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Mobile speed camera enforcement programs in NSW

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I would like to start by stating that I have not personally been fined from a mobile speed camera, however I do disagree with how it has been rolled out and believe it is not there for the sole purpose of ensuring safety on our roads or with the public's best interest at mind. I am aware of the dangers of speeding and the consequences it can have. As much as speeding can be risky and is said to be one of the biggest killers on the roads, I believe operating a vehicle while distracted or inattentive is the greatest risk. When the mobile speed cameras had warning signs I believed they were fair and reasonable. These signs weren't necessarily obvious but it gave motorists a chance to act accordingly when they came up. I believe this filtered the safer drivers who are alert and attentive to the road and the conditions to those who are perhaps careless or distracted or inattentive. I believe this performs the role that they should be intended for. I believe not many accidents are caused solely because a driver was travelling up to 10kms over the speed limit but more likely because they did not have their full attention to the road and their surroundings. I think it is a sneaky, unethical and unfair to remove the warning signs and use mobile speed cameras as a revenue raising money grab. I understand governments need money to run and develop countries, but I believe this is targeting the average citizen who more than likely is just trying to make a living and support their family. I don't believe any could honestly say that is in the best interests of motorists and the safety and wellbeing of the public. Like I said, this has not yet personally affected me, or anyone that I know for that matter, so I don't believe that I am biased, I just believe it is wrong and should be reverted to a more reasonable practice.