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## **MOBILE SPEED CAMERA ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS IN NSW**

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The purpose of the mobile speed camera program is marketed as to improve safety and reduce fatalities. While I do agree that speed cameras have a place (when fixed or fully marked) as they serve as a reminder for people to slow down, I disagree that they are reducing fatalities effectively. A better option is to put more POLICE on the roads to enforce the rules and improve safety there and then. A speed camera is only going to slow a driver down for a matter of a few seconds, then they speed up again. More Police on the roads will mean this will not be happening as much of at all. They have the capability and the legislation behind them to take that driver off the road immediately. A speed camera won't. A speed camera will catch the speeding driver if they are not paying attention, however meanwhile, there is the possibility that the driver will continue speeding until they kill themselves or someone else. All speed cameras do is raise revenue. This is evident with the recent removal of signage of the mobile cameras. They raise a huge amount of revenue, however the public are seeing no improvements in road safety or Police numbers. All the money seems to be going into the pocket of the government. There surely has to be a better way to raise revenue. We should be doing far more to improve road safety instead of just trying to raise revenue. For example, making it mandatory for drivers to undertake defensive driver courses. This could start at a course like the LAMS rider courses or drivers education such as undertaken in the USA. If you're going to keep the mobile speed cameras, you seriously need to start using the money to improve safety. Our roads should be on par with the most advanced countries in the world such as Germany. I recommend installing livery on the speed camera cars as a minimum. What I am seeing lately on the road is every time there is a SUV parked near the roads, people tend to drive erratically and brake abruptly causing more safety issues, not reducing them .

In summary, we need more Police on the roads, not more speed cameras. The NSW Police Force are one of the best in the world. The government needs to give them the numbers and resources to do the job. This combined with the courts being harsher on people who break the rules, and having measures to improve the quality of the road conditions and the drivers skills, and making cars more affordable, will improve safety far more than speed cameras.