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## **MOBILE SPEED CAMERA ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS IN NSW**

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Having lost a loved one to road trauma, I strongly support the enforcement of appropriate speed limits within NSW and believe high visibility speed enforcement with immediate consequences is the most effective method.

I drive past multiple mobile speed cameras each week and when they were well signed, there would be an obvious speed reduction towards the approach and after the speed detection vehicle. This in my mind means it is doing exactly what it was intended to do. Reminding motorists that speed has an impact on safety in this localised high risk area.

With the removal of the signs, I'm sure the expectation was everyone would be so paranoid they would never ever speed but instead I now see the same locations becoming more dangerous as people either continue to speed unaware of the presence of the camera vehicle or they perform heavy last minute braking as they realise that SUV has a bunch of cameras in the back or is parked suspiciously off the side of the road. This has a flow on effect where the vehicles behind them are then taking evasive action to overtake / avoid the car that just decided to brake hard for seemingly no reason.

It is my understanding that since mobile speed cameras have been used, there is no evidence indicating a reduction to the road toll and with the removal of the signs, I struggle to understand what value the cameras are providing to anyone but the government. A view that is held by the majority of people that I have spoken with on this issue.

I strongly feel that if the government was truly concerned about reducing the risk of injury and death through the use of mobile speed cameras, higher visibility signage would be used over a greater distance. This would once again restore a reduction in speed within the area deemed as a high risk site.

I believe every dollar of revenue collected from these fines should go towards the following:

Compulsory driving training for learner drivers in the form of defensive driver courses.

Support for existing and new motorsport venues to provide a safe environment for motor vehicle enthusiasts to utilise their vehicles off the street.

Road surface improvements to ensure speed limits are not reduced unnecessarily as a consequence of poor quality roads.

I see an opportunity to restore some faith in the government for their motivation in operating these cameras by reinstating the signs