



FAIRER SPEED CAMERAS

Making Road Safety the Priority, Not Revenue Raising

A Tim Nicholls-led Liberal National Government will ensure all mobile speed camera units clearly display “speed camera in use” signs so motorists get a fair go and are reminded to drive safely.

The Problem

Mobile speed cameras have been used effectively to encourage road safety and penalise dangerous behaviour. Unfortunately, **many motorists feel trapped or tricked following the Palaszczuk Labor Government’s removal of the requirement to display “speed camera in use” signs to alert motorists to the camera.**

Public attitudes towards speeding and road safety will be diminished if motorists feel that enforcement is an exercise in revenue raising, not road safety.

The Palaszczuk Labor Government is expecting a windfall 46% increase in speed camera fines with revenue raised by speed cameras to reach \$194 million.

Our Record

The LNP has a track record of investing in road safety – our two-year \$350 million Road Safety Action Plan saw Queensland’s lowest road toll on record in 2014.

Our plan included a mix of infrastructure, enforcement and education with action items including:

- Flashing lights at school zones
- State-wide speed limit review
- Upgrading red light and speed cameras, and
- Boosting Safer Roads Sooner program.

Our Real Plan

A Tim Nicholls-led LNP Government will ensure all mobile speed camera units display the “speed camera in use” sign when operating.

Road safety should not be about treating motorists as cash cows – that’s why we will return the focus to saving lives.

To change behaviours on our roads we must educate drivers and make sure they are aware of the road rules. Making drivers feel like they have been trapped by a speed camera does nothing to achieve road safety outcomes.

The LNP will put road safety first, not revenue raising.

Frequently Asked Questions

Do mobile speed cameras currently display signs?

In 2015, the Palaszczuk Labor Government removed the requirement for mobile speed cameras to display a “speed camera in use” sign.

What are fines from speed cameras used for?

Fines from speed cameras are part of the Camera Detected Offence Program. The funds in this program are quarantined to be used for road safety outcomes.

What if I am caught speeding by a handheld radar?

This policy will not apply to handheld or portable units used by police officers to ensure they retain operational flexibility. The LNP’s policy will apply to mobile speed camera units which are defined as “vehicles fitted with speed camera equipment, which can park on the side of the road to monitor the speed of passing traffic”. This includes the new trailers being deployed by the Queensland Police Service.

How much money does the State Government receive from speed camera fines?

The Queensland Government collected \$133 million in speed camera fines in 2016-17. In an extraordinary act of revenue raising, the Palaszczuk Labor Government’s budget documents expect this amount to reach \$194 million in 2020-21.