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Joint Standing Committee on Road Safety

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

## More sign of mobile speed cameras

The mobile speed camera program can be improved by having more signage.

The Joint Standing Committee on Road Safety (Staysafe) tabled its report on mobile speed camera enforcement programs in NSW today. The Hon. Lou Amato MLC, Committee Chair, said the introduction of additional signage is welcome, but the Committee is concerned that this doesn't address key community concerns following the removal of advance warning signs.

"We received more than 1400 submissions to the inquiry and this level of community engagement demonstrates the public's deep concern about the way mobile speed cameras operate," said Mr Amato.

"More needs to be done to let people know that mobile speed cameras are about making our roads safer and are not about revenue raising."

The Committee heard that many road users want mobile speed camera operations to be more overt for a number of reasons, including that signs educate drivers in real time of the speed limit and encourage them to slow down safely.

The report's 18 recommendations focus on making mobile speed camera operations more overt so drivers are encouraged to drive safer and to make the camera program fairer. There is also a focus on strengthening community consultation about how the program operates.

The report recommends that Transport for NSW do more to improve public understanding about how and why mobile speed camera locations are selected.

"The mobile speed camera program's success relies on ongoing public support and an understanding of its purpose to save lives."

Improved awareness of how fine revenue is spent was also seen as a way to improve public understanding about the program. Other speed management measures, and the disadvantage caused by speeding fines were also considered by the Committee.

"The mobile speed camera program has a role to play in keeping drivers safe. It is hoped that this report will help make the program fairer and improve community understanding about its role to save lives."

The report is available on the Committee's webpage.

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