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MOBILE SPEED CAMERA ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS IN NSW

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23 years of trouble free driving is what I pride myself.
No demerits accumulated and no road accidents to this day.

In Newcastle we have countless speed variations it can be easy to miss one.
I always thought it was a great gesture of good faith when highly visible speed camera cars displayed signs before you approach stating "the speed" and signs after stating "your speed has been checked".
It would allow many motorists the opportunity to adjust their speed if some small amount of inattentiveness had occurred.

I also found that having marked and signed cars made a difference.
People would see the highly visible cars and actively change their driving to mirror that of the conditions.

That's why I found it odd when a decision was made to remove signs and stickers from the cars making them camouflaged in plain sight.

I understand the campaign was working.
Fewer fines and fewer deaths.
They had achieved exactly what they had set out to accomplish.

Now I'm no expert on how the government works.
I'm pretty sure without revenue it's hard to run a country.

Implement a campaign to slow drives down with the phrase "saves lives".
Makes highly visible cars and achieves safer roads with less accidents and less fines.
Only to, change campaign to hidden cars, keeps the same phrase "saves lives" while the amount of speeding fines go up 1400%

The irony of this is deafening.

Bring back the signed and stickered cars.
Less fines means slower cars and isn't that what we are trying to achieve?