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MOBILE SPEED CAMERA ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS IN NSW

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The changes to Speed Enforcement are providing more grief for drivers than relief, I've spoken to countless friends who have now installed various mobile phone apps where users can "report" the position of police or mobile speed cameras. Most people I've spoken to have reported no change in their speeding tendencies, only now they're more focused on their phone/car infotainment than the road, or looking for parked vehicles on the sides of roads. Many of my friends who are on their P plates are afraid of being caught on a "downhill draft" and immediately losing their license for it, whereas Police can provide discretion, Speed Cameras do not take into consideration the circumstances.

Not to mention all Mobile Speed Camera locations are still publicly searchable via RoadSafety Transport for NSW website. Which eliminates the "anywhere" aspect of the "anywhere, anytime" slogan.

Road Safety is not about enforcement and punishment, it's about education. Fixed Speed Cameras slow road users down where it matters like school zones and high pedestrian areas, but mobile speed cameras have been placed on downhill slopes and more places to "catch" road users speeding.

Where typically most crashes occur due to substance usage, tiredness or lack of driver awareness. Germany maintains open speed highways yet still maintains a lower road toll than Australia, primarily due to strict rules that prevent edge cases such as undertaking and other unexpected behaviours on the roads.

Speed being a primary factor in fatal crashes is only because almost every users has exceeded the speed limit. But most road users can apply common sense knowledge in how to drive safely to the conditions, in some cases, there are times when going even 20km/hr over the speed limit is safe given certain conditions such as a well lit empty road. Driver awareness and education is key and is what saves lives.