Territorians get the message on speeding

Chief Minister and Police Minister, Paul Henderson today commended Territory drivers for thinking about the consequences of speeding and slowing down on our roads.

The number of camera traffic infringement penalties issued by police is has halved in 2009/10 down from 14580 in 2008/09.

The Hit Ratio of Vehicles checked that were issued with infringements dropped by 50% which is attributable to changes in driver behaviour.

"Many drivers have taken on board the message that speed kills and slowed down but there is still a group of people out there that just aren't getting it.

“Police have issued over 600 drivers with infringements for exceeding 30km an hour over the speech limit in 2009/10.”

“That’s why earlier this year Police upgraded their existing mobile speed cameras and the Department of Lands and Planning commissioned a further 9 fixed-site red light/speed cameras.

“Fixed speed cameras are about getting people to slow down. There are two signs advising people they are approaching a speed camera and need to ensure they are not exceeding the speed limit.

“I make no apologies for boosting resources to combat speeding drivers, it would be irresponsible of my Government to take a soft approach on this reckless behaviour.

These fixed speed cameras are effective in reducing speed generally, but most importantly, are extremely effective in reducing the number of severe crashes, including fatalities."
“I would be happy if no-one received a fine because it would mean that everyone was doing the right thing.

“Fixed speed cameras are part of a range of road safety initiatives that my government has introduced to halt the tragic loss of lives on our roads.

“Together with mobile speed cameras, random breath testing, new random roadside drug testing, people who put the lives of other road users at risk will have nowhere to hide,” Mr Henderson said.

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