

**Submission
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MOBILE SPEED CAMERA ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS IN NSW

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The Chair
Staysafe Committee
Parliament House
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Dear Sir/Madam

Submission: Mobile Speed Camera Enforcement in NSW

Goulburn Mulwaree Council (GMC) would like to make a submission as part of the inquiry into the recent mobile speed camera enforcement program in NSW.

GMC is a regional council with local road networks consisting of 800km of sealed roads and 400km of unsealed roads, with both the Hume and Federal Highway passing through our Local Government Area (LGA).

GMC has a Council endorsed Road Safety Action Plan (the Plan) which is revised every four years. One of the main priorities within the plan is to target the incidence of speeding. Speeding is the cause of 25% of all accidents resulting in casualties on unclassified roads, with over 30% of all crashes occurring on the State Highway.

The Plan contains measurable strategies specifically targeted at speed, including the collection and sharing of traffic data with NSW Police, deployment of the speed trailer for courtesy speed checks and the commitment for continuous improvement across other pillars in the Plan in relation to speed. Council also regularly promotes the Safer Roads NSW website within the community, including directing local residents to the relevant section on the site to nominate their road for mobile speed cameras.

Council has, itself, recommended specific locations for mobile speed cameras on our local roads, and has provided data relating to crash statistics on the behaviour of the drivers involved. Unfortunately, we have received no feedback on our recommendations to date. It is for this reason Council believes that further and cohesive consultation needs to be undertaken between local Councils in general and the mobile speed camera program in relation to the location of mobile speed cameras.

GMC agrees with the increased enforcement hours proposed. However, in relation to the reduced high visibility on vehicles and the removal of warning signs, our local community stakeholders agree that the warning signs are a deterrent for motorist to speed.

GMC believes that the revenue raised from the mobile speed camera program would be better utilised within the local community to educate motorist on the dangers and consequences of speeding. As the statistics prove, locals are dying on local roads and we are all working Towards Zero. We need to reinforce the message that any death or serious injury on our roads is one too many and we all need to work together towards achieving a zero road toll.

Yours faithfully



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