

**Submission
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MOBILE SPEED CAMERA ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS IN NSW

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing today a submission for the inquiry into Mobile Speed Camera Enforcement Program for NSW.

I feel recent changes to include the removal of speed camera warning signage and minimising the visibility of the enforcement vehicles to be unmarked has been nothing about public safety and public interest, but purely as a revenue raising stunt for the NSW Government. As has been strongly reported throughout the initiative change, there has been no discernible impact on the reduction of serious or fatal accidents with a dramatic increase in revenue raised.

How is this in the best interests of the public and the enforcement of public safety, when each public holiday, long weekend and Christmas period we hear a strong push for "high visibility police presence" on our roads, to ensure public awareness, compliance and public safety in the reduction of speeding and road related incidents. This works, having the strong presence is not only an effective "reminder" to motorists to slow down, but it has an IMMEDIATE impact on driver behaviour at that moment in time, and for the remainder of their journey.

I ask you, how does a motorist who may inadvertently be travelling 2-5km over the speed limit while traversing a hill recognise and adjust their behaviour on the spot without a strong reminder. Seeing a mobile speed camera warning signs, marked vehicle or even police vehicle gives a strong reminder in the moment to adjust your driving behaviour and to have an awareness for the rest of your trip. It also is a reminder for the location where you saw it, to ensure you slow down in future - generally where you would expect a safety issue or blackspot to be, and not the "best profit" location. How does one adjust their behaviour if they are captured by an incognito mobile speed camera, only to receive the fine several weeks down the track. What changes to that behaviour could have occurred during those weeks without notice, could a serious incident have been prevented between the offence and receiving notice several weeks later as opposed to the behaviour being recognised and corrected by the high visibility speed reduction campaigns.

Yes, I agree there is no such thing as safe speeding, but concern for any and every vehicle pulled on the verge being a speed camera car, forcing motorists to constantly stare at their speedometer and not the road ahead and their surrounds, scanning for hazards is in itself a hazard for themselves and other motorists.

I know personally, the reminder of a speed camera sign saw me recognise and adjust on the spot, lead to safer driving practices for that journey and beyond - much in the way high visibility policing reduces road offences and in general crime in areas where police presence is known and felt.

We should not be a secretive state, lining the parliamentary purses. We should be about high visibility enforcement and reduction strategies. Through my work, I spend a large majority of time on the roads and have to attend countless motor vehicle accidents, so I see and know all too well the results of bad driving decisions and behaviours, however I also have seen safer driver behaviour aligned with high visibility presence of police and marked, sign posted camera vehicles on our roads. I urge you to reconsider the secretive, incognito tactics of revenue raising and think to what can be done to change driver behaviour and remind motorists in the moment and not several weeks down the track. Why are we not considering well marked camera vehicles with road safety slogans on their rear. A reminder of what can happen, "stop revive survive" messages. Treat safety seriously, and use these vehicles to not only capture offenders like they are designed to do, but also to spread the safety messages to road users.

Thank you for your time.

Regards,

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