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

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 **Hon. MT RYAN** (Morayfield—ALP) (Minister for Police and Minister for Corrective Services) (12.58 pm): Community safety is paramount. This principle is at the forefront of everything this government does. I am very pleased to speak in support of the bill before the House today. One of the greatest obstacles to safer roads in this age is distraction. Experts say that using a mobile phone while driving is akin to drink driving. To help ensure this practice is minimised, cameras now will be used for enforcement purposes, as foreshadowed in this bill. We want to ensure there is a clear understanding in the community as to how mobile phone and seatbelt offences will be enforced. Processes will be consistent with those used in the existing Camera Detected Offence Program. This robust program has been in place for speeding and red traffic light offences for more than two decades and is well understood and accepted by the community. The cameras will only be set up to cover lanes of traffic where vehicles cannot be legally parked. Vehicles parked on the side of the road will not be a focus of the cameras. The cameras will take images of vehicles in the lane of the traffic that pass. Artificial intelligence will detect whether an offence has possibly taken place. To enforce mobile phone and seatbelt offences using cameras, there is no alternative to the camera taking images inside the vehicle's front cabin or the artificial intelligence reviewing images looking for prescribed unlawful action.

 **Hon. MT RYAN** (Morayfield—ALP) (Minister for Police and Minister for Corrective Services) (3.09 pm), continuing: As I was saying before the lunchbreak, to enforce mobile phone and seatbelt offences using these cameras, there is no other alternative to the camera taking images inside the vehicle's front cabin or to the artificial intelligence reviewing images looking for prescribed unlawful action. The cameras are not designed to capture or analyse the biometric data of a person. While a person's face, or part thereof, or another part of their body may be included in an image, a person will not be identified through the image.

The artificial intelligence will only pass an image to the Queensland Police Service where it has detected a possible offence. The Queensland Police Service will then review the image and adjudicate on whether an offence actually has occurred. If the Queensland Police Service determines that an offence has taken place, an infringement will be sent to the registered owner of the vehicle. The infringement notice will include an image of the offence. A person can choose to have the infringement reviewed where they believe an offence has not taken place. If they choose to have the infringement reviewed, the image will be, firstly, administratively reviewed by the Queensland Police Service. If upheld, a person can still challenge the infringement through the court process. It is intended that the

Queensland government website will provide clear information as to how the new camera detection of mobile phone and seatbelt offences will work. Information will also be included on the infringement notice detailing how the administrative review and court election processes can be accessed.

As I said, community safety is paramount, and I can say that no-one takes that more seriously on our roads than Queensland's road policing units. As I speak, our police are out and about conducting Operation Cold Snap. This road safety campaign has been operating since the start of the school holidays. This week the focus has been on urging people to drive safely around schools. It is just one of the many operations that the road policing units conduct that is specifically designed to keep people safe by reinforcing those messages of safety on our roads. Like so many teams that make up the Queensland Police Service, the road policing units are dedicated to community safety and serve the Queensland community with honour. The bill before the House will enhance road safety and save lives. Most importantly, it will create a safer Queensland. I commend the bills to the House.