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## MOBILE SPEED CAMERA ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS IN NSW

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I'm making my submission regarding the removal of warning signs regarding mobile speed cameras and phone usage cameras.

The motorist expects that Governments will exploit milking them because they are an easy target. The motorist and the general public, however, expects the Government will do this in an honourable way. To maintain the respect between Government and the populace the Government must treat us as responsible people who share a common problem to be solved.

The Government's latest attack on the motorist is rightfully seen by us as an unconscionable, cynically opportunistic revenue-raising exercise. And is seen by the motorist as treating us with contempt. Using these unmarked vehicles and removing warning signs destroys the trust and cooperation between the motorist and the Government. This new Government policy is viewed as no different to the highway robbers of old.

The massive revenue raised already is not from those few who are travelling down the road greatly exceeding the speed limit. The vast bulk of those fines are people exceeding the speed limit by a few kilometres.

The motorist's cynicism over this policy is increased by the knowledge that the "road toll" numbers are minuscule compared to the vast number of people dying from preventable or reducible causes such as suicide, heart disease and all types of cancer.

If the same amount of energy was put into these causes that is put into this revenue raising industry, the saving in lives would be in the thousands, not 30 or 40 lives as your spin doctors allege.