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SMARTER DRIVER DISQUALIFICATION LAWS

Member for Albury, Greg Aplin has welcomed reforms to toughen sanctions on those who repeatedly ignore driver licence laws, while also providing incentives for disqualified drivers who demonstrate good behaviour.

Mr Aplin said under the new laws NSW Police will have extra powers to confiscate on-the-spot the number plates or cars of repeat offenders for three to six months.

“It is expected the reforms will reduce unauthorised driving and repeat offending,” Mr Aplin said.

“The reforms introduce new ways for rehabilitating disqualified drivers who can demonstrate their commitment to lawful behaviour by remaining compliant with their disqualification period,” Mr Aplin said.

Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight Melinda Pavey said tough penalties will continue to apply for very serious driving offences, like drink and drug driving.

“The laws will make disqualification periods and penalties for unauthorised driving offences more proportionate with other driving offences while keeping road safety front and centre.”

Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Sarah Mitchell said lengthy disqualification periods, which can currently exceed 10 years, are often ineffective.

“This change will encourage a return to lawful driving, as opposed to the current laws that disproportionately affect the disadvantaged, including Aboriginal people.”

Eligible people will still need to apply to Roads and Maritime Services and complete standard road safety and knowledge tests to get their licence back.

Mr Aplin said the reforms put community safety front and centre. “No one ever convicted of a driving offence involving death or serious injury would be eligible to have their disqualification period reduced under the scheme.”

“Local police now have greater support of the law to deal with repeat offenders and dangerous drivers to keep them off our roads, and smarter treatment of disqualified drivers who do the right thing.”

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