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

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Australia and NSW do not need any speed cameras. What we need is consistent national road rules and clearly marked speed zones. Currently the speed limit changes so often that most of the time it is hard to know what the speed limit is from one minute to the next. As I travel extensively around the country I am not always familiar with the road or where the speed limit changes. So with the lack of police on the road booking real menaces such as tailgaters, and people hogging the right lane or people on the phone, outsourcing all of this to technology is not providing any deterrence at the time of the problem behavior.

I am happy to follow the speed limit if it is obvious what it is. The lack of consistency is the biggest problem and the obsession with speed/revenue means a lot of drivers are spending more time looking at the speedometer than the road. Perhaps the responsibility for road safety should be partly on the people that make and maintain the roads. Well designed intersections and clear transitions from built up speed limits to open road speed limits. Some towns have 60 ahead signs some 50 ahead some of them are 500 Meters to the speed zone some are 50 meters down a hill. Most of the time I am towing a trailer and the constant lack of consistency makes it hard to judge when to slow down. If you slow down too early a vehicle that knows the road or is impatient will end up tailgating you. If you slow down too late then you risk being in a 50 zone at 65Kph. I hate to think how difficult it is in a heavy vehicle.

Most other places around the world have a lot more leniency on speed than we do in Australia.

There are a lot of people that drive to the speed limit that have no idea what the car is capable of so when it is wet or icy they crash. Perhaps some improved driver training and better roads would help the road safety more than speed cameras, but it is expensive. The federal government has shown us with Covid that money can be created from thin air, so maybe if lives are so important we can create some money out of thin air to fix roads and train drivers, rather than tax motorists with punitive measures for a problem not really of their making.

Cheers

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