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MOBILE SPEED CAMERA ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS IN NSW

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In days gone by, fixed speed camera were placed in “black spot” areas to try and curb the deaths and injuries which have occurred in that area. It’s primary focus was to save lives and if people did not abide by the speed limits the camera would flash, all people in the area would see the flash and attribute that to speeding and ultimately that enforcement tool affected not only the driver but also the people that witnessed the speed camera flashing. In turn everyone would be reminded to check their speed and be careful wherever they go.

New technology emerged and these cameras became mobile meaning they would move to various black spots in the community without the huge outlay of fixed cameras. These had signs and similar affects to the above scenario.

Unmarked mobile speed cameras serve none of these purposes. As the driver is unaware if they were caught. The bystanders are unsure if they were caught. The driver or bystander are potentially not even aware of their existence. Until 2 weeks later a fine arrives in the mail. It would be horrible if the speeding driver who was not given a visual reminder “flash or sign” to check their speed, was involved in a serious accident soon after they passed the unmarked camera and someone was seriously injured or died. In this scenario the purpose of the unmarked camera is void.

For these reasons the signs would return and enforcement should be overt. With Irma like signs, flash’s or even police vehicles with there flashing lights embarrassing the poor driver who has been stopped, which affects all the community not just the person who goes to their mailbox 2 weeks after the fact