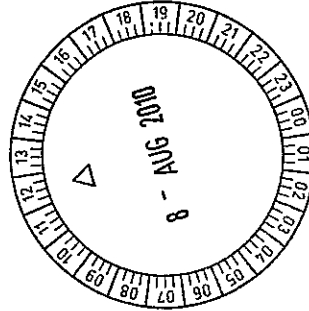


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Standing Committee on Environment & Public Affairs  
Parliament House  
PERTH WA 6000

Dear Committee

I refer to petition number 85 (installation of fixed speed cameras in the Great Northern Hwy, Bindoon), tabled by me in the Legislative Council on 30 June 2010. I write in support of this petition which I have not referred to the Ombudsman.

Residents of the town of Bindoon are concerned at the growing disregard shown by some motorists to the speed limit. Portable speed cameras are operated on occasion throughout the year but many more offenders fail to be punished for their careless driving. Too many residents have stories of near-misses where they or their children have come dangerously close to being hit by a speeding motorist. Figures obtained from WA Police indicate that 120 speeding infringements were issued as the result of speed cameras in Bindoon in 2009/10 with a further 137 on the spot fines issued.

With an increasing number of vehicles – particularly trucks – using the stretch of road that passes through the centre of town, the residents are supportive of the installation of at least one fixed speed camera on the Great Northern Hwy. With the absence of a constant police presence in town (the nearest officer being based 23 kilometres away in Gingin), residents believe speed cameras may well make the difference and improve the safety of those living in and visiting the town.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mia Davies".

Hon Mia Davies MLC  
Member for the Agricultural Region

