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MOBILE SPEED CAMERA ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS IN NSW

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I do not support the increase of speed camera numbers or the removal of warning signs.

The fines and loss of demerit points imposed for these mainly minor misdemeanors cause significant social and economic problems. I am sure many suicides are directly related to harassment of people on the roads by the state. It can cost peoples livelihoods when they rely on a drivers licence for their business or work. In 2019, 3,318 Australians took their own lives. How many of the 3,318 were pushed over the threshold by the overbearing arm of the state in the so called interest of road safety?

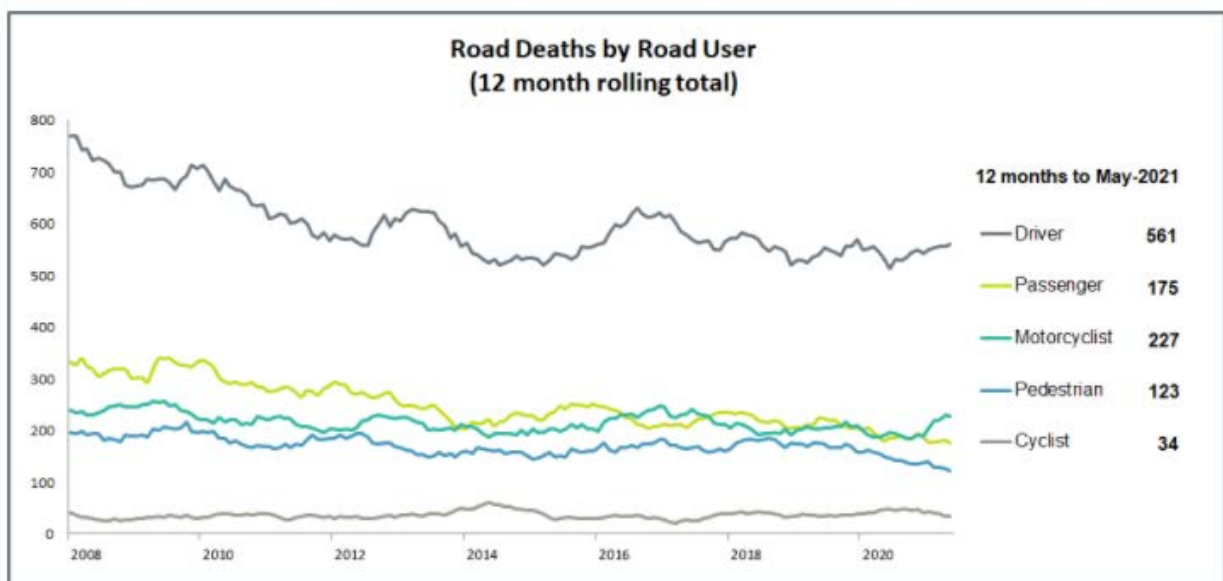
The lowering of speed limits is relentless and causes so much frustration. It creates ample opportunities for overzealous, zero tolerance traffic police to harass the public over nothing.

As can be seen in the graph below despite the various "road safety" initiatives being run over the last 10 years they have had little or no effect on preventing deaths. The greatest advances in preventing road deaths has always been from the continuous improvement in automotive safety by car manufactures, better road design, and higher standards of road maintenance.

The numbers of deaths also need to be put into perspective. In 2019 there were Approx. 1200 road deaths, and 169000 total deaths registered in the same year. Of the 1200 road deaths less than 500 were related to speeding.

In summary, road safety must be looked at from a Wholisitc perspective. Draconian laws that make the public criminals if they exceed 50kmh is definitely not the way.

If the goal is to save lives and improve road safety, start with the roads, provide driver training to beginners that will give them skills for life. Reduce the horrible anxiety of driving on the roads by getting rid of the senseless cameras!



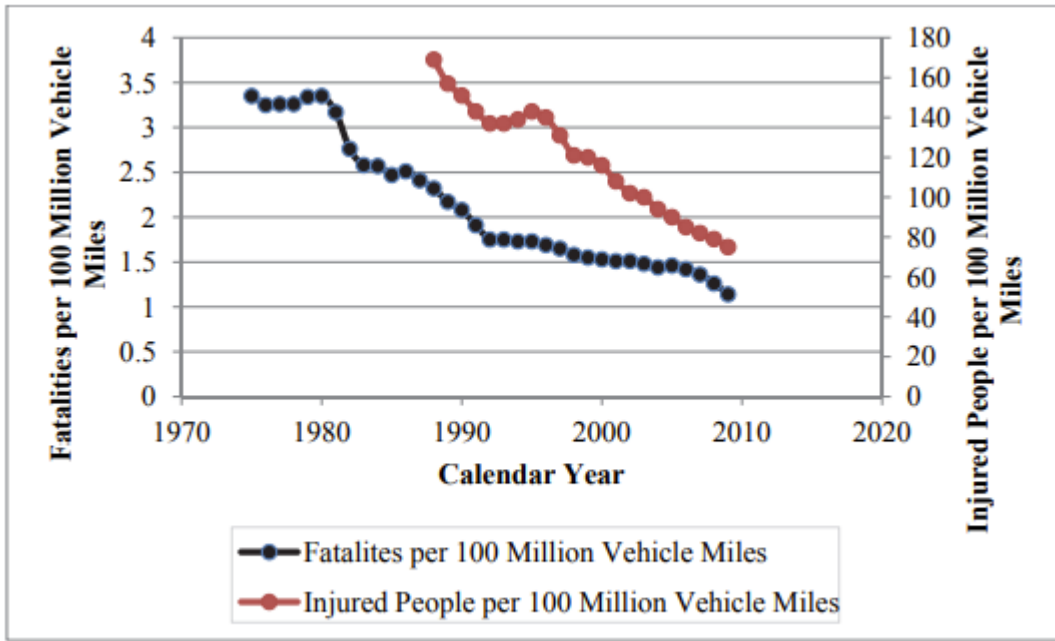


Figure 1-1: Fatalities and People Injured per 100 Million Miles Traveled