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### ROADS MINISTER BREAKS PROMISE OVER SPEED CAMERA LOOPHOLE

School zone lights campaigner Peter Olsen has blasted the Roads Minister over his breach of a commitment to address a major loophole with speed cameras that is helping to swell Government coffers.

"The Daily Telegraph today highlighted the huge amount of money the Government is raking in from speed cameras. The figures would be significantly lower if not for a patently unfair situation that exists with school zone speed cameras.

"All speed cameras have 3 warning signs on the approach to them, which are supposed to indicate what the speed limit at the camera is.

"The warning signs on the approach to normal speed cameras show the speed limit, but the signs on the approach to school zone speed cameras do not. They show the 40kmh limit that applies for 3 hours a day, but not the normal speed limit that applies for the other 21 hours. The problem exists with all school zone speed camera, all of which operate for the full 24 hours.

"If drivers are uncertain as to the speed limit and make an incorrect guess, they get booked.

"In a radio interview with Alan Jones on 27 February 2009 the Roads Minister was questioned about the anomaly. He denied that it existed and claimed that the signs show both speed limits. He even claimed that he had gone out and checked several in his area to make sure.

"When pushed on the issue he stated that they should show both speeds and that he would *"look into it"*.

"See <http://www.schoolzonelights.com.au/media.html> and click on "Radio Interview" under 27 February 2009 for an abridged version of the interview.

"Since then the Minister has done absolutely nothing about the situation. As with school zone flashing lights he is happy to allow a reduction in road safety in order to protect Government revenue.

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