

**Submission
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MOBILE SPEED CAMERA ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS IN NSW

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I would like to lodge a submission addressing my concerns surrounding the removal of warning signs for speed cameras in NSW.

If the removal of warning signs is about safety (and not blatant revenue raising) as it is claimed, then we as the public would expect to see a drop in accidents similar to the increase in fines. This has not happened.

When the Government announced the measure, they claimed that it would "save 34-45 lives a year". This has not happened - 93 people lost their lives in road accidents this year, and 94 people lost their lives in road accidents in the same period last year. Therefore the measure is ineffective and should be scrapped immediately.

I believe that the main reason there has been no discernible increase in safety is because when drivers have warning signs, they have the chance to adjust their driving behaviour and are therefore driving in a safer manner after viewing the warning signs. Without the warning signs drivers are given no feedback AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT and therefore continue as they were, the fact that a fine arrives weeks later has no effect in changing the driving behaviour.

Park a police car at the side of the road and watch all drivers slow down as they approach - the warning signs have a similar effect. On the other hand it is very dangerous to be paranoid of speeding fines and constantly looking down at the speedometer instead of paying attention to the roads.

As a final note I would like to add that I have a good driving record and have 0 demerit points on my licence, so this is not coming from someone who wants the policy scrapped as a result of being a victim of it.