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Mobile speed camera enforcement programs in NSW

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There is no greater deterrent than having clear signage & visible camera cars . The NRMA & public agreed to support the usage of mobile speed camera if there was visible signage yet the rules have now changed. Why are these cameras not placed in high accident black spot areas rather than in areas which insures a high revenue return. Also why are Speed camera vehicles consistently seen to park on foot paths forcing pedestrians to put themselves in danger having to walk around them, let alone the damage they cause to foot paths. May I suggest that the committee looks at all the infringement notices issued & you will find the majority of tickets issued are for speeds exceeded by under 10KM. Please also check speedometers is most cars & you will see that that the increments are either in 5km or 10km stages, these cameras are causing more harm than good as they are putting a additional financial burden on an already overtaxed & over policed community. DRIVERS ARE NOW SPENDING MORE TIME LOOKING AT THEIR SPEEDOS THAN ON THE ROAD in the fear that they may be booked for exceeding the speed limit, which by the way seem to be getting lower & lower. Hopefully some sense will prevail & these camera will be used for what they were promoted to do - reduce accidents NOT BOLSTER STATE REVENUE. Please do not underestimate the anger in the community that these changes of no warning signs has created. The public is losing faith in our civic leaders doing the correct thing so for once give back confidence to the public that common sense prevails.