

**Submission
No 144**

MOBILE SPEED CAMERA ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS IN NSW

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To whom it may concern,

I am lodging his submission just to get my option across regarding removal of signs approaching speed cameras.

I have held CAMS motorsport licence, raced karts, have motorcycle licence and currently drive high performance vehicle.

I am 53 years old and even with my love for motor sport and daily driving of a potentially very fast vehicle, have not had a speeding fine in over 20 years.

As a good driver and trained in hazard perception on the road, I drive to the road conditions including weather, traffic, pedestrian population and also will usually adjust my speed according to the surrounding vehicles.

At times, this puts me slightly over the speed limit.

More and more what is extremely worrying and downright dangerous is the fact that I am now finding myself checking for any sort of vehicle, especially SUV's parked on the side of the road... now with 'both directions' capabilities from these speed cameras - I'm checking and scanning both sides of the road for these parked vehicles.

Instead of watching what is happening in front of me, monitoring traffic flow, lane changes from others, looking in side mirrors, rear view mirror, street signs, emergency vehicles, children, pets, trucks, motorcycle riders, I find I'm looking ahead to the side of the road for vehicles parked.

Twice in the last 3 months I've needed to jam on my breaks (from a legal speed) to avoid hitting the car in front - completely my fault as I was actually looking for the speed camera unmarked vehicle up ahead.

It's completely changed my driving style and the paranoia I feel due to now looking for these unmarked, un sign posted vehicles is now making me feel unsafe.

I'm a massive advocate for driver /rider training, hazard identification on the road, which is even more necessary on a motorcycle - including looking way ahead and readying yourself and your vehicle, but this has never included looking and watching the side of the road for potential ghosts.

Put the warning signs back.

Those who choose to speed will no doubt still be fined.

Those who are aware & awake to their surroundings will see the signs which prompt us to quickly check our speed and remain safe, legal and licensed.

Perhaps if you choose to continue fining drivers - again, I actually agree with fining motorists especially with speed related fines as there's so many idiots - make the fines more aggressive - NOT THE POINTS - set a 2 point mandatory point loss of licence (to keep people in employment etc) but maximise the actual \$ if you need to continue to raise funds... Then you'll get em again tomorrow and the next day.

These relatively low speed, high traffic areas are not the cause of our road deaths - please stop saying what you're doing in heavily built up areas is saving lives.

Country roads and highways different story.

Please bring back the warning signs.

Many thanks,

Richard Johnson.