



Speech by

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## **SUMMARY OFFENCES AND OTHER ACTS AMENDMENT BILL**

**Mr WELLINGTON** (Nicklin—Ind) (9.01 pm): I rise to participate in the debate on the Summary Offences and Other Acts Amendment Bill. For the benefit of other speakers I will be brief. I congratulate the government and the minister on the introduction of this legislation, which will ban the sale of spray-paint cans to minors—that is, to persons under 17 years of age—both for the good of the people who may want to participate in the illegal activity of chroming and for the good of our community. I reflect on my time on the Maroochy Shire Council when the amount of money that the council had to allocate to cleaning up graffiti works was unbelievable. There is also a significant cost to the community in time and dollars that members of the community have to spend in responding and trying to clean up graffiti. So I congratulate the minister and the government. It is great to see the unanimous support of this House for this important issue.

A lot of members have taken the time to share with the House their views on the issue of speed cameras and traffic enforcement. I would like to put on the record that I certainly support the use of fixed speed cameras. I would like to nominate a site where the government could locate a fixed speed camera once the new legislation comes into the House. I would like to nominate a fixed camera to be located on the Nambour Connection Road at the intersection at the entrance to the town of Woombye. This is an identified black spot where there have been a number of fatalities and many serious accidents. I would love to see a fixed camera situated at that location. I will certainly be canvassing my community to gather more community support for this proposal. I reflect on the fact that when the Police Service operates a police radar in that location there is a reduction in speed and a reduction in the likelihood of serious accidents and the loss of life. So I hope that the minister for police will take this proposal to cabinet and urge the minister for transport to support me in having the first fixed camera in Queensland on the Nambour Connection Road at the entrance to the town of Woombye. We would love to have the minister's support.

I congratulate the minister and thank her for introducing this bill. I am certainly prepared to work in partnership with the government and the community to ensure that we have safer roads. I listened to the contribution by the member for Nanango as she revealed all about her driving record. I congratulate the member for Nanango on her openness in sharing with us.

**Ms Spence:** Do you want to share yours?

**Mr WELLINGTON:** No. I would also like to congratulate the member for Kurwongbah on her return to the House. I reflect on the fact that a few years ago she chaired an all-party committee on the issue of graffiti, and I look forward to listening to her powerful contribution shortly on this bill.