GOLDEN HIGHWAY HEAVY VEHICLE
POINT TO POINT SPEED ENFORCEMENT

George Souris, MP Member for Upper Hunter announced a new point to point camera detecting speeding heavy vehicles is now operating in the Electorate of Upper Hunter on the Golden Highway between Sandy Hollow and Merriwa.

“This technology aims to slow speeding heavy vehicles and make NSW highways and country roads safer for everyone, but it is not used for ordinary motorists" 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 average speed is higher than the speed limit for the length of road, the driver will be penalised for speeding.

“Point to point enforcement is about improving both the safety of heavy vehicle drivers and other road users by reducing heavy vehicle speeding.

“Speed is 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 the point to point enforcement length,” 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 15 point to point camera locations operating on the Pacific, Federal, Oxley, New England, Hume, Golden and Great Western highways.

A full list of the 21 proposed point to point enforcement lengths can be found by following links from www.rms.nsw.gov.au." Mr. Souris concluded.