

**Submission
No 302**

MOBILE SPEED CAMERA ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS IN NSW

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Dear Committee,

I note that warning signs were removed from mobile speed cameras, which makes me wonder as to the point of the cameras.

If the cameras are intended to raise revenue:

- Cameras should be camouflaged, and the signs should stay away.
- Cameras should be located on long, straight stretches of road where people are more inclined to exceed the posted speed limit.

If the cameras are intended to modify driver behaviour and improve road safety:

- Warning signs should be displayed prominently to provide an incentive for drivers to slow down.
- Cameras should be located at "black spots" ie locations where speed related accidents are common, or at high risk locations such as outside schools, near areas of heavy pedestrian traffic such as near shops etc.

It is my hope that the latter (ie modifying driver behaviour to improve road safety) is the priority, although the removal of signs and the location of one camera in my area* makes me suspect that revenue is actually prioritised.

Please reintroduce the warning signs. Please review the location of cameras so they improve safety at (not a few hundred metres from) dangerous locations.

* I note with disappointment the frequent positioning of a mobile camera in my local area, on a long, straight road with no intersections and very few driveways - see the attached map. By moving the camera just one or two kilometres, the camera could be placed outside any one of four schools (Shellharbour PS, Flinders PS, Shellharbour Anglican College or Stella Maris Catholic School), a busy shopping strip (Addison St Shellharbour) or a "black spot" intersection (Wattle Rd & Shellharbour Rd). Whilst these locations would improve safety, they are likely to raise less revenue. Safety should be the priority.

Thank you for considering my submission.