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INQUIRY INTO SPEED ZONING AND ITS IMPACT ON THE DEMERIT POINTS SCHEME

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To
THE CHAIRMAN / STAYSAFE.
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DEAR CHAIRMAN,

I HAVE TRAVELLED THE PACIFIC HIGHWAY
FROM BRISBANE TO SYDNEY FOR THE PAST 6 YEARS
AS A PROFESSIONAL DRIVER, DRIVING A COACH OR
A TRUCK.

I EXPERIENCE DAILY, FRUSTRATED
DRIVERS TRYING TO OVERTAKE, WHERE OVERTAKING
LANES HAVE BEEN ELIMINATED BY RMS,
PARTICULARLY BETWEEN MACKSVILLE AND
WOOLGOOLGA, WHERE ROADWORK UPGRADES ARE
OCCURRING.

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DRIVERS ARE DISRESPECTING ROADWORK SPEED LIMITS BECAUSE :-

1. SPEEDS ARE 10 TO 20 KILOMETRES PER HOUR TOO SLOW.
2. THE DISTANCES ^{APART} OF ROADWORK SIGNS ARE EXCESSIVE AND UNNECESSARY, EVEN FOR B. DOUBLES.
3. ROADWORK SIGNAGE NEEDS TO BE MORE REFINED TO WHERE THE ACTUAL WORK IS TAKING PLACE. THIS IS WHY PEOPLE ARE SPEEDING THROUGH ROADWORKS.
4. OHS FOR WORKERS IS NOW OVER THE TOP AND GENERAL PUBLIC REALISE THIS, CAUSING THEM TO SPEED AND DISRESPECT ROADWORK SPEEDS.

THE 50 KPH SPEED LIMIT THROUGH URUNLA IS POLITICAL, DUE TO A YOUNG BOY BEING KILLED IN THE FRONT ROOM OF A HOUSE, BY A B DOUBLE, THAT COLLIDED WITH A YOUNG INTOXICATED YOUTH WHO CROSSED INTO THE PATH OF THE B DOUBLE.

3.

URUNGA SHOULD AT LEAST BE 60 KPH.

BARRY O'FARRELL SAID HE WAS GOING TO ELIMINATE SPEED CAMERAS, WHERE UNNECESSARY.

THE BONVILLE SPEED CAMERA, IS A TYPICAL CASE WHERE THE HIGHWAY NO LONGER EXISTS,

THE URUNGA 50 KPH SPEED CAMERA CREATES SEVERE TRAFFIC SNARLS ALONG WITH THE OTHER 3 SPEED CAMERAS BETWEEN URUNGA AND MACKSVILLE, PARTICULARLY IN PEAK HOLIDAY PERIODS.

RMS ALSO SET UP AN ADDITIONAL MOBILE CAMERA FREQUENTLY IN THIS ZONE, ADDING FURTHER TO MOTORISTS FRUSTRATIONS.

FRUSTRATED DRIVERS TEND TO TAKE UNCALCULATED RISKS TRYING TO OVERTAKE, CAUSING MORE ACCIDENTS THAN IF SPEEDS WERE RAISED TO BE MORE REASONABLE.

GUYRA FOR EXAMPLE HAS A REALISTIC 70KPH SPEED THROUGH TOWN.

ARMIDALE SOUTH HAS A STUPID RESTRICTIVE 50 KPH ZONE, IN WIDE OPEN SPACES.

A SIMPLE MINOR ROADWORK REPAIR WEST OF BELLINGEN, RESTRICTED TO ONE LANE, IS EXPECTED TO NOT BE COMPLETED TILL JUNE. WHY SO LONG!

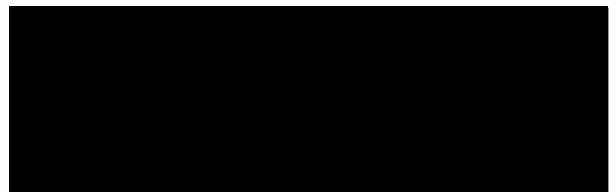
I EXPERIENCE TAILGATING AND SEVERE ROAD RAGE IF I STICK TO DESIGNATED SPEEDS SUCH AS VRUNGA TO MACKSVILLE, DAILY, BECAUSE PEOPLE REALISE THE POSTED SPEEDS ARE UNREALISTICALLY ^{TOO} SLOW.

AS FOR DOUBLE DEMERIT POINTS SYSTEM, DO PEOPLE REALLY CONSIDER THIS WHEN SPEEDING. NO!

OTHER SPEED CAMERAS THAT SHOULD BE REMOVED ARE. 60KPH TINTENBAR. HILL, 50KPH AT WOODBURN.

I WOULD ATTEND YOU FORUM IF GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO NOT ONLY LISTEN TO YOUR ATTENDEES BUT MAYBE TO LEAVE SOME INPUT OF MY OWN.

REGARDS.



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