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**TRANSPORT LEGISLATION (ROAD SAFETY AND OTHER MATTERS)
AMENDMENT BILL**

 **Mr BOYCE** (Callide—LNP) (6.14 pm): I rise to make a contribution to the debate on the Transport Legislation (Road Safety and Other Matters) Amendment Bill 2019. Once again, I acknowledge my fellow committee members and thank Mrs Deb Jeffrey and her secretariat staff for their help and guidance in preparing our papers and reports.

This bill was introduced to the House on 13 February this year and the committee reported back on 5 April. Again, this is a similar time line to other Transport and Public Works Committee work where, six months after tabling our report, we are now debating the bill. This is more evidence of a lazy government implementing so-called family-friendly hours at the cost of getting the work done.

The objectives of the bill are to further enhance road safety measures in Queensland. The bill covers such topics as drink-driving, speeding and other matters. Drink-driving has been shown to be a significant factor in many road crashes, despite the introduction of the alcohol ignition interlock program. On average, drink-drivers are still involved in one in five fatalities on Queensland roads. The current interlock program is aimed at high-risk drink-driving offenders with a blood alcohol content of .15 or more. This bill will extend the ignition interlock program to include mid-range drink-driving offenders with a blood alcohol content of .1 to .149.

Speeding continues to be a significant factor in many road accidents. Speed cameras play a significant role in the deterrence of speeding and the enforcement of speed limits. According to research, point-to-point cameras have been found to be more effective at reducing speeding over long distances. Currently, point-to-point cameras can only be used on lengths of road where there is a single speed limit. Amendments to the bill will allow point-to-point cameras on roads with multiple speed limits. I have some concerns with this part of the bill and worry that they should be signed properly to alert drivers of point-to-point cameras. I have concerns that the general public will ultimately perceive these cameras as a revenue-raising tool rather than an effective speeding deterrent.

Other matters in this bill include marine pollution incidents. The objective there is to enable the state to recover costs on behalf of its entities for expenses incurred in responding to marine pollution incidents. This makes those responsible for marine pollution fully accountable for their actions.

In closing, I support the intent of this bill to make our roads safer and the other matters covered in this bill.