

Economic Development Committee

Inquiry into the road safety benefits of fixed  
speed cameras

Submission 18

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**Speed enforcement:**

1. The appropriate role would be to install them in non-police cars that are parked or moving. Presently a fixed speed cameras are still not slowing down cars and I have even heard of people removing number plates when they know they will be travelling past one. 2. Signage only works at the speed camera site, however in saying that people still get booked with the current signage. Which means they are blind or can not read and in both cases should not have a licence. Most drivers I have noticed will slow at the fixed camera site but speed up after they have passed.

**Fixed speed cameras:**

3. The current results on reducing any crash risk and or driver behaviour in QLD can not be attributed to fixed speed cameras. Without knowing the statistics the question is how many accidents occurred at the camera site before installation and how many after? As mentioned previously the only change in driver behaviour is to slow down at a camera site. 4. Roadworks should be a priority as motorists DO NOT slow down at these sites. This is where an unmarked or NON-police car with a camera would get a lot of motorists. Other sites would be areas of high crash rates with sufficient signage. This would be a real test to see if crashes do not occur or are reduced because of a fixed speed camera. 5. Within city road networks any site on a major road where speeding is a problem or numerous crashes have occurred would be suitable however in the city road network I believe unsigned fixed camera positions would be better than marked. In rural road networks consultation with local police or areas where crashes have occurred would be the choice with clearly marked camera.

**New technology:**

6. Bring it on. Anything that will slow down drivers to the legal speed limit is welcomed. 7. As mentioned I believe a mounted camera in civilian cars would be a far more effective way of catching speeding drivers. The camera could be activated by a button on the steering wheel if a speed driver is detected. When recording is done it would collate date, time and location based on GPS and record the speed of the recording car to show how fast as car is passing at the legal speed limit. I spend 90% of my time traveling on the roads and I believe I could raise more revenue in a day than the current fixed cameras. Our police can not be everywhere but citizens like myself are and probably spend more time on the road than any current highway patrol officer. 8. No.

**Comments:**

I do believe a trail on what has been mentioned would warrant investigation and I would be pleased to provide input that may answer any questions raised from my comments above. Just place yourself in your car driving home from work, school or the shops. How many times have you said "I wish there was a police car here now". Well if the technology mentioned was installed in your car you can make an effective difference in reducing speeding and other reckless driving behaviour on our roads.