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Bill to improve safety of emergency services workers passes through Parliament

A Private Member's Bill from Liberal Member for Stuart Dan van Holst Pellekaan to improve the safety of emergency service volunteers and workers has passed through Parliament and will become law.

This Bill will ensure that motorists must slow down to 25km/h – rather than 40km/h – when passing an emergency service scene identified by authorised flashing red and blue lights.

Current legislation requires drivers passing road workers and a school bus with flashing lights to adhere to a 25km/h speed limit.

“This Bill creates uniformity and protects our emergency service professionals and volunteers by reducing the risk of them being injured by a passing motorist,” said Mr van Holst Pellekaan.

“Whether it is a member of the Metropolitan Fire Service, a CFS volunteer, or a roadside worker, everyone that works roadside deserves the same level of protection.

“The State Liberals are committed to protecting our frontline emergency service workers and I welcome the Bill's bipartisan support.”

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