Transport Minister Dr Chris Burns will join his national counterparts in Brisbane on Friday for the 20th Australian Transport Council meeting.

The Australian Transport Council is expected to consider issues of transport security, road safety, and the implementation of the federal Auslink program.

Dr Burns said the meeting was also expected to discuss a proposal from the Victorian Government to limit the maximum speed displayed on a vehicle’s speedometer.

“I have already made it clear that I am opposed to this proposal,” Dr Burns said.

“The Territory has unlimited speed zones, so the notion that speedometers in the Territory should be capped is clearly inappropriate.”

Dr Burns said it was important that all motorists in the Territory drive in a manner that suits their driving experience and local conditions.

It has been shown that excessive speed is not a dominant factor in the Territory’s road toll. Rather, it is a combination of alcohol and a failure to wear passenger restraints that is the root cause of most fatalities on Territory roads.

The Australian Transport Council is a ministerial forum for Commonwealth, State and Territory consultations. It provides advice to governments on the coordination and integration of all transport and road policy issues at a national level.