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MOBILE SPEED CAMERA ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS IN NSW

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Speeding cameras in my opinion, are mainly used to raise revenue in the State of new South Wales.

The removal of warnings from speed cameras, and the increase of mobile speed cameras do not reduce road tolls, or 'increase safety'.

In about the first two months, NSW has recorded 32 fatalities, against 34 deaths over the same period last year. Only a 6% drop does not meet the state government expectations.

As an example, if a person is speeding in a school zone and is caught by a speed camera, they will likely get a fine in the mail 2-3 weeks later. In that time someone may get killed. A large amount of people who receive a fine in the mail 3 weeks after the offence would barely remember when they were even speeding and this does not teach drivers a lesson.

Having more speed cameras and removal of warning signs leading to an increase of 1500% in fines for drivers doing less than 10km/h over the speed limit is essentially a secret tax. A single speed camera on Pennant Hills Road has almost \$300,000 in revenue gained in a short period of time is a very large amount of money being taken from Australians. Furthermore, while it may be only a \$110 or so fine and a single demerit point, P1 drivers receive a 3 month suspension for any speeding offence.

In conclusion, I do not believe that speeding cameras save lives, or teaches drivers a lesson to stop speeding.