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Mobile speed camera enforcement programs in NSW

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There is absolutely no proof that mobile speed cameras have made any difference to road safety or have reduced the road toll, now that the signage has been removed they have lost their purpose of slowing people down in blackspot areas. Revenue since they removal of the signage is 10× the amount proving that the only aim of removing signage from mobile speed cameras is to raise revenue. Statistics showing that you take X amount longer or futher to stop going 5kmh faster are old outdated statistics based on tests done over 20 years ago before cars even had abs. My point is in the 200+ years that cars have existed not a single crash has occurred due to someone doing less than 10kph over the speed limit so why are people penalised for it.

My submission is that the signage for mobile speed cameras to come back to raise awareness if the whole program can't be abolished, really there is no need for these mobile speed camera vans whatsoever they have no benefit apart from to raise revenue but I know that won't happen so I ask for you to just bring back the signage to justify having the mobile speed vans.

The reason is to improve road safety and driver attitude. Since the removal of the signage many people are driving dangerously less than the legal speed limits sometimes 20 - 30kph less resulting in unnecessary congestion and as a result people loose they're patience then will often tailgate and overtake aggressively and dangerously and obviously these people driving well under the speed limit are a risk to everyone else doing the speed limit who is traveling at 20kph faster. I've seen a massive increase of both behaviours of both driving unnecessarily slow parinoid of speed cameras and aggressive driving behaviour and even road rage ever since the removal of the signage from mobile speed cameras.

So we see a device designed to improve road safety causing distraction, paranoia, frustration and even road rage.