




## MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE, PLANNING AND LOGISTICS

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Committee Chair  
Joint Select Committee on Road Safety

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Dear Mr Chester

Thank you for your correspondence of 2 February 2022 regarding the Joint Select Committee on Road Safety Inquiry into Road Safety, and the deployment of average speed cameras in the Northern Territory.

I thank the Committee for meeting with officials of the Northern Territory Department of Infrastructure Planning and Logistics on 14 October 2021.

Safer road use, including addressing speed, is a priority area of the Northern Territory Towards Zero Road Safety Action Plan. Over the last 10 years in the Northern Territory, excessive speed was a contributing factor in 28 percent of our road fatalities, and 72 percent of all fatalities have been on our regional roads.

As you have highlighted, research has shown the use of technology will assist in reducing this level of trauma. This is why the implementation of point-to-point speed cameras is an action within Towards Zero. This will be the first time averaging speed cameras will be used in the Northern Territory.

As the majority of the speed related trauma occurs on the most remote areas of the Northern Territory road network, the deployment of the technology is expected to face significant challenges, such as the provision of supporting infrastructure, power supply, security of assets and ongoing maintenance.

The Department is now planning the roll out of the cameras, including required legislative changes, data analysis, site identification and procurement. While the type of camera and coverage is yet to be determined, it is anticipated at this stage, the cameras will cover all types of vehicles and will primarily focus on high risk regional roads. However, due to the challenges outlined, the implementation of point-to-point cameras in the Northern Territory is expected to be achieved in the medium term.

Once again, I thank you for your letter and acknowledge the work of the committee in relation to this important matter.

Yours sincerely

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