

**Submission
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MOBILE SPEED CAMERA ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS IN NSW

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**CENTRAL NSW
JOINT ORGANISATION**

- Bathurst
- Blayney
- Cabonne
- Cowra
- Forbes
- Lachlan
- Oberon
- Orange
- Parkes
- Weddin

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Reference: jm:jb 210727

Amato, Lou (LIB, LC Member)
Joint Standing Committee on road safety
Parliament House
6 Macquarie Street
Sydney NSW 2000

Dear Chairman Amato,

Re: Mobile speed camera enforcement programs in NSW

Local Government Regional Joint Organisations (JOs) were proclaimed in May 2018 under the NSW Local Government Act 1993. The Central NSW Joint Organisation (CNSWJO) represents over 200,000 people covering an area of more than 50,000sq kms comprising the Local Government Areas of Bathurst, Blayney, Cabonne, Cowra, Forbes, Lachlan, Oberon, Orange, Parkes, Weddin, and Central Tablelands Water.

Tasked with intergovernmental cooperation, leadership and prioritisation, JOs have consulted with their stakeholders to identify key strategic regional priorities. The CNSWJO Strategic Plan can be found here: https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/51b46b_31886650ecf546bc916f15e99a733b3e.pdf

We understand the terms of reference for this inquiry to be:

The Committee will inquire into, and report on recent changes to the mobile speed camera program in NSW, with reference to:

- a) the nature and timing of those changes*
- b) research, modelling, and the evidence base of fatality and serious injury reduction*
- c) the views of key road user groups, including the community views towards these changes*
- d) the nature and oversight of compliance or enforcement contracts with government and private companies*
- e) the projected impact on revenue generated by these changes*
- f) the ongoing funding of road safety and the Community Road Safety Fund, both through fines and enforcement activities, and future government contributions*
- g) enforcement activities, including the balance between direct police enforcement and camera enforcement*
- h) the impact to people living in regional and rural areas*
- i) those of low socio-economic backgrounds and Indigenous people*
- j) the impact on P plate drivers*
- k) any other related matters*

The Central NSW JO speaks for over 157,000 people covering an area of more than 47,000sq kms comprising of Bathurst, Blayney, Cabonne, Cowra, Forbes, Lachlan, Oberon, Orange, Parkes, and Weddin.

We welcome the opportunity to provide feedback on the Mobile speed camera enforcement programs in NSW. This region is a strong advocate for the safety for all road users. Our members support the approach that prevention and education is best.

The Board supports the NRMA policy, that prevention and education is best, and given our long travel distances in rural and regional NSW the visual cue to slow down from a speed camera warning sign is a good reminder.

Speeding is an offence, and should carry a penalty, however in regional areas a driver's licence is a necessity as:

- there is not a simple solution if having to make an alternative arrangement should a licence be suspended;
- there is limited access to affordable public transport;
- holding a licence could be the difference to holding one's job;
- given the lack of alternative transport options this also has potential impacts on carers in the region and transport to schools.

The use of a visible mobile vehicle coupled with the warning sign ahead acted as a reminder and prompted the driver to slow and allow time to correct their bad driving.

The Board understands that the revenue from all mobile cameras detected by speeding offences is directed to Community Road Safety Funds to support priority road safety programs, and the majority of investment in infrastructure safety upgrades will go to country NSW.

CNSWJO would welcome to opportunity to codesign programs that improve road safety in the region with the extra income.

Please feel free to contact me on [REDACTED] should you wish to discuss further.

Yours sincerely,

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