



Greg Piper, MP
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SUPPORT FOR LOCAL FIGHT ON GRAFFITI

They're organised, they're mobile and they are costing us millions! That was the message from the organisation "Graffiti Hurts – Australia." Greg Piper, Member for Lake Macquarie, has announced his support for the new educational not-for-profit organisation.

"Graffiti Hurts – Australia's research shows that local government spending on tackling graffiti for 2008–09 will cost over \$260 million dollars of rate and tax payers money," Mr Piper said. "I applaud this initiative to engage the local community to help fight graffiti vandalism."

Scott Hilditch, CEO of Graffiti Hurts – Australia said "All levels of government across Australia have long fought the problem of graffiti and some areas needed a localised approach. The community want and need resources that help them tackle the issue and that's what we are here to do."

"With the support of Greg Piper, we believe that the community will become involved in reducing anti-social behaviour in Lake Macquarie. This shows that our elected representatives are concerned for our communities just as much as we are", said Mr Hilditch.

The Graffiti Hurts – Australia website www.graffitihurts.com.au has a range of resources for the community to use in helping reduce and eradicate graffiti vandalism as well as resources for local governments, industry, small business, schools, service groups and neighbourhood watch groups.

Mr Piper said "Our police do their best with their limited resources to bring to justice those responsible for the millions of dollars damage caused every year. The community can also help reduce the damage and Graffiti Hurts – Australia's resources can help."

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