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MOBILE SPEED CAMERA ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS IN NSW

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Speed and Red Light Camera signs

If the intent is to slow drivers down in black spots or potentially dangerous areas, then surely signage indicating that a speed camera or red-light camera is present will be useful to advise drivers of the black spot / dangerous zone they are approaching. The signage will inform a driver of the danger zone they are entering and of the need to slow down, and that penalties apply should they be driving outside the law. It is my experience when driving that such signs are useful to me to ensure I drive with caution in a black spot area. Without signage I may not know that I am entering a black spot. Indeed, if warning signs are not displayed, then I argue that many drivers may have no knowledge that they are entering a black spot or a dangerous zone and may not alter their driving accordingly. This is the very reason we have 40km speed signs with flashing lights outside schools during mornings and afternoons — to warn drivers they are entering a danger zone. Is the Minister going to remove these flashing lights because we should always obey the speed limit and don't need to show extra caution as indicated by flashing lights?

And to argue that one must drive though the whole of NSW as if it is all a black spot as is indirectly suggested by the Minister is as ludicrous as it is unrealistic.

If, however, the intent is simply to raise more revenue as I suspect is the case and has obviously been the result from the NSW Transport Ministers decision, then the Minister should tell people that is what is being done and let us make our own decision at the next election. Please put speed and red light camera signs back.