

**Submission
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MOBILE SPEED CAMERA ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS IN NSW

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I am making this submission to let you know that I like many other are over the NSW Government milking the working man, the unmarked and signless speed cameras, I believe is another way to make profit off it's citizens, as blatantly displayed by the 1600% increase in fine revenue from 2020. The NSW Government as of now is taking from its residents more than it gives across different taxes, levies, stamp duties and now this, how long until all the residents are killed dry for the benefit of the state government?

We only have to think about the way COVID-19 crippled the budget to look for a motivation toward the new signless camera policy - Nobody spent which meant less GST collected, less people bought homes which meant less stamp duty. It's clear to see that the unmarked camera policy, when you assess what was going on in the world at the time of the policy change was not motivated by road safety and the towards zero campaign, but instead directed as a way to fill a gap in the state : financial income.

The point is, when there is an authority in charge of millions of people - those people need ways to ensure that the authority in charge does not go out of control with power and taking more than it gives - the speed camera signs were another control in making sure the state government did not take more than necessary from its people - with it being removed it's clear to see how crippling the policy change is with people losing their license for multiple stacked minor 1-10km over offences - especially in rural areas where the state government does not provide sufficient public transport.

Additionally, there should be a separate inquiry as to why the speed camera cars are funded by Macquarie Bank and contracted privately instead of employed directly by Transport for NSW - why are these cars and wages not funded by the Road Safety Fund which is the purpose for this fund - which other fines and penalties already go into fund? This opens an opportunity for Macquarie Bank to charge the NSW Government more than what the resource and labour is worth for exorbitant profit - whereas if the cars and labour was supplied by the state, the cost of the resource could come under scrutiny whereas the cost of the privately owned cars and labour cannot. On this, in my opinion any item used for the purpose of dealing out penalties should be owned and run directly by a state agency like Transport for NSW with employees directly from them so that the money tax and fine payers provide can be better managed and scrutinised.

Thank you for your time in reading if you did, otherwise take it or leave it.