

Economic Development Committee

Inquiry into the road safety benefits of fixed  
speed cameras

Submission 3

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**Speed enforcement:**

the appropriate role for fixed speed cameras should be to deter and catch the drivers who use excess speed, catching those driving up to 10 - 15kmh over the posted limit to overtake a driver who is driving just at or below the posted limit should not be a objective as these slower drivers frustrate the other drivers and sometimes cause incidents, the frustrated driver is penalised whilst the slow driver gets away to causer another incident, prominent signage just informs the drivers that there is a camera ahead allowing them to check their speed, the drivers who are using excessive speed only slow for the cameras and accelerate when out of the cameras range,

**Fixed speed cameras:**

these cameras only slow drivers who are exceeding the posted limit until they are past the camera, they do nothing to change drivers behavior. these cameras should be placed before a known incident blackspot so as to slow drivers before they are at the blackspot, high traffic areas should also be a criteria to slow drivers so as to encourage safer driving at the moment they are placed where they can raise the most revenue from drivers who are concentrating on the road conditions and exceed the limit by a small amount. they are more suited when placed facing a merging point to slow the drivers and encourage safer merging, they should no be used to only deter speeding motorists, they should be used to modify drivers attitudes also.

**New technology:**

the new technology will only make drivers focus much more time on their speed at the expence of drivers concentrating on the environment and driving conditions, we have the technology to have transponders on every speed sign to let the driver know the limit has changed, up or down, and if the driver is exceeding the limit, as not all signs are seen by drivers and unknowingly exceed the limit and are unfairly penalised for this. ridding the roads of ( very ) old cars will do more to reduce the road toll than many other ways, these cars ( old ) are a danger when travelling at the posted limit and far more a risk when they exceed the limit.

**Comments:**

using mobile cameras and laser detectors to catch drivers who are just "going with the flow" of traffic and unknowingly are speeding is just revenue raising, if a driver is detected speeding up to 15kmh should get a warning notice, detected twice in a 3 month period and then fine them, detected again in the next 6 months and then the fine should be doubled and the money used to pay for the driver to attend a driver training session where a road rules test is part of the course, in essence, more driver training is needed for some drivers, especially those who have been driving for many years and become out of touch with updated rules and changed road conditions