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Inquiry into the road safety benefits of fixed
speed cameras

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Dear Mr Moorhead

Inquiry into the road safety benefits of fixed speed cameras in Queensland

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to considerations being undertaken in Queensland in respect of fixed speed cameras and road safety benefits.

In Western Australia the used of mobile speed cameras has been widely practiced in the Metropolitan, Regional and Remote areas. Until recently Western Australia has not embraced the use of fixed speed cameras, however, the introduction of digital speed cameras by the Enhanced Speed Enforcement Program (ESEP) will see fixed speed cameras installed.

The ESEP has developed strategies that address the recommendations outlined in a report commissioned by the Office of Road Safety titled "Development Of Strategies For Best Practice in Western Australia" produced by Prof. Max Cameron of the Curtin Monash Accident Research Centre (CMARC).

In July 2010 Western Australia Police will be introducing digital mobile speed cameras and fixed Red light/speed cameras at selected intersections. The introduction of digital is the first step in replacing all wet film technologies by July 2011. Expansion of the digital camera program is expected to see a number of technologies being introduced including point to point cameras on freeways and major arterial routes.

Western Australia Police are using right angle and right turn through crash data analysis to determine the preferred locations for installation of the digital Red light/speed cameras to replace the wet film red light cameras.

The ESE Program is also tasked with initiating a Point to Point speed detection system, however a legislation review has identified the current Road Traffic Act does not support an average speed infringement. Although an Office of Road Safety sub committee is working with Prof. Max Cameron of CMARC to identify the preferred

locations for a Point to Point system, no installation of a trial system will be undertaken until supporting legislation is finalised.

For further information please contact Inspector Mark Ridley of the Enhanced Speed Enforcement Program on telephone (08) 92221454.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michelle Fyfe', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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