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MOBILE SPEED CAMERA ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS IN NSW

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Dear Sir/Madam,

With reference to the parliamentary inquiry into speed cameras, I recently received an infringement notice after my vehicle was detected travelling at 56KM/H in a 50KM/H zone in the Wagga Wagga area. I received the infringement almost a month after the offence occurred. I have no idea if I, or my wife, was driving the car. Most likely it was me, so I accepted responsibility and paid the notice.

I honestly have no recollection of driving at that speed. It may have been a moment of distraction, or a minor lapse in concentration, or a minute change in pressure on an accelerator. Either way, I was given no opportunity to adjust or make changes in my behaviour. The fact that I receive an infringement almost a month later makes no difference to public safety.

I would like to be able to give a guarantee that I won't do the same thing again in the future, but I can't. However much I try to drive with the utmost care and respect for the law, I am a human being capable of error. Booking literally thousands of motorists a week for minor speeding infringements is the most appalling example of government revenue raising. Taking advantage of minor errors or lapses in concentration by scalping the public and threatening their livelihoods in rural areas is - in my view - simply shameful.

People have the right to be given the opportunity to attempt to correct their behaviour where there is no obvious or potential threat to public safety. Police officers carry out their duties with discretion, they have the ability to issue cautions for minor aberrations of the law. This sort of indiscriminate and secretive enforcement of minor traffic violations simply brings the law and our government into disrepute. Stop it.