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MOBILE SPEED CAMERA ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS IN NSW

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The imposing of this revenue raising tactic, especially over the pandemic period is such a heartless, and greedy move by this government.

I am a self employed entertainer, living in the Blue Mountains.

I am an international award winning [REDACTED] artist, who has travelled the world teaching my craft. A large part of my existence is driving. I drive a advertisement wrapped van, which, due to the cost of living in NSW, is both my everyday vehicle and my work vehicle. During the covid pandemic I have felt the need to visit a psychologist and hence have been diagnosed, and are being medicated for anxiety. This is mainly due to my livelihood disappearing, my relationship breaking up, and being that my business is self titled, the whole world doing its best to remind me that I am non essential. My identity as a human is tied up in what I do, and what I do is seen as non essential.

Bear in mind that gig workers, artists, and entertainers were massively overlooked in the current government's covid stimulus packages.

The Great Western highway and M4 is my main arterial to get to greater Sydney. I avoid tolls as I can't afford them. I am often harassed by smaller car drivers, who either become impatient behind any larger vehicle, or are frustrated with my doing the speed limit.

While I have had infringements for oversights in the past, in my almost 20 years driving, never has any of those been for speeding. Until last month.

An unmarked mobile camera captured me in the transition from a 70 zone, to a 60 zone. Something that happens often on the GWH. One hidden click, and almost a third of my covid relief payment was gone. I am aware this is my fault, however the purpose of law enforcement should be to stop the infraction from happening, a job that is done so well by signed speed cameras.

Unmarked police cameras neither stop the infraction OR slow the traffic, and for a cabinet minister to tell us that this move is not about revenue raising is nothing but dishonesty incarnate. This has been shown time and time again in studies, but it doesn't take a genius to figure out what is more effective at slowing traffic, and reducing speeding.

When will this state government stop bleeding it's people dry? Tolls, rates, property prices, the cost of living is exploding, and many of us are being left behind.