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MOBILE SPEED CAMERA ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS IN NSW

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I have three major concerns with the change in policy to remove the warning signs, plus one specific comment on the siting of cameras in Dubbo.

1. Visible Police enforcement has always been the most effective for my self. I am concerned that with the cameras, there are far less police on the road, seemingly being replaced by cameras and now without signage, there is certainly an increase in fines, but will that change behaviour and will the cameras being hidden mean even less police on the road?

2. I recall an interview on ABC radio where a travelling salesman, on receiving speeding tickets well after the event and when eventually back home, made the comment that he had noticed a change in his driving where he was now spending much more time watching the speedo than the road due to the separation of the offence and the penalty and having received three from unmarked cars, he was simply a worse driver, watching the speedo instead of the road, surely this is not the outcome anyone wants.

3. I am very concerned that with the increase in fines, the company providing the cars will be even more likely to park where more fines will be issued without actually being related to road safety. I do not believe the funding should provide profit to a public company, surely there is a conflict of interest here.

With regard to Dubbo specifically, I have raised this with the local paper previously and it is even more valid now, the two most regular sites used in Dubbo are catch points, you could nearly say entrapment rather than road safety, one at the bottom of a hill and the other just over a crest, neither has busy traffic or intersections, neither has a crash history and so why are they sited to raise revenue only, not to improve safety. We are paying people to sit there where there is little risk, when other sites are then ignored, we are paying a company to make a profit on the back of what could realistically be seen as revenue raising, not improving road safety. Thank you for this opportunity to make comment.