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**MINISTER FOR POLICE; ROAD SAFETY; DEFENCE INDUSTRY; VETERANS ISSUES**

Hon Darren Chester MP  
Chair, Joint Select Committee on Road Safety  
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Dear Mr Chester,

Thank you for your letter of 2 February 2022 on behalf of the Joint Select Committee on Road Safety regarding average speed cameras.

Western Australia currently utilises safety cameras to detect red-light and speeding offences as a means of improving driver behaviour and reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured on our roads. In addition, new safety camera technology will be trialled in the state later this year to examine the feasibility of using cameras to detect other traffic offences such as mobile phone use while driving and not wearing a seatbelt. A particular focus of the trial will be on mobile, point to point, average speed deployments on regional roads.

Attached are responses to the specific questions raised by your committee.

Yours sincerely

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MINISTER FOR ROAD SAFETY**

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# Response to Joint Select Committee on Road Safety

(Parliament of Australia)

**Question 1.** Does your jurisdiction use average (point-to-point) speed cameras on the road network?

**Response:** Yes.

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

- Are the cameras fixed or mobile?
- Are the cameras used for all vehicles, including light and heavy vehicle and motorcycles?
- If not, which vehicle types are covered, and which are excluded?
- How much of the road network in your jurisdiction is covered by average speed cameras?

Please provide the following information in your response:

- Total kilometres covered by average cameras, both as a raw number and as a percentage of the road network in your jurisdiction.
- If only certain vehicle types are covered by average speed cameras, the total kilometres covered by these cameras for each vehicle type.

**Response:** Western Australia currently has one fixed camera site for average speed. The Forrest Highway average speed detection zone was introduced in 2016 and is approximately 26 kilometres long, with cameras installed on southbound and northbound lanes between Peppermint Grove Road and Noble Road.

Due to the small size of the total kilometres covered by this camera system the percentage of the State's road network covered is significantly less than 1%.

The cameras detect all vehicles with a front facing licence plate. This currently excludes motorcycles with only rear facing plates in WA.

The cameras do not distinguish between the different speed limits for general traffic and heavy or restricted vehicles, and only detects speeding over the posted general traffic speed limit.

**Question 3.** If your jurisdiction does not make use of average cameras, please explain why not.

**Response:** Not applicable.

**Question 4.** 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.

**Response:** The Road Safety Commission currently is assessing responses to a public tender seeking to trial mobile point to point cameras and other new camera technologies in Western Australia. The findings of this trial will help to inform a future safety camera strategy.

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