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## **MOBILE SPEED CAMERA ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS IN NSW**

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Being a professional driver who travels at least 70,000km per year, I get to see a massive part of NSW in varying conditions and amongst varying roads. with this comes the interactions with a vast amount of drivers across the state from city slickers to country bumpkins.

Over the years I have noticed the increase in revenue raising by fixed as well as mobile cameras. fixed cameras were placed in dangerous areas of roads and the positive impact was slowing down drivers and making that particular stretch safer. The same impact is made by physical presence of MARKED police cars. Their presence slows down drivers for some distance of their passing or positioning on the side of the road.

With the introduction of camera cars, clearly marked and with signage, the same impact was noticed in slowing down drivers (even when not speeding) and making the stretch of road safer. It was always observed that these positions were properly set up with cars level, sometimes with leveling ramps under wheels, as well as placed in prominent positions. As much as I hate seeing these cars, they had a positive impact.

Now with the removal of signage, I still notice where the cars are set up but have really observed the lack of impact they now have. Cars dont slow down, and the only way someone knows you were speeding was when they receive a fine in the mail. This only means one thing that this is purely for revenue raising. the stats speak volumes that the majority of the increased fines are for 'inadvertant' speeding (<10km/hr over), meaning people who may have accidently gone slightly above the speed limit without realising. not people actively breaking the law, but more so focusing on the road not just on speed.

The point must also be made that their is a big increase in covert positioning ie hiding behind trees, on blind corners as well as amongst other parked cars. This highlights that the macquarie bank is now focusing on making a profit and are not in this for increasing safety. The positioning of cars is appalling, being off camber, in poor posiitons , and un level, which goes against all the standards for proper operations of these camera systems.

Whether or not this is by design, on purpose or inadvertant, the perception by everyone is that this is purely a revenue raising exercise. Taxing the hell out of the public for no other purpose than to rob us of our hard earned dollars. When transparency is removed, then it appears to be sinister in nature, and as this goes on and the massive increase in revenue values becomes obvious proving our suspicions.

Travelling the distances that I do without fines for more than 10 years proves that I am a safe driver, and observant of the conditions around me. As an example on my run from newcastle to goulburn there are a growing number of tax collection points - Multiple fixed speed cameras, multiple mobile phone cameras - average speed cameras (HV) , tolls and the ever increasing number of mobile cash machines both mobile phone and speed cameras - not to mention the growing invasion of my privacy where my vehicles license is recorded and tracked over this distance. I dont believe you when you say it is not stored. When will this end? it is all becoming very Orwellian and communist in a growing nanny state.

When there is no observable improvement in safety it will be noticed by all that this is purely revenue raising and we are yet to see where the money is going. It would be smart to remove a private bank from owning the vehicles carrying out this spying as there are no assurances that they are not selling the data and making more money on top of the guaranteed profits of these cash grabbing cars. When is enough going to be enough and when will we see that that money being

raised is being spent where it is supposed to be as the roads are getting worse and nothing is being done about improving road safety

We are very unhappy citizens and this must improve!!.