$10,000 in the District or Supreme Court.

"PBOs would apply to such offences as alcohol-fuelled violence, graffiti, inappropriate behaviour on public transport, rock attacks, hoon behaviour and arson. These are issues that many people within our community have unfortunately experienced first hand," said Dr Nahan.

Dr Nahan said when issuing a PBO, the court would also have the discretion to publicise the offender's details, including any or all of:

- the name of the offender
- a photograph or description of the offender
- the suburb where the offender lives
- the terms of the PBO.

"Publication would apply to both adult and juvenile offenders more than 14 years of age and initially occur on a Government website," said Dr Nahan.

"I hear every day from people in the Riverton Electorate who talk to me about crimes that affect our everyday lives. At the last election the residents demanded action on law & order issues and that is exactly what the State Government and I are working hard to achieve."

"We have passed legislation to target graffiti, rock throwing, arson offences, the targeting of the possession of weapons, to put more police on our roads, to crack down on hoons and introduced mandatory sentencing for assaults on police officers."

"These measures plus the new Prohibited Behaviour Orders should help in clamping down on anti-social behaviour within our community."