1. The Select Committee on Travelsafe (the Committee) tabled Report No. 51: *Report on the Inquiry into Automatic Number Plate Recognition Technology* (the Report) on 9 September 2008. The Committee made six recommendations in the Report.
2. Automatic Number Plate Recognition Technology (ANPR) is a technology used to detect and digitally read vehicle registration plates from camera images. Images can be logged and cross-referenced against computer databases to identify the vehicle.
3. Recommendation 1 recommends that the Department of Transport and Main Roads undertake research into the road safety benefits of Automatic Number Plate Recognition technology. This recommendation is supported.
4. Recommendation 2 recommends that the Department of Transport and Main Roads and the Queensland Police Service continue to trial the deployment of Automatic Number Plate Recognition technology for traffic enforcement work and to evaluate the road safety impacts and operational effectiveness of the technology. This recommendation is supported.
5. Recommendation 3 recommends that enabling legislation, including clearly articulated safeguards and controls governing the use of Automatic Number Plate Recognition technology be developed. This recommendation is supported in principle.
6. Recommendation 4 recommends that the Department of Transport and Main Roads ensure that all vehicles registered in Queensland are fitted with number plates of a standard and design that can be accurately and reliably read by Automatic Number Plate Recognition technology. This recommendation is supported in principle subject to the outcome of consultation between jurisdictions at the national level.
7. Recommendation 5 recommends that the Department of Transport and Main Roads amend signage in connection with Automatic Number Plate Recognition cameras on the Brisbane Urban Corridor so that all motorists are made aware that their images may be captured and recorded. This recommendation is supported. Signs will be amended to ensure all motorists are aware that number plate images are being captured and recorded.
8. Recommendation 6 recommends that the Minister for Main Roads, Minister for Transport and Minister for Police, Corrective Services and Emergency Services provide a progress report on the implementation and/or the evaluation of Automatic Number Plate Recognition in Queensland to Parliament within 12 months. This recommendation is supported.
9. Cabinet approved the whole-of-government response to Report’s recommendations.
10. Cabinet noted that the response is to be tabled in the Legislative Assembly.
11. *Attachments*
* [Select Committee on Travelsafe’s Report No. 51:](Attachments/Travelsafe%20R51.pdf) *[Report on the Inquiry into Automatic Number Plate Recognition Technology](Attachments/Travelsafe%20R51.pdf)*
* [Whole-of-government response to the recommendations of the Select Committee on Travelsafe’s Report No. 51: *Report on the Inquiry into Automatic Number Plate Recognition Technology*](Attachments/Gov%20Resp%20Travelsafe.pdf)