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MOBILE SPEED CAMERA ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS IN NSW

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I find it hard to believe that making people pay additional attention to their speedometer to make sure they don't go 4km/h over the speed limit rather than paying attention to the road in front of them is of any benefit to safety, in fact I would argue the opposite.

Beyond the obvious fact that checking your speed more often is distracting drivers from their surroundings, this hidden speed camera system disproportionately affects people with longer commutes and later hours of work, as they will be driving for longer with potentially more fatigue, thus more exposed to the potential of unintentionally exceeding the speed limit, these people are commonly of lower house hold income as well, so the fines mean a significant burden for an insignificant mistake they made weeks earlier.

It is a petty money grab, nothing more. The evidence is clear.

If the goal were to make drivers more cautious and well behaved on the roads, there would be more investment in police presence on the road funded by predictable taxes not surprise fines in the mail.

How can you expect any real safety benefit from something that is invisible? in fact, I could argue that someone who speeds past a hidden camera, then noticed as they pass that it was a speed camera, would then potentially drive recklessly in anger of being fined..... considering the short temper of a lot of drivers on the road, this seems like a highly likely situation.

I could continue with more reasons against the use of hidden cameras, however I'm confident that these issues are obvious to any who have a shred of logic, so I am only making my point to add to the voices which strongly disagree with this system.