

**Submission
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MOBILE SPEED CAMERA ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS IN NSW

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Dear Sir/ Madam

I write to you in reference to the above, in particular points, (c) and (e). I am particularly concerned about the clear and obvious NSW government (read Andrew Constance) 'revenue raising' tactics, and his apparent manipulation of figures in relation to the fatalities from speeding over a given period of time, which lies in contradiction to the motoring industry figures and analysis. I have not had a speeding fine in over ten years, and try to be a decent driver at all times. A warning notice of a mobile speed camera has always served to remind me to adhere to the speed limit applicable to that particular stretch of road. Removal of warning signs serves no benefit other than to line the NSW state government coffers.

(c) As a road user with a full drivers licence for over 40 years, I fail to understand the logic of a penalty notice received in the post 3-7 days after a speeding violation has occurred. If a person speeds and causes an accident resulting in injury and death, and a penalty notice is imposed after the event, what is the benefit to anybody other than the current state treasurer?

(e) I would be delighted if the Andrew Constance and the NSW Government would advise as to the projected impact of these revenue raising tactics. The figures are astonishing, despite NSW speed camera revenue climbing from \$478,580 in March 2020 to \$6.3 million in March 2021 it has made little impact on road fatalities. Despite this, The NSW state government has the gall to fund a series of television adverts, (presumably from the vast sums of cash generated by the revenue raising exercise) to justify the removal of mobile speed camera warnings. I wonder how that conversation went.

A - "Lets remove the Mobile speed camera warning signs to increase our revenue"

B - "That will not go down well with the public, how will we justify this with the road users?"

A - "I know, lets use the revenue we collect from them, to fund a series of TV adverts, so we can tell them how unmarked mobile speed cameras prevent speeding"

B - "So we fine them, and use the money we collect to tell them they will get a penalty in the post after they have been caught speeding. So how does this prevent speeding?"

A - "It doesn't prevent speeding, but the TV campaign will say it does"

B - "So the speeding campaign says unmarked mobile camera's actually prevent speeding, when clearly they don't so its not prevention, and it won't help slow down a speeding vehicle, is that right?"

A - "Technically yes, but Monash University told me that fatalities will decrease dramatically, so we can just ignore the figures, feedback and advice from the motor industry boards like NRMA"

B - "But the Monash University data was completely useless, so surely we would be better off with more mobile/fixed speed cameras with warnings to slow drivers down, and of course more police cars with camera's?"

Regards – Rick Ferguson