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NORTH COAST POINT TO POINT CAMERA NOW OPERATIONAL

A new point to point camera detecting speeding heavy vehicles is now operating on the north coast on the Pacific Highway between Port Macquarie and Kempsey.

Member for Port Macquarie, Leslie Williams said, “This technology aims to slow speeding heavy vehicle drivers and make NSW highways and country roads safer for everyone to use.

“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,” Mrs Williams said.

“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,” Mrs Williams said.

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

This length adds to the 13 existing point to point camera locations already operating on the Pacific Highway, Federal Highway, New England Highway, Oxley Highway, Hume Highway and the Great Western Highway. A further four point to point enforcement areas are being developed.

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