

## **POLICY STATEMENT**

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### **National to get tough on noisy cars**

“National will toughen up the regulations and enforcement of car exhaust systems to get the noise levels in neighbourhoods down,” National’s Environment spokesperson Nick Smith said.

“The problem of noisy boy racers is huge. It causes annoyance and frustration for communities all over New Zealand. People have told me they have had nervous breakdowns, marriage breakups and job losses due to the problems of increasingly noisy cars night after night in their neighbourhoods.

“National will toughen the requirement to ensure any modified exhaust system is at least as effective as the car’s original. Modifying a car to make it noisier will be illegal.

“National will also introduce a quantitative standard, similar to Australia, so that cars can be properly tested.

“Labour has allowed boy racers to get away with blue murder. Our car fleet has become increasingly noisy and it is time a new Government said enough is enough,” concluded Dr Smith.

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