

**Submission
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MOBILE SPEED CAMERA ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS IN NSW

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The Hon. Lou Amato MLC
Chair – Joint Standing Committee on Road Safety
Parliament House
Macquarie Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Mr Amato

MOBILE SPEED CAMERA ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS IN NSW

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission. City of Newcastle (CN) understands that changes were introduced in November 2020 to NSW's mobile speed camera program, in relation to enforcement hours, reduction in high visibility livery on vehicles and removal of warning signs, bringing NSW in line with other Australian jurisdictions. CN is supportive of changes and heightening of 'anywhere-anytime' expectation of detection and is also supportive of income from fines being allocated to road safety improvements.

Many drivers overestimate their own driving ability, and low level speeding is widespread. Numerous complaints are made to City of Newcastle each year about speeding. Frequently, requests are made to install speed management devices, such as road cushions or road humps. While effective, these devices are not without issues. They can be costly to install, and, depending on the road base material, may cause unwelcome noise and vibration impacts. It would be preferable for people to 'do the right thing'.

Openly drawing attention to when speeding is occurring may have some benefit. CN supports measures such as those taken by Sunshine Coast Council¹ in deploying speed awareness monitoring signs, and encourages the Committee to consider expansion of the program of mobile speed cameras to similar signage, potentially as a precursor to implementation of mobile speed cameras. CN also requests the Committee to consider a process whereby councils can nominate locations for installation of speed awareness messaging, and receive timely advice about deployment of devices.

Should you require any further information on this matter please contact [REDACTED]

Yours faithfully

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Simon Grierson
MANAGER TRANSPORT AND COMPLIANCE

¹ Refer to <https://www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/Living-and-Community/Roads-and-Transport/Road-Safety/Speed-Awareness-Monitoring-Signs>.