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## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The objective of the Bill is to amend the *Road Transport (Safety and Traffic Management) Act 1999* (the Act) to remove the sunset clause for speed and red light cameras and other traffic offence detection devices.

Unless the expiry date is omitted from the Act, speed and red light camera operations, and police enforcement of speeding offences using laser or radar devices, will cease. This would have very significant impacts on road safety.

The Bill omits section 29 from the Act. Section 29 provides for an expiry date (6 October 2001) to Part 6 of the Act. Part 6 is about Traffic Offence Detection Devices, which are defined in the dictionary to the Act as approved camera detection devices and approved speed measuring devices.

The camera detection devices that have been approved in the Road Transport (Safety and Traffic Management) Regulations 2000 (the Regulations) include the mobile speed cameras and fixed speed and red light cameras used on ACT roads. The speed measuring devices that have been approved under the Regulations include laser and radar devices used by the police.

The deletion of section 29 allows the police and authorised persons to continue to use modern technological devices to enforce the road rules for speed limits and red traffic lights.