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OF FIXED SPEED CAMERAS IN QUEENSLAND, BY THE ECONOMIC
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FLY-N-EYE P/L is an emerging company specialising in the recording of speeding vehicles together with other traffic infringements.

*** 1.**

The service we offer will be to patrol all highways and thoroughfares in Qld for a particular amount of hours (eg: one thousand per unit per annum). Recording vehicles in real time when they are committing traffic offences. The proposal for our service is from fixed wing aircraft.

*** 2.**

The recording will be downloaded to the State Authorities, where they will view the footage. If the evidence is above the predetermined speed tolerance, an infringement notice will be issued, together with a (DVD) copy of the evidence. Using this method, in place of fixed and mobile cameras, will prevent other motorists from informing other road users (headlight flashing) of camera locations.

*** 3.**

Every speed limit, including variable speed limits eg: school zones and roadwork zones could be monitored. All other traffic offences such as failing to stop at traffic lights, stop signs, railway crossings and other careless driving (overtaking on double lines, tail-gating) mobile phone usage and failure to wear seatbelts could also be recorded.

*** 4.**

We believe red light cameras at major intersections are a necessity, with our patrols we would frequently fly over. Which in reality would turn all traffic lights into red light cameras, as well as speed cameras.

*** 5.**

The other advantage of the DVD recording of the traffic offence, is that a still photo from a speed camera is always subject to debate. This often pertains to whether the camera was set up correctly, false readings from reflections or presence of other vehicles within close proximity.

*** 6.**

In reference to real time recording a moving map showing the exact time distance and the location of the offence. The offender can visit the location and calculate measurements to verify the evidence. This method would have a huge impact towards unnecessary Police personnel appearances in court.

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FLY-N-EYE P/L MISSION STATEMENT

Our company strategies include a television and radio advertising program for driver awareness. We have been granted permission from the Alan Parsons Project, for the use of his song Eye In The Sky. We propose to use the song for background music, where an aircraft flies over an accident scene, which resulted from a speeding traffic offender.

Then showing footage of a grieving family at the funeral. Footage of our aircraft would also be shown patrolling highways. With the airplay of the add campaign shown regularly on television, and receiving radio play. We believe when the ad' is played on the radio, the driving public would reflect and slow down. As a result of the ad' campaign, the public would be made aware of our patrolling aircrafts.

A portion of Fly-N- Eye P/L income would go towards a charitable foundation called Fly-N-Eye Halo Foundation. Which would benefit victims of road accident trauma to assist with rehabilitation.

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FLY-N-EYE P/L INFRASTRUCTURE

The equipment used are available from various camera, computer software and aircraft manufacturers around the world.

*** A**

The cameras can show number plate images from a distance of nine kilometres away, and have inbuilt stabilisers for clear vision.

*** B**

The computer software can identify the speed of a vehicle including location and direction, and can lock the camera onto the vehicle target displaying make, model and colour of the vehicle.

*** C**

The aircraft that we propose to use are manufactured in Hervey Bay Queensland by Seabird Aviation. They are a purpose built surveillance platform aircraft.

This is cutting edge technology, and the advantages having aircraft patrolling the states roads and highways gathering evidence on traffic offences. Acts as a huge irrefutable speeding deterrent, to the general motoring public.

Our research studies involving operation costs indicate, in country areas we can gather evidence on 18 vehicles per hour. In metropolitan areas, up to 40 vehicles per hour, we require 6.6 vehicles per hour for our services (all based on two million dollars per year per unit proposed Government funding).

We envisage the use of four aircraft in Queensland.

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SUMMARY

FLY-N-EYE P/L is based in Ayr Queensland, we have a PCT number 2010/00/40 registered in 120 countries around the world. For the recording of traffic offences from an aircraft.

The PCT priority date has been registered in Australia and Geneva. In the event that other bodies wish to undertake this type of traffic enforcement, they will have to seek our permission to do so and licencing agreements will apply.

* Note the enclosed still photo is an example of the DVD evidence that the offender upon request, would receive in the mail. The DVD is approximately 40 seconds of real time moving footage.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Trevor Natt", written over a horizontal line.

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