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MOBILE SPEED CAMERA ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS IN NSW

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Dear Members of Parliament

I would like for Government to fundamentally revise the approach to managing safety on our roads. Over the years the actions of Government with respect to speed limit enforcement has become disappointing disconnected from the spirit of managing road safety to revenue collection. This has lowered the public's trust and means that people are less likely to pay attention to any rhetoric that current policies are there for the public good.

I would like to propose a number of ideas that could improve both road safety and public perception;

- Only enforce speed limit with cameras in places where data shows that there are accidents
- Be required to publish clear and unambiguous data which is geographically linked to prove to the public that cameras are necessary
- review speed limits on roads both up and down. There are clearly some roads where a higher speed limit can be applied and where 85% of motorist already drive faster than the indicated limit, particularly on freeways
- On freeways, enforce the keep left if not overtaking rule (this lowers frustration)
- On freeways, enforce a minimum speed.
- Use digital variable speed limits and increase speed limits at times when there is very little traffic
- don't allow police to sit in spots where driving faster is perfectly safe (long stretches of highways/ freeway/ straight roads etc.) Police conduct is key.
- if using speed cameras on roads, be required to indicate their presence to allow motorists to slow down. Good motorists will. We want to know if there is danger ahead.
- do not allow police to pull over drivers a park their cars blocking a lane of traffic, particularly on fast moving roads. This is unsafe and makes people mad. They should overtake the motorist safely and ask them to follow the police car and the police should find a safe spot to conduct their business. This is what police does in Europe.
- get unsafe cars off our roads by providing a sunset of the ability for such cars to be registered
- Do not allow the sale of tiny cars. These do not provide protection and unduly contribute to road tolls.
- Do not allow the sale of new cars that are not 5 stars safety rating
- Lastly, revise driver education and licensing. What you have already done for motorcycling should be expanded to car licensing to improve driving standards and in particular safety awareness and driving skill.

Thank you for listening.

Regards

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