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Point to point speed camera legislation supported

The Greens have given in-principle support to the use of point to point cameras in the ACT, guaranteeing that they can be used for important road safety measures.

However, the Greens deferred final approval of the legislation, calling for controversial and little-known aspects of the legislation to be subject to wider community debate and human rights analysis.

"For the Greens, speed cameras are very much about road safety. We support new initiatives and new technologies that will help to keep ACT road users safe, and will contribute to a reduction in deaths and injuries that occur on our roads each year," said Greens Transport spokesperson, Amanda Bresnan MLA.

"Our concern was that some quite controversial uses of collected data were put to the Parliament that were not discussed with the public or properly subjected to privacy and human rights analyses.

"I have written to the ACT Human Rights Commissioner, asking for an analysis of these issues. This is something the Government should have done at the beginning.

"The Government needs to be upfront with the public about any extension of this technology beyond addressing speeding.

"We will not approve any aspects of the legislation which go beyond legitimate uses and unjustifiably intrude on Canberrans' privacy and human rights.

"The Canberra Liberals declared they were against point to point cameras 'in principle' and voted against the entire bill today.

"I'm very surprised with the Liberals' approach. Road safety should not be politicised and it risks sending a dangerous message about the seriousness of speeding," Ms Bresnan said.

