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Proposed law to outlaw vehicle devices a sneaky move

Agricultural MLC Rick Mazza of the Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party will challenge a proposed law in the *Road Traffic (Impaired Driving and Penalties) Bill 2019* and is encouraging other Members of Parliament to do the same.

The change, which could be debated this week, inserts proposed new section 111 (1) (b) into the *Road Traffic Act 1974*, to mandate or prohibit the use of devices in vehicles.

“I am perplexed as to why this amendment has been added to a Bill that focuses on alcohol and drug offences,” Mr Mazza said.

“A ‘device’ has not been defined in the Bill, which means it could be anything from a phone, GPS system, tow bar, bullbar, roobar, camera, spotlights, fog lights, wheel rims, rear view reverse cameras, TV’s, subwoofers or even your side awning.

“The proposed law applies equally to a passenger, prohibiting them from using or possessing devices when in or on the vehicle.

“These restrictions will be particularly damaging for country people who require such devices in going about their daily business.”

Mr Mazza said he was told the proposed amendment has been introduced to outlaw the use of speed camera radar detectors, but the proposed law leaves the door open to any device Government deems necessary to add or remove in the future.

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