

**VICTIMS OF CRIME — MR AND MRS MACKRILL**

*Statement by Member for Mandurah*

**MR D.A. TEMPLEMAN (Mandurah)** [12.52 pm]: I will take a moment to read an email I received from Mr and Mrs Mackrill of Mandurah —

Dear David ... a moped was stolen from our backyard in Mandurah on 19<sup>th</sup> July at 2300 whilst we were at home. My husband (Keith) notified the police the following day at 0600 to be told that the police had pulled over the rider of the moped during the night & that he had a history of offending. A statement was given by Keith to the detectives the following day. On the 21<sup>st</sup> the offender appeared in Mandurah Court & was remanded in custody to appear in the Children's Court. The offender stated to police that he has disposed of the moped in the estuary, but was unable to give police the correct location & despite their searches it has not been found.

Whilst I realise that this crime is not high on the list of priorities for police the purpose of this email is to add our little voices to the many, many victims of crime out there in our society who get no recompense for the loss or injuries inflicted on them by offenders who do the same thing over & over & think the justice system is a joke as there is very little punishment. It is not a joke to the many victims like us who are inconvenienced, lose money even if they are insured & are just left to sort out the consequences themselves. Why is it not made legal for the offenders to pay their victims back, or clean up their graffiti or other messes they leave behind? Why must it always be the offenders who are treated well whilst the victims are left to suffer.

Give some justice back to the victims please.

This highlights a concern by many people in our community about the justice system. I have written to the Attorney General about this particular case. As Mr and Mrs Mackrill say, although this may be a small issue, it is a massive issue for them and for many other people in the community. I look forward to the Attorney General's response.