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MOBILE SPEED CAMERA ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS IN NSW

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Speed cameras should be about saving lives and not revenue.

I propose that an accident/fatalities study be made of 12 month periods under various camera variables. City and country areas to be studied separately as it might turn out that different results occur.

For example, we will already have data for 12 months before the recent changes (with signage), 12 months after a 3 month settling-in period with the new arrangement (i.e. no warning signs) and twelve months with any future arrangements. This means we will have a continuual review of the existing arrangements as driver responses could vary over time.

In very accident prone areas or areas where conditions have changed, I propose the use of flashing signs similar to the school warning signs for a 3 - 6 month period. It's not about catching speeding motorists but ensuring they stay within the limit.

I have found that my own compliance with the speed limits has improved since the mobile, unmarked cameras have been operational.

Many many times I have been driving along to find unaware of the speed limit at that particular place. It is so easy to be distracted for a second and miss the widely spaced speed signs. This is a universal problem that could easily be fixed by colour coding the centre lines with different coloured dots. I certainly do not speed on purpose but sometimes find myself exceeding the limit inadvertently as I missed teh limit sign.. This is most obvious when I drive betweek Wyong and Newcastle vis Swansea.

Thanks for letting me have my say regards
Ron. .