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Mobile speed camera enforcement programs in NSW

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I feel the idea that removing signs from mobile speed cameras will slow cars down, beyond ridiculous.

If you remove the sign more people speed.

The latest stats show that fines have skyrocketed, showing exactly that more people are now speeding. Three months of results that I have seen show exactly this.

The stats show that no lives have been saved. Minister Constance has said he is advised he will save 43 lives per year by removing signs. Results over the last three months show this is not happening. NRMA don't support removing signs and say that the Government is missing a great opportunity to educate.

I agree with NRMA that we need to see more Police doing enforcement. This is a great deterrent to motorists. See Police on the road slow the traffic. Police also pick up unregistered vehicles traveling past, something the current mobile cameras just watch the unregistered vehicles wiz on by. What about stolen vehicles the police can nab them straight away or go into pursuit...the mobile speed camera just sits there and misses a opportunity.

If the purpose of unmarked mobile speed cameras are slowing vehicles, the answer is quite clear...the results are this is not the case. If Minister Constance feels that speeding results in accidents then why is the Police policy to not attend accidents unless it is considered serious or a person is injured. My friend was in accident 4 weeks ago in his Mercedes. Police didn't attend as no one was hurt at the time. A week later my friend has all sorts of medical issues needing attention. The Mercedes was later examined by the insurance company accessor and was found to be written off. Was this a serious accident??

The police don't get involved in speeding and they don't get involved with accidents and therefore miss passing fines onto people who really deserve the fine but the mobile speed camera is just easy pickings and brings in heaps of money to the government with very little outlay or efffort. The above car was later written off and my friend is visiting medical practitioners now to rectify whip lash etc. Here is a example of a person who was involved in accident and what turns out to be quite serious, but the offending driver (speeding or what ever the case) did not face any charges as police did not attend. So a camera fines you for speeding but no accident, and a person who makes a fault (creates a accident) faces no fine and moves onto the next accident with the same result to most likely happen again.

I have sent countless Emails to my local member, David Elliott and he just ignores me and doesn't even acknowledge having received my Emails. What sort of system is this where you ignore the people your are supposed to be representing.