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MOBILE SPEED CAMERA ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS IN NSW

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Hi,

I am not a member of any political party and do not work in any industry related to road safety. However I am strongly in favour of continuing the removal of mobile speed camera warning signs.

My reasons are simple. Since the signs have been removed the speed of traffic wherever I drive is now close to the speed limit where previously it was well above it. The majority of people ARE slowing to follow the speed limits because they do not know where they might be caught. I feel much safer knowing most of the traffic is obeying the law most of the time.

Previously the traffic would travel above the limit and temporarily slow to below the speed limit while passing the mobile speed camera and then immediately go back to a speed higher than the limit. So speed cameras were not catching people speeding and more importantly they were only working where they were located.

The evidence that some people are only slowing when they see a speed camera is clear. Since the removal of the signs the habitual speeders who used to slow when approaching the cameras are now not knowing where they are and hence there is a large increase in speeding fines. But we also know this is not the majority of people because not everyone is being fined. The removal of the fines has slowed the majority while previously it slowed everyone ONLY where the cameras were located.

By catching more of the speeders we will change their behavior or remove them from the road.

Complaints about revenue raising are not a safety issue. It is easy to avoid paying the fine - do not speed. And if people do get fined for not obeying the law and that results in higher revenue then that is a good thing as it reduces taxes that must be paid by law abiding citizens.

So overall I am strongly in favour because (i) It is working to reduce traffic speeds in ALL locations and not just where cameras were located. (ii) We are catching habitual offenders who would otherwise not get caught and (iii) Any increase in revenue from lawbreakers reduces taxes that law abiding citizens have to pay.

Thank you for considering my submission.