

# Run: speed limit 'not enforceable'



Supt Ey ... no speed limit

There would have been little point imposing a speed limit for the NT Cannonball Run, a senior police officer told Darwin Coroners Court yesterday.

He said police could not have enforced it because there was no legal limit on unrestricted sections of Territory roads.

And what was a safe speed varied between different stretches of the Stuart Hwy.

Superintendent Terry Ey said this in evidence to the coronial inquiry into the deaths of four men on May 24, the third day of the Cannonball.

A Ferrari slammed sideways into vehicles at a checkpoint about 95 km south of Alice Springs, killing the Ferrari crew and two officials.

The court was told earlier this week the Ferrari could have been travelling as fast as 270 km/h a few kilometres before the checkpoint.

## Watch

Supt Ey said yesterday police involved in the Run had been told to watch for dangerous driving or driving at a dangerous speed.

He said police officers following the Run did not report any

dangerous driving. Supt Ey said Run organisers did not impose an upper speed limit on the drivers.

He did not suggest an upper limit to them because that was "not part of my function".

Supt Ey said he thought people organising the event were "very professional".

To a question by Coroner John Lowndes, Supt Ey said police would have no problem in enforcing a speed limit if one was imposed by law.

A Run organiser, former race driver Allan Moffat, is due to give evidence when the inquiry resumes on Monday.