

# News

## CRANBOURNE

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### Follow Casey lead on graffiti: RAGE

RESIDENTS Against Graffiti Everywhere has called on local councils to follow the city of Casey's lead in combating graffiti problems that affect commercial and private properties.

The city last week announced a \$300,000 clean-up campaign that promises to remove graffiti from private and commercial properties in less than 24-hours after the offence has been committed.

Council's outgoing graffiti clean-up policy extended only to municipal buildings leaving homes and businesses vulnerable to vandals.

RAGE spokesperson Julia Welham said the anti-graffiti organisation had lobbied council extensively to eradicate graffiti from private and commercial properties.

"We congratulate Casey in its resolve to address the problem of graffiti and vandalism and believe by working with local and transit police, M>Trains, schools and public transport operators, a cleaner, safer environment will be enjoyed by all," she said. "The cleaning of private property within 24-hours of notification is what we've (RAGE) been lobbying for and we are pleased with council's and (Casey) mayor Mick Morland's commitment to residents."

"We believe this is possibly one of the most comprehensive (anti-graffiti) strategies to be implemented anywhere in Australia."

Ms Welham said the City of Casey was leading by example and called on other local councils to follow suit and become proactive in stamping out graffiti.



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