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MOBILE SPEED CAMERA ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS IN NSW

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To whom it may concern.

I would like to first state that i have no issue with enforcing reasonable speed limits, especially in residential neighbourhoods and school zones. Safety of those who do not have the maturity to stay off the road, ie a child running after a ball or crossing without looking is why i am supportive of enforcing speed limits in these areas.

With this in mind, since the introduction of mobile speed cameras (marked and signposted) i have never seen one of these road safety tools in my suburb, nor have i seen them enforcing road work speed limits. I have only ever seen them on long straight roads with no known fatalities but i high rate of driver speed variance. It is not uncommon to drift 10km under or over the speed limit.

I highly doubt that these speeds are the cause of road crashes and fatalities. A review of any dash cam video will confirm that most accidents are caused by distraction.

The excess speeds which i feel was the focus of removing these signs have had no effect. Exceeding the speed by 30 or more is a planned behaviour and even if the unmarked camera car was to record them speeding the behaviour would continue until a fine arrives in the mail, and even then you would need to rely on honesty to declare the offending driver.

If low level speeding offences are the cause of severe motor accidents then the behaviour needs to be addressed at the time of the infringement. If this is able to happen then i have no further issue with mobile speed cameras.

It would be an absolute waste of time if a mobile speed camera were to observe someone exceeding the speed limit and allow the behaviour to continue until the penalty notice arrives in the mail only for a serious accident to occur before the infringement is received.

In my workplace safework would penalise me if I witnessed an unsafe act occurring and did not address it immediately. If speeding is dangerous, it too should be addressed immediately.

Three weeks is a long time and it is too long to wait if government is actually serious about speed related crashes.

Kind regards

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