



A healthy fixation with road safety

The activation of the latest fixed speed camera marked the completion of the first stage in the implementation of fixed speed cameras in Queensland.

The camera is located northbound on the Pacific Motorway at Tarragindi, between the Birdwood Road and Esher Road overpasses, and came online in February.

Two months earlier Queensland's first two fixed speed cameras

commenced operation, located northbound on Main Street, Kangaroo Point, between the Shaftson Avenue on-ramp and Thornton Street, and northbound on the Bruce Highway at the Burpengary weighbridge.

The next stage of implementation will relate to introducing digital technology into the Camera Detected Offence Program.

Judy Spence, Minister for Police, Corrective Services and Sport, said fixed speed cameras had been placed in high-traffic areas where it was unsafe or impractical to have mobile speed camera vans.

"This is about ensuring known black spots on our roads are covered—in short, this is about saving lives," Minister Spence said.

A study by Stuart Newstead and Max Cameron of the Monash

University Accident Research Centre in 2003 investigated the effects of speed cameras between 1997 and 2001.

The study, titled *The Evaluation of the Crash Effects of the Queensland Speed Camera Program*, concluded there was a reduction in the number of crashes within several kilometres of where speed cameras were located, and that over the four-year period this distance increased.