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## **MOBILE SPEED CAMERA ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS IN NSW**

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Removal of the signs and signage on and around mobile speed cameras has made mobile speed cameras less visible. Without visibility they have become a trap rather than a deterrent or a symbol for drivers to check their speed.

I do not believe that this is in the best interest of the community. It doesn't stop people at the time of speeding to stop the speeding. Rather, a driver finds out weeks later that they were caught. While a fine itself may be a deterrent, I don't see people doing the speed limit on such concentrations as around speed cameras, mobile or fixed, or highway patrols. It is clear that they have an immediate effect.

Further, I have noticed that the mobile camera formerly marked and signed, now neither has switched sides of the road after being on one for years. It so happens the other side of the road is just past a point in the road where the speed limit reduces. They don't tend to sit where I see accidents, they tend to sit where they're obscured.

On another note, there have been times where I have been driving in an area I don't know and I haven't seen a speed sign for kilometres. Cars around me are going faster than me indicating an increase I either haven't seen or I've turned from one road to another but I don't know the speed. The mobile speed camera signage ensures that I am aware of the correct speed. In the situation above I could be caught for poor speed signage placement. What purpose does that serve, I ask? As someone who has never had a traffic infringement it hasn't impacted me personally. But I look at the rhetoric given by the State for so many years about what constitutes something that will save lives, and this appears at odds. As does the 1200% increase in fines and no corresponding increase in road quality, road safety education or in fact anything different. Except 1200% more revenue from speeding infringements, impacting our community in a different way, a financial one.