



Speech by

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**PRIVILEGE**  
**National Road Rules**

**Hon. S. D. BREDHAUER** (Cook—ALP) (Minister for Transport and Minister for Main Roads) (9.33 a.m.): I rise on a matter of privilege. On page 3 of today's edition of the Queensland Times newspaper, a claim is made that the National Road Rules brochure, being distributed by Queensland Transport, contains errors of fact. This claim by an unnamed police officer is wrong and may unnecessarily alarm members of Queensland's motoring public. The fact is that the new Australian Road Rules to come into effect tomorrow substantially mirror existing Queensland road rules.

To print all of the road rules would require a major publication; therefore, a decision was taken by Queensland Transport, in consultation with the Queensland Police Service and other stakeholders including the RACQ, to print a brochure containing those significant changes to the road rules with which motorists would need to become familiar. The State Traffic Support Branch of the Queensland Police Service have advised my department today that they were fully consulted on the brochure—which I also table—and are satisfied with its accuracy and presentation. That brochure is written in language designed to be easily understood by all Queensland motorists. All of the statements in the brochure are correct and identify the major new road rules that Queensland motorists are required to abide by from tomorrow, 1 December. Of course, all other road rules which govern driving in Queensland continue to apply.

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