

**Submission
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MOBILE SPEED CAMERA ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS IN NSW

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I drive 40-50,000kms per year. A person who does 10,000kms per year has the same number of points as me. That is an inequity which is obvious but something which many do not consider. I drive on roads that I am not familiar with and often in heavy traffic, both city and country. I was taught to drive to the conditions of the road and keep my eyes on the road at all times. Last year, I was in heavy traffic which sped up and slowed down with the flow. I have lost my licence a number of times but had never been booked for a red light or school zone. That day last year, I was very much concerned with the traffic and the conditions but did not know the area at all. I got booked twice the same afternoon. Once in a school zone for the first time (less than 10 over). I accept that because I understand why school zones and limits exist. I teach motor mechanics, my vehicles are constantly maintained and the vehicle I was driving had racing breed tyres on it (stopping and manoeuvrability have no comparison with lesser quality tyres).

What I do have trouble with is that, these days, I am finding that my concentration is drifting toward watching for where these new speed cameras are lurking. Their existence is taking my mind off the road I am driving on to see if they are in the distance, just in case I am a few kilometres over. That is a very dangerous thing but I have become concerned that a slight slip in concentration could lose me my licence.

When these fines are posted, it has little effect on the habits of the driver.

My other concern is that it appears that the government has farmed out the cameras to private operators. I strongly disagree with a non governmental business being able to post me a fine.