



Hon Darren Chester MP
Committee Chair
Joint Select Committee on Road Safety

By email: Road.Safety.Reps@aph.gov.au

Dear Mr Chester 

Thank you for your correspondence received on 2 February 2022 regarding the deployment of average (point to point) speed cameras in South Australia.

After receiving your correspondence, I asked the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) for advice about this matter.

DIT has provided the following advice in response to the questions asked:

1. Does your jurisdiction use average speed cameras on the road network?

Yes. Average speed cameras are part of South Australia's automated enforcement arrangements, providing deterrence at specific locations and along certain lengths of roadway. Average speed camera locations are on segments of high risk, inner rural arterial roads, based on risk and exposure on a priority basis.

In July 2014, South Australia's first average speed camera zone became operational on Port Wakefield Road; monitoring vehicle speeds between Two Wells and Port Wakefield. There are now six average speed zones in South Australia.

2. If your jurisdiction does make use of average speed cameras —

- Are the cameras fixed or mobile?*

The average speed cameras are a type of fixed camera.

- Are the cameras used for all vehicles, including light and heavy vehicle and motorcycles?*

Average speed cameras are used for all vehicles.

- *How much of the road network in your jurisdiction is covered by average speed cameras?*

Average (point to point) speed cameras require the installation of a significant amount of roadside infrastructure and are therefore more suited to arterial roads. In South Australia, average speed cameras are currently only installed on major arterial roads. The total road network in South Australia is approximately 98,000 km. The average speed camera zones operate at six locations across the network:

- Port Wakefield Road – covering approximately 51.5 km, or 0.052 per cent of SA's total road network.
 - Dukes Highway – 13.415 km, or 0.0136 per cent.
 - Victor Harbor Road – 5 km, or 0.005 per cent.
 - Sturt Highway – 18.2 km, or 0.018 per cent.
 - South Eastern Freeway – 13.6 km, or 0.0138 per cent.
 - Northern Expressway – 16.5 km, or 0.0168 per cent.
3. *If your jurisdiction does not make use of average speed cameras, please explain why not.*

Average speed cameras are deployed in South Australia.

4. *Please provide details of any plan to deploy or to extend the coverage of average speed cameras in your jurisdiction.*

While there are no current plans to deploy or extend the coverage of average speed cameras, *South Australia's Road Safety Strategy to 2031* recognises the important role automated enforcement solutions, including average speed cameras, play in deterring dangerous road user behaviour.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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