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MOBILE SPEED CAMERA ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS IN NSW

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing today to express my personal view on the NSW Governments intention to increase the presence of unmarked roadside speed cameras threefold.

I do not believe this is with the intention of increasing road safety, and is a blatant attempt at revenue raising instead.

While I believe roadside speed cameras definitely have their place, to suggest there is evidence for the need of increasing the presence so hugely is unconvincing.

Offenders are not stopped for speeding infringements when they are caught on a mobile speed camera. I believe that this is counter intuitive to keeping roads safe, as the person may not even know they were caught until up to as long as four weeks after the event. Receiving a fine and loss of demerits in the mail as a punishment is not nearly as effective as having marked police cars present.

If it is in the interest of safety, the mobile speed cameras should be in places that are requested by, or at least approved by the community. And not just set up in places for maximum revenue raised. I know that on Bay Street, at Brighton-Le-Sands, the people are crying out for a FIXED speed camera to inhibit hooning around the high pedestrian area, and can see how a signed fixed camera would do the job of minimising hooning exceedingly well, and keeping people safe. Imagine in the same scenario where the camera was an unmarked mobile vehicle, the drivers are unaware or not likely to notice the presence of the camera, and so they may be more like to drive in a manner that immediately puts lives and safety at risk.

The government has not been put in place to so blatantly use the people as a means for revenue raising. Mobile speed cameras are not the new road tax for the unassuming. Mobile speed cameras keep the driver on the road without alerting them of their infringement, this does not punish the driver until a much later date, so they are able to continue without correcting their behaviour, which in turn puts people at risk.

I am very open to alternate measures being implemented to curb road accidents. It is something that I think definitely needs to be addressed, as even one death on the roads is too many; and we see the toll from road accidents in the hundreds every year. It is an absolute tragedy. The presence of mobile speed cameras have been increasing, but the statistics of injury and death have not decreased as you would have imagined if mobile speed cameras actually worked to reduce speeding related accidents/deaths.

I would suggest a campaign that targets speeding, instead of slapping on increased monetary fines, have a highly broadcast campaign that first and foremost informs road users of the risk and punishment, increase the demerits points for speeding related infringements, especially for when caught in high risk scenario (ie school zone, built up pedestrian 40km area, multi lane intersections, and traffic dense intersections, and highway intersections), and repeat offenders are to have their licence suspended immediately.

I think that police can also and should also target car safety, I notice all too often cars without head or tail lights, and know just how dangerous this is on the road.

I am yet to be convinced as to why the government can feel these measures are in the interest of public safety, and if it is revenue raising, why do they feel so entitled to reach in to the pocket of the unassuming and take what they want without it being properly put forward to inform the people.