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MOBILE SPEED CAMERA ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS IN NSW

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To Whom It May Concern,

My understanding is that the introduction of mobile speed cameras was to reduce the number of fatalities in traffic blackspot areas where fatalities had occurred or where there was a high likelihood that they would occur. Signage warning drivers that they are approaching a speed camera slows drivers down, and hence reduces the likelihood of an accident and possible fatalities occurring in that high risk area. In recent times this concept seems to have morphed into a money making scheme for the Government. Taking away signage means that speeding drivers will be caught and subsequently fined, AFTER THE FACT, but does nothing to slow them down in the first instance, possibly leading to another fatality in that blackspot area.

The removal of warning signage appears to be a blatant revenue raising scheme by the Government, as has already been revealed by the massive increase in speeding fines accrued since the signage has been removed. However, the decrease in speed related deaths doesn't appear to be in proportion to the increase in speeding fine revenue. And with the Government proposing a huge increase in the number of operating hours for mobile speed cameras then one can only assume there to be an even bigger increase in speed camera revenue moving forward.

When I read a forecast increase in speeding fines in every NSW Government budget for the last few years I can't help but be cynical about the supposed touted road safety spin put into this. If the Government were truly serious about road safety and were actually developing effective road safety measures then surely speeding and its associated revenue would be decreasing in every new budget, not escalating out of control as it appears to be doing now.

Maybe it's time for Governments to stop taking the easy way out by using motorists as a cash cow in the name of road safety and develop some actual real measures to reduce the fatalities on our roads.