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Graffiti vandals

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HE writing is on the wall for graffiti vandals in Victoria.

The City of Stonnington, which is plagued by graffiti criminals, is about to start a version of a system initiated three years ago by Adelaide's City of Onkapringa which imposes heavy penalties.

In Victoria, Residents Against Graffiti Everywhere (for whom the acronym, appropriately is RAGE) wants the South Australian program to be used in Victoria.

The Onkaparinga war on graffiti is enforced through surveillance cameras and patrols.

An offender is made to pay for the clean-up. One has to repay \$20 a fortnight from his dole for the next 21 years.

Angry Victorians have been demanding for years a similarly tough approach.

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