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MOBILE SPEED CAMERA ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS IN NSW

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Hello,

I was just looking at the committee's website and noticed all the programs listed there. While I appreciate those involved are doing their best, I can't help but wonder why we keep putting arbitrary limits and rules in place for downstream issues. One anecdote comes to mind as an example; we keep seeing and hearing these road safety campaigns that speed kills, or speed is a factor in every accident. Well, yes, that's obvious when we are seeing 1 tonne plus vehicles being controlled by people with varying skill. We now see this unmarked speed trap thing going on, as well as more average speed recording and other various cameras.

What comes to mind when I see and hear all of this is one simple thing. What is the root cause? Drivers not being able to assess and travel at the right speed for the conditions, not speed, is the issue. Drivers being able to assess risk and take mitigation measures. Drivers with experience to know when a car is about to lose control, how to avoid an obstacle, how to look ahead and adjust before arriving at a potential risk etc.

We now see drivers pulling into a turning lane, stopping at the lights, waiting for the green light, then turning on the indicator and driving around the corner. Why? Because they are following the arbitrary instruction, not understanding the outcome and being able to think about how to achieve it.

In my view, an idea might be to make getting and keeping a license more difficult.

1. Enforce advanced driving experience training. Make sure drivers can control a car up to and beyond where it is stable. Make sure they understand how to brake properly and when. How to use the power of their car, the gears, brakes etc to get out of a bad situation.
2. Ensure any new laws are known by long term drivers. Make theory testing mandatory every 3 years.
3. Keep bad habit forming to a minimum. Ensure drivers aren't slipping into bad and unsafe habits. Have a driving test every 5 years to ensure drivers are still taking the appropriate time and actions to ensure they are driving in a safe manner.
4. Ensure inexperienced drivers are taught by someone that is not teaching them bad habits. I don't know how many times I've seen learner drives doing horrible bad habits that are obviously being passed on, or not picked up by, a driver that perhaps shouldn't even be driving themselves.

If we look at this, we will start to see less issues out on the road. We treat the root cause, not the downstream symptom. We reduce harm, not increase revenue.

I don't know if this committee has any say on this kind of thing, but I thought I'd share my thoughts either way. If not, perhaps you could suggest a best way to submit my ideas.

Sincerely,
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