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No 117**

## **COMMUNITY SAFETY IN REGIONAL AND RURAL COMMUNITIES**

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Our property borders a reserve and vacant new residential land which has become a target for people driving presumably stolen cars (they wouldn't drive them like they do if they were their own) up and down and around the paddock at speed during middle of the night. I'm expecting the night will come when a car plows through our back fence into our house and our bedroom. Police and fire are called (i've had to do this several times) but ultimately what happens is the cars are abandoned and set on fire by these people. this is a heavily grassed area where it wouldn't take much on a windy evening for the fire to take hold and head straight for our back fence and house.

We have lived in Gunnedah for 11 years but have never seen the stolen car crime as bad as this. We often drive past a recently burnt out vehicle and think nothing of it anymore because it happens so often. it is a blight on our town, a burden on our insurance premiums and is leaving this community in real fear