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Ms Anita Dow MP
Parliament House, Hobart, TAS 7000

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Dear Ms Dow

In Parliament on 24 September 2025, you asked the following question of the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, as recorded by Hansard:

My constituent from Penguin would like to know why speed camera vehicles are not signed, and why speed cameras are set up downhill around the state.

There are no legal requirements for advanced signage to be deployed for speed cameras or for speed cameras to not be placed at the bottom of hills.

Mobile speed cameras are deployed without warning signs to encourage consistent compliance with speed limits across the road network, rather than short-term slowing near signs. The approach supports compliance by reducing reliance on visible enforcement to change behaviour and is used in other jurisdictions.

Speeding increases crash risk by decreasing the time drivers have to react to hazards in the environment. Speed also affects the severity of crashes when they occur, as higher speeds create greater impact forces. International research shows decreasing average speeds across the network by just one per cent can lower fatal crashes by four per cent.

Speed cameras are deployed at locations which offer the greatest road safety benefit. These locations are chosen based on crash history, speed data, traffic volumes, advice from Tasmania Police, local governments, and community concerns.

Vehicles naturally pick up speed travelling downhill, which can result in these locations being high-risk for crashes.

The Department of State Growth review specific deployment locations where concerns are raised. However, I would encourage Tasmanian drivers to focus on driving at or below the speed limit, rather than the placement of speed cameras and whether they are signed.

I thank you for your question and I trust you find this information useful.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Kerry Vincent', written in a cursive style.

Hon Kerry Vincent MLC
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport