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

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Hiding cameras in unmarked cars without signage is a cleave move to raise revenue with any benefit to safety. The increase in speed enforcement through fixed and mobile speed cameras over the past decade has been justified based on the faulty logic that many speed cameras will encourage drivers to maintain the speed limit at all times.

Of this was the case we should have seen an increase in fines immediately after speed cameras were introduced followed by a reduction in fines as road users started maintaining the speed limit at all times. Instead, all we have seen is an ever increasing number of fines issued proving that this approach has not worked or is simply an excuse to increase revenue.

The people behind these policies will point to a reduction in the road toll over the past decade, however, this can and should be attributed to improvement in vehicle safety and road design.

The latest removal of speed signs has only further increased the revenue brought in with zero improvement to safety. It astounds me that anyone could think sending a speeding to someone weeks after they have taken the dangerous action of speeding would somehow prevent that person from speeding.

Finally, Victoria has long taken the approach of hiding speed cameras and they have not managed to reduce the road toll compared to NSW in any significant way. If this does not show the futility of this approach I don't know what does.

I look forward to the day when the government takes responsibility for safety on our roads and significantly improves driver training which is sorely lacking in this country. However, that approach will cost money and not generate any revenue and the government clearly sees the driving public as a group to extract money from, not a group to protect.