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Parliament of NSW

By Email: staysafe@parliament.nsw.gov.au

Re: Joint Standing Committee update on NSW mobile speed camera program – OTS22/00888

Dear Mr Lewis,

Thank you for your correspondence of 8 February 2022, seeking an update on the NSW mobile speed camera program.

On 17 December 2021, the NSW Government announced that retractable, double-sided signs were to be installed on the rooftop of all mobile speed camera vehicles. The rooftop signs advise drivers that 'Your speed has been checked', and will be displayed while the mobile speed cameras undertake speed enforcement activities.

The introduction of the rooftop signs on the vehicles is designed to increase driver awareness in relation to speed enforcement activities. The rooftop signage is similar to the approach adopted in the Australian Capital Territory mobile speed camera program. This program has been evaluated by the Monash University Accident Research Centre and was associated with a 19.7 per cent reduction in casualty crash risk at enforcement locations.

Transport for NSW (TfNSW) is currently working with mobile speed camera operators in relation to the rollout of rooftop signage. It is expected that all mobile speed camera vehicles will have a rooftop advisory sign by the end of March 2022.

In addition, TfNSW is continuing to install 1000 static mobile speed camera signs across the NSW road network. These static signs are placed across the network, including in areas and on routes where mobile speed cameras operate. Over ten percent of the signs have already been installed and it is expected that all static signs will be installed by April 2022.

The static signs are also designed to increase community awareness about the use of mobile speed cameras in NSW. The signs provide a permanent reminder to drivers to stay under the speed limit, and that speeding can be detected anywhere and anytime.

In 2021, NSW recorded the lowest road toll in almost 100 years, reducing fatalities by over 30 per cent. The provisional road toll was 270 lives lost, which represents a 34 per cent reduction compared to the average over 2008-2010.

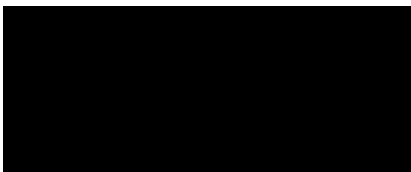
Speeding remains the largest contributor to death and injuries on our roads and was a factor in 39 percent of fatalities in 2021. Mobile speed camera enforcement is just one of the many proven programs which tackle speeding behaviour and associated trauma.

Mobile speed camera vehicles, coupled with ongoing enforcement across the State by the NSW Police Force and a sustained investment in education form part of an integrated and network-wide speed management approach.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Parliamentary Services Team within Transport for NSW via email, [REDACTED].

I hope the information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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