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Dear Mr Chester *Darren*

DEPLOYMENT OF AVERAGE SPEED CAMERAS IN VICTORIA

Thank you for your correspondence of 2 February 2022 to the Hon Ben Carroll MP, Minister for Roads and Road Safety, regarding questions about average speed cameras in Victoria. As these matters fall within my portfolio responsibilities, I am responding on behalf of Minister Carroll.

Road safety cameras are an effective and proven deterrent to speeding drivers and are an effective countermeasure available to government to reduce road casualties. Victoria operates a mix of fixed digital road safety cameras (including fixed point-to-point cameras), and mobile digital road safety cameras to address all road environments, each of which provide different road safety benefits.

Please see attached responses to the questions raised by the Joint Select Committee on Road Safety on the following page.

I look forward to reading the final report of the Inquiry into Road Safety.

Yours sincerely

Hon Lisa Neville MP
Minister for Police

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Encl: Victorian Government Response to the Joint Select Committee on Road Safety

VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO THE JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON ROAD SAFETY

Does your jurisdiction use average (point-to-point) speed cameras on the road network?

Yes, Victoria deploys point-to-point speed cameras.

If your jurisdiction does make use of average speed cameras—

- **Are the cameras fixed or mobile?**

Currently, the point-to-point speed cameras deployed in Victoria are fixed.

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

The point-to-point speed cameras are used for light and heavy vehicles.

- **If not, which vehicle types are covered, and which are excluded?**

As the cameras capture front number plates, there are complexities with capturing motorcycles as these vehicles do not have front number plates. Victoria is currently investigating technology options in order to enforce all types of vehicles.

- **How much of the road network in your jurisdiction is covered by average speed cameras? Please provide the following information in your response:**

a) **Total kilometres covered by average cameras, both as a raw number and as a percentage of the road network in your jurisdiction.**

b) **If only certain vehicle types are covered by average speed cameras, the total kilometres covered by these cameras for each vehicle type.**

Victoria has deployed point-to-point cameras along the Hume Freeway and the Peninsula Link.

A total of 105 kilometres is covered by point-to-point cameras. There is no data available on the percentage of the road network covered by point-to-point cameras in Victoria.

All 105 kilometres of point-to-point cameras in Victoria enforce speeding by both light and heavy vehicles.

If your jurisdiction does not make use of average cameras, please explain why not.

This question is not applicable to Victoria.

Please provide details of any plan to deploy or to extend the coverage of average speed cameras in your jurisdiction, including:

- **The type of average speed cameras that will be used (for example, fixed or mobile)**
- **Whether it is proposed to install average speed cameras on specific types of roads (such as major highways or arterial roads)**
- **Whether the cameras will cover all vehicle types and, if not, the vehicle types that will be covered.**
- **The total kilometres proposed to be covered by average speed cameras, both as a raw number and as a percentage of the road network in your jurisdiction.**

Victoria plans to increase the use of point-to-point cameras.

Through the implementation of this planning, Victoria will progressively increase the deployment of fixed point-to-point cameras and investigate the deployment of mobile point-to-point cameras.

Victoria will conduct research into which roads in Victoria will most benefit from both fixed and mobile point-to-point cameras. All types of roads will be considered as part of this research.

All point-to-point cameras deployed in Victoria will cover all motor vehicle types, and investigation is underway into options to allow for motorcycles to be captured by point-to-point cameras.

The total kilometres proposed to be covered by point-to-point cameras in Victoria is dependent on the outcome of research into where point-to-point cameras should be deployed. Funding has been secured to install two new point-to-point camera networks.