



## Media Release

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### Portable Speeding Sign Stuff Up

Brisbane City Council has been caught out playing politics with road safety in Tennyson Ward.

Councillor Johnston said the Lord Mayor had reneged on a promise regarding the location of portable flashing warning signs locations.

“Based on school and parent feedback, I nominated 23 locations for portable speeding signs, 14 around schools, all of which have been ignored by Council. The priority sites for flashing warning signs should be around schools, many of which are located on busy main roads,” Councillor Johnston said.

“Why has the Lord Mayor ignored the advice his Deputy, Cr Schrinner, asked Councillors to provide? Has he ignored the advice of other local councillors about this important safety issue?”

In a press release on 21 May 2013 the Lord Mayor said “he had asked each local councillor to nominate five sites of importance in their ward and would use this feedback to finalise a list of priority streets following the tender’s completion.” **Extract Lord Mayoral Press Release 21 May 2013.**

Councillor Johnston said when the Lord Mayor announced this policy in April 2012 he specifically stated that school zones would be a priority.

“Cr Quirk said the portable flashing speed warning signs were part of his Safer Suburban Streets program and could be rolled out in school zones, pedestrian blackspots, dangerous intersections and busy neighbourhood roads where speeding was a problem.” **Extract Team Quirk Press Release 30 March 2012.**

Despite planning the installation of the “portable” speed signs for the past 18 months, Council officers were unable to say how often the signs would be rotated around the Ward.

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