

**Submission
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MOBILE SPEED CAMERA ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS IN NSW

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To the Legislative Committee for mobile speed camera enforcement programs in NSW,

I am writing to you regarding the removal of signage for mobile speed cameras.

As a road user in New South Wales, I feel that the removal of the signage from these cameras is unjust.

The removal of signage around mobile speed cameras shows little care for the road users of New South Wales. There have been times that I have found mobile speed cameras in operation in areas that have poor speed signage or in areas that have had recent speed reductions. This adds unwarranted stress to road users, taking away precious concentration from what is happening on the road, and instead redirected it to constant speed checking, and looking out for hidden cameras.

Having removed signs around mobile speed cameras, it takes away the ability of drivers to correct their driving behaviour during the course of their drive. A mobile speed camera often has a fine sent out many days, if not multiple weeks after the event has taken place. May I ask how this type of negative re-enforcement corrects the actions of drivers? I understand that a driver being unaware of their potential misdemeanour will continue to do so, thus continuing to pose a risk to other road users during their drive. A fine in the mail, a significant period of time after the event, does not correct those actions at play at the time.

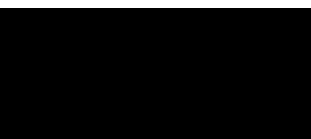
The removal of speed signage for mobile speed cameras has been justified by its supposed action in reducing the number of road fatalities, significantly. In the current road fatalities statistics, it shows that there has been an increase in the number of driver fatalities between 2020 and 2021. In relation to the amount of revenue raised, verses the reduction in the road toll, there has not been a consistent outcome with the justification given.

Furthermore, given that the operation of mobile speed cameras is done by a third party, which is owned by a private entity, suggests that the government has handed away control of road safety, in return for profit. This again reinforces the lack of care towards given towards drivers on NSW roads.

I ask that the Legislative Committee move to reinstate the signage around speed cameras, as well as change the legislation around the operation of mobile speed cameras to be inline with that of fixed camera units.

Ideally, removing all mobile speed cameras for an increased police presence would go further to correcting driver misdemeanours, as they will be corrected at the time of the event.

Your sincerely as a NSW resident and road user,

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