

Economic Development Committee

Inquiry into the road safety benefits of fixed
speed cameras

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Speed enforcement:

There is no appropriate role for fixed cameras, apart from the revenue raised. If a camera had to be in place, I would say yes. Rather than nabbing people who dont know they were speeding and having to wait up to 3 months for the love letter to arrive in the mail.

Fixed speed cameras:

They are not effective at all. Driver training and some incentive to behave and not be an idiot is what will change drivers' behavior. Fixed cameras don't prevent crashes. Show me a speed camera pulling a car out of a hydra-planing situation, or regaining control after hitting a patch of oil at highway speed. Simple, all they do is raise revenue. The best position for a fixed speed camera, in the Governments eyes, is at the bottom of a steep hill or an unsigned speed zone change. They're not suited to anything. We need real police out in real cars giving real tickets, real warnings and setting a real impression.

New technology:

Yes, its already ridiculous. Speed never killed anyone by itself, its not as if at 60km/h you're safe but then at 61km/h your car explodes, killing everyone in a 50 metre radius, unlike the Government would have all the sheep believe. The only thing that will make the roads safer is better driver training and easier access to advanced driving courses. Speed cameras will do NOTHING to help.

Comments:

They simply do not work, all they do is raise revenue. You know this, yet all these questions sound like they are in support of the excessive amount of speed cameras in QLD. Do your "inquiry" into speed cameras, as usual it will be found that Queenslanders are too unsafe and a further 15,000 cameras are needed to reduce road related accidents and deaths. Maybe then another "task force" will come in and determine that the motorists are being let off too easily and are all "hoons", and the only solution is to turn the cameras down to 1km/h tolerances (sound familiar?). Cameras are just another blatant tax on the easiest targets of all, motorists. Road deaths, however tragic, will never be stopped, no matter what the speed limits are, no matter what the fines are, no matter what, they will never stop, the Government needs to understand that.