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MOBILE SPEED CAMERA ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS IN NSW

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To whom it may concern

Please accept my submission in good faith and bearing in mind I write it from a position of having a very good driving record int the last 18 years.

I submit that the removal of warning signs from mobile speed cameras can be nothing but a revenue raising exercise. To claim that the move will help to save lives is an absolute con. How can receiving a letter in the mail weeks after an event possibly change driver behavior through education?

Obviously it can't.

And make no mistake, the only way to change driver behavior is through education. I know through experience many years ago that there is no feeling quite like being pulled over by Highway Patrol and receiving either an warning or an infringement notice. The guilt attached to this is educational. Receiving a letter in the mail well after an event that most people will not even remember has no educational value at all.

I have noticed in various media reports that fines from many mobile speed cameras have increased ten fold since the removal of the warning signs. This further points to the fact that their purpose is to raise revenue, not to save lives.

A point I am sure that has been completely missed by the minister when making his decision is the effect on P- platers. I have been witness to many instance where young P - plate drivers have had their lives and careers ruined in regional areas through the loss of their licence for minor infringements. I believe that more education of young drivers not less is the key to instilling good driving behavior in young drivers. The removal of speed cameras is absolutely a reduction in the tools available for education of young drivers in particular.

Regards

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