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MOBILE SPEED CAMERA ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS IN NSW

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Hello there,

Recently I was fined \$123 for doing 57kms in a 50km zone on Princes Hwy in Narooma.

What I find very annoying about this is that the speed camera was positioned at the bottom of a small hill.

The decline is so small that a driver is unlikely to slow their speed by applying their brakes, as the road then goes back uphill.

So if a driver is doing 50 at the top of the hill their speed will naturally increase by approx 5kms as they roll down the hill before reapplying the accelerator as they go up the incline.

I really feel that this opportunistic positioning of the speed camera is pure revenue raising and does absolutely nothing to improve the REAL bottom line, ie, the number of people injured and killed on the roads.

I am sure I was not the only person who contributed to the Government coffers that day. I think speed cameras should be deployed in areas where speeding is a problem and accidents have occurred. I am sure there has never been an accident where this camera was positioned.

I have never had an accident in 40+ years of driving but have occasionally been pinged for a few kms over the limit, as above.

Why not have a "merit" scheme where drivers who have not committed any serious offences or been involved in any accidents are rewarded in some way.

Perhaps like in my case the fine would be 50%?

This reduction would be an incentive and reward drivers and I believe lead to a marked decrease in accidents and the resulting trauma, injuries and death.

This is after all the REAL bottom line that governments should be focused on.

Every year millions of dollars are collected from motorists but thousands of people continue to be injured and killed on Australian roads.

The whole philosophy of speed being the killer and speed cameras the saviour is a total furphy and a failure.

There are jurisdictions around the world who have recognised this and have scrapped this simplistic approach and introduced other measures to lower the road toll.

It's about time Governments in this country did the same and committed to more sophisticated solutions, rather than just counting the dollars,

regards,

Joel Dickinson