UPPER HUNTER POINT TO POINT CAMERAS NOW OPERATIONAL

George Souris, MP Member for Upper Hunter announced that the new point to point cameras detecting speeding heavy vehicles are now operating in the Upper Hunter on the New England Highway between Muswellbrook and Aberdeen and between Singleton and Muswellbrook.

“This technology aims to slow speeding heavy vehicle drivers and make NSW highways and country roads safer for everyone to use,” Mr. Souris said.

“The new point to point cameras measure the time it takes a heavy vehicle to travel between two points and then calculates the vehicle’s average speed.

“If the heavy vehicle’s average speed is higher than the speed limit for the length of road, the driver will be penalised for speeding.

“This technology is about improving both the safety of heavy vehicle drivers and other road users by reducing heavy vehicle speeding.

“Speed is all too often the cause of fatal crashes and point to point technology will help tackle this problem.

“To help change driver behaviour there will be an initial warning period where warning letters instead of infringements will be issued to speeding heavy vehicle drivers.

“Warning signs will also be posted at the start and end of point to point enforcement lengths,” Mr. Souris said.

The point to point program addresses a recommendation by the Auditor-General's investigation into heavy vehicle safety in 2009.

There are now 13 point to point camera locations operating on the Pacific, Federal, Oxley, New England, Hume and Great Western highways.

A full list of the 21 proposed point to point enforcement lengths can be found at www.rms.nsw.gov.au. Mr. Souris concluded.