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MOBILE SPEED CAMERA ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS IN NSW

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A rule or law that is broken by thousands of people is not a good rule or law. It is unreasonable to assume that all of these people are deliberately flouting the law. I am not talking about the idiot who does 90kmh in a 60 zone. Hit them hard, they deserve it. I'm referring to the driver who is driving to the prevailing conditions and inadvertently exceeds the limit by 4,5 or 6 kmh. The modern car is smooth, quiet and safe and as a result, it is quite easy to be over the limit by a small margin. As a result, it is now the norm to be continually viewing the speedometer and therefore taking your eyes off the road ahead, not a good practice I would have thought. If Parliament is truly concerned about road safety rather than revenue raising, the answer is more Highway Patrol vehicles on the road. This will deter or catch the true speed hogs as well as those committing other dangerous offences such as tailgating, not stopping at stop signs, mobile phones, drunk or drugs, etc, etc, etc which no amount of speed cameras will detect.

When thousands of normally law abiding people are fined or lose demerit points because of a law that they feel is unjust, then they not only lose respect for that law, but also for the institution or authority that made the law in the first place.

For your information, I am 79 and have been driving for more than 60 years. My driving record is excellent. I have never accumulated any demerit points and I don't want to start now.

Thank you for your consideration of this Submission.