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

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Whilst Public Road Safety is an important and often underfunded issue, the removal of signage and warning livery from mobile speed camera vehicles appears to be and is confirmed in practice as nothing more than a revenue raising technique. Whilst preventing road fatalities is of utmost importance, prevention is better than cure and a visible deterrent has been proven time and again to be effective unlike the one report from Monash university that suggests that there could be a reduction in speed related road deaths, however the empirical data from other jurisdictions such as South Australia shows that is not the case.

Furthermore, the MSDC's are frequently being used in low or no accident zones during periods that would strongly suggest they are not being used to reduce speed related trauma or deaths but to boost the states failing economy. The fact that the increase of fines issued are for offences under 10km/h also shows that the removal of signage does not work as speed related trauma and deaths are most often related to high speed and other factors such as fatigue, alcohol or other drugs or inexperience.

Lastly, there has been no increase in road safety campaigns or improving known black soots with the money raised by the changes to the operating hours and procedures of MSDC's. The only increase is in advertising speed camera's under the misconstrued falsehood that they actually save lives and prevent trauma, when the data that this government chooses not to use shows that Speed Cameras that are marked and in known crash zones are the only ones that work and even that is not all the time.