MEDIA STATEMENT

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New point-to-point cameras on the Cunningham Highway

- Point-to-point enforcement cameras have gone live operationally on the Cunningham Highway between Yamanto to Bundamba and Coleyville to Willowbank
- The systems are part of the Camera Detected Offence Program delivered by the Department of Transport and Main Roads in partnership with the Queensland Police Service
- The cameras are proven worldwide to reduce road trauma along high crash risk locations.

Point-to-point enforcement cameras on the Cunningham Highway between Yamanto to Bundamba and Coleyville to Willowbank went live operationally on 14 March, helping improve safety on the highway ahead of the upcoming Easter holiday.

Point-to-point camera systems are delivered by the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) in partnership with the Queensland Police Service (QPS) through the Camera Detected Offence Program (CDOP), a key road safety initiative to reduce road trauma on roads with a history of crashes.

Point-to-point cameras systems help improve speed compliance and have been proven worldwide to reduce road trauma along high crash risk locations. These cameras operate by timing a vehicle's journey over a surveyed distance between two or more fixed points along a section of road.

The camera system determines the average speed of that vehicle using a distance over time calculation and compares the result to the speed limit. When a vehicle is determined to be travelling at more than the speed limit, the detection is adjudicated, and an infringement notice issued to the registered owner of the vehicle.

Sites for enforcement are selected by analysing lengths of road with a history or potential for crashes that result from speeding. Road lengths selected generally include high volume roads, such as motorways and highways and are jointly identified by TMR and QPS.

The Cunningham Highway is an important road corridor for Queensland, supporting a significant amount of freight traffic between major centres in south east Queensland. Enforcement using the point-to-point camera system helps ensure the safety of all road users and improves traffic flow and density.

Quotes attributable to the Transport and Main Roads Safer Roads Infrastructure Executive Director Peter Kolesnik:

"Speeding continues to be one of the 'fatal five' on Queensland roads and is a major factor in fatal and serious injury crashes. Speeds just 5km/h over the speed limit are enough to double the risk of a casualty crash."

"Tragically in 2023, 278 lives were lost in fatal road crashes, the second equal highest total in ten years. The Queensland government is committed to bringing down the number of lives lost of our roads.



"Making our roads safer is a critical component of our work to reduce deaths and serious injuries on our roads and move towards achieving zero deaths or serious injuries on our roads,"

"Road safety is everyone's responsibility, and TMR, working in partnership with the Queensland Police Service, is playing its part by investing in road safety upgrades across the state.

"If you speed on Queensland roads you can expect to be caught – anywhere, anytime.

"Whether you're travelling on a main road, back road or highway, keep an eye on the speedometer and stay safe for yourself and others sharing the network.

For more information, please visit the TMR website: <u>https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/safety/road-safety/camera-detected-offence-program</u>

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