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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition 3981-23, lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 28 November 2023 about an unmanned portable speed detection device positioned in Malanda in September 2023, and speeding fines issued.

The detection device referred to is a Transportable Road Safety Camera (TRSC) which was deployed on Malanda–Atherton Road, Malanda between 7 and 21 September 2023. This large, bright yellow, trailer-mounted speed camera enforced the 60 km/h speed limit in both directions of travel. TRSCs extend existing enforcement approaches that have been used in Queensland for many years. TRSCs operate in regional and remote areas to address the disproportionate impact of road trauma in these areas.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) has received multiple enquiries regarding the operation and accuracy of the TRSC that was deployed at Malanda, as well as deployments at other sites and infringements resulting from TRSC deployments across the State. TMR, along with the camera supplier, has investigated all of these deployments which have included a review of the site, calibration, deployment procedure and revalidation of detected offences. All investigations found the TRSCs were deployed and operating as expected. The deployment directly after Malanda had a 99 per cent compliance rate, indicating the offences detected at this site are reflective of motorist behaviour, rather than the TRSC. As the investigations requested in the petition have already been conducted, no further investigation will be undertaken.

There has been some confusion and misinformation regarding this TRSC. I provide the below information, which may be of benefit to the petitioners:

- the calibration certificate for this deployment is dated 11 April 2023, not 7 September 2023. The deployment commenced on 7 September 2023 and concluded on 21 September 2023
- the calibration certificate relates to the radar which detects the speed of vehicles, while the infringement notice relates to the camera which captures the images of offending vehicles. The calibration certificate and the infringement notice will display different serial numbers. This is not a fault with the infringement
- legislation establishes the requirements for calibration of speed detection devices, including recalibration annually or in response to a major event, by an independent, accredited authority. There is no requirement for calibration at the time of, during, or at the conclusion of a deployment. Calibration is performed under strict conditions by accredited providers that cannot be performed on site. The absence of multiple calibrations at the deployment location is not a fault with the camera or detections.

The accuracy and reliability of speeding infringements is of the utmost importance to achieve genuine deterrence from speeding. Motorists who believe their infringements are inaccurate are encouraged to elect to contest their infringements in court and present their evidence at that time.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of fluid, connected strokes that form a stylized representation of the name Bart Mellish.

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