1. The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) and the Queensland Police Service (QPS) have developed the Queensland Road Safety Action Plan 2010-11 (the 2010-11 Action Plan) in close collaboration. Two major areas of road safety work to be reflected in the 2010-11 Action Plan are speed management and drink driving.
2. Independent analysis suggests that the greatest road safety benefit can be achieved by the mobile speed camera program. It is proposed to strategically expand the Camera Detected Offence Program through: an incremental increase in mobile camera hours; the use of covert vehicles for a proportion of these hours; and an increase in the number of locations enforced by point-to-point, red light/speed and fixed speed cameras.
3. The Government has also prepared a Drink Driving Discussion Paper seeking input from the community on a number of potential improvements to existing programs and countermeasures to address drink driving in Queensland.
4. The Explanatory Notes to the Transport Operations (Road Use Management – Interlocks) Amendment Bill 2009 state the purpose of the Bill is to improve road safety by introducing various preventative measures to curb problematic drink driving. The Bill establishes a regime of alcohol interlocks, combined with drink-driving education and rehabilitation. In addition it inserts a “3 strikes and you’re out” rule for drivers caught with high level blood alcohol more than three times in five years.
5. The Bill proposes a judicial scheme, essentially the New South Wales model of alcohol interlocks—a model which has seen only 753 people through the scheme since it was started in 2002, as opposed to the more comprehensive Victorian mandatory administrative scheme, which has seen 20,000 people through since 2002. In addition to the clear road safety benefit of a more comprehensive scheme, a bigger scheme allows for an accredited interlock provider to establish a network of installers across the state with bulk purchasing bringing down the average cost to those involved.
6. Cabinet approved the Queensland Road Safety Action Plan 2010-2011 and its public release.
7. Cabinet approved that a proportion of mobile speed camera hours be undertaken using covert speed camera vehicles in a variety of models, makes and colours.
8. Cabinet approved the public release of the Queensland Drink Driving Discussion Paper for community consultation in 2010.
9. Cabinet approved that the Government oppose the Transport Operations (Road Use Management – Interlocks) Amendment Bill 2009.
10. *Attachments*
* [Queensland Road Safety Action Plan 2010-11](Attachments/pdf_road_safety_action_plan_2010_2011.pdf)
* [Queensland Drink Driving Discussion Paper](Attachments/pdf_drink_driving_discussion_paper.pdf)
* [Transport Operations (Road Use Management – Interlocks) Amendment Bill 2009](Attachments/Bill.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/Ex%20Notes.pdf)