

**Submission
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MOBILE SPEED CAMERA ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS IN NSW

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The recent changes have done nothing to improve road safety, All they have done is alienate drivers from the Government... Receiving an infringement notice many days or even weeks after an event does not change anyone's behaviour but simply makes you angry.. chances are you have no recollection of when or where the offence has happened. If your partner was driving your vehicle it could even be a cause of arguments possibly escalating to domestic violence if neither party remembers who was driving.

For the record I am 67 have been driving since I was 18 have no demerit points and in the last 4 years I have driven in the USA, Canada, Germany, France, Sweden, Austria, & Switzerland.

The NSW focus is far too much on the premise that Speed kills and if motorists are slowed down the road toll and trauma will also be reduced.

There is no Argument that "Excessive Speed" is dangerous, However, what is far more dangerous is lack of driver education and dismally lacking driving skills and driver courtesy

GERMAN Drivers are trained properly... by qualified instructors, they are not taught poorly by their parents and learn all the parents bad behaviours. Once a German driver has their licence, which is not a right but an expensive investment, they are a fully qualified driver and are allowed to drive at the speed limit, even on the Autobahn. They are taught courtesy, roundabouts, USING ONE INDICATOR. how to create an emergency lane on a freeway, the zipper system when merging. to name a few They actually laughed when I explained the red and green P plate system... What so they can't be trusted on the road.? how do they drive on a freeway? Do they teach airline pilots the same way in Australia? Any form of road rage and gestures are heavily fined and can land you in court...

Germany has untold speed cameras but the focus is not on speed even 20kmh over is only a small fine with no demerit points. but tailgate someone and you could instantly lose your licence

Summary:

- Keep the speed cameras but reinstate the signs.. This will slow drivers down.
- Spend more on driver training.
- Stop unqualified persons from teaching people how to drive.
- Driving school only ... or a course you have to pass before you can teach.
- More police on the roads
- Getting pulled over by the police and a serious lecture or receiving a ticket works to change behaviour, a fine in the mail does not work.
- Less emphasis on speed and more on other behaviours.
- Review multiple speed limit changes, they are confusing and a distraction On one 9km drive near Wollongong there are over 12 changes in 9km.... 50;70;60;70;50;40;50;40;50;40;60;90 (Flinders to Albion Park)

Thank You

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