

**Submission
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MOBILE SPEED CAMERA ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS IN NSW

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As driver / road user of 49 years I feel I am qualified, as are many to make an informed submission for the reintroduction of the signs that signify the presence of a mobile speed camera ahead.

The purpose of legislation is to protect and safeguard us all from actions or situations that endanger individuals, the overall community and property. Speed limits being one of these on our roads in areas where it is necessary and appropriate to the location. It is argued that the signs should be enough and we are breaking the law if we do not comply with them. Agreed we are breaking the law and putting safety at risk. BUT the speed signs are obviously not enough.. our roads are busy, often congested with many distractions be it street signs, motorists ahead behind and coming out of side streets.. pedestrians with death wishes, horses, dogs, wild life who have no concept of road signs, the constant pot holes from badly maintained pavements and crossings to name a few. As motorists we are on guard and concentrating on all that is happening to navigate the ever increasing congested and often dangerous road system. Some of us have children on board, distractions all around. We get distracted and would hope that assistance would be offered not punishment in the form of.. sneaky cars parked and designed to catch you out.. not help..

They were introduced and supposed to act as a deterrent, a presence that is a helpful component of community just like active police presence has proved to be.. highly visible on our roads. The mere fact that your revenue from removing the signs has increased to such figures indicates that removing the signs to increase the safety impact has failed in its objective to reduce speed.. FAILED. Speeding kills and isn't your aim in having mobile cameras to deter speeding - to lower the death toll on our roads. The human cost should be your priority. Raising money should not.

***It is as if you are setting us up for a fall by removing the signs. **. The signs slowed us down, reminded us that we have not been vigilant, been distracted and need to refocus on the task at hand.. Driving to the speed limit.

The objective should be to assist us, and I include all of you who make these laws, to be safer drivers and more importantly stay alive. At the moment all you are doing by removing the signs is creating resentment, increased revenue but no positive outcome in reducing lives lost. I think that speaks for itself. Try something new. Bigger signs perhaps, cutouts of the police standing on the side of the road. Visible reminders to assist, not a means of raising revenue.