

Economic Development Committee

Inquiry into the road safety benefits of fixed
speed cameras

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Speed enforcement:

1. Cameras should be used outside schools and in known Black spots. Placing them in a brand new tunnel has just proved you are only after our money rather than being interested in saving lives. Speed is a minor factor you should be concentrating on. Yes people should follow and abide by the limits but somebody doing 65 in a 60 zone on an empty road is not dangerous however that same person doing 60 in a school zone is where you should be placing your efforts. 2. NO!!! Everyone just slams on the brakes for no apparent reason because of cameras.

Fixed speed cameras:

3. They do not change behaviour at all. Crash risk is increased as people slam on the anchors when approaching a camera. People are also paying way to much attention to their speedo rather than the road and other road users. 4. Black spots and school zones. Anywhere else is just revenue raising. We all know it, you know, just admit it. Save the money and invest it in "marked" police cars on the road and better driver education. 5. Again school zones only.

New technology:

6. Yes!!! People will be watching their speedo rather than the road. That is DANGEROUS. Forget speed and look at idiots who dont indicate, lane hop and tailgate. Those are more likely to cause accidents. 7. For christs sake, forget speed! You will never, repeat NEVER be able to stop idiots doing excessive speeds for the road situation and they will cause accidents. Its sad, but its true. A higher police presence on the roads, that means marked cars not undercover, remember your trying to save lives not raise money (coppers in unmarked cars will not change peoples attitude), this will make people think twice before being idiots on the road. 8. They are a waste of money. We all know you make millions from them but to reduce road-related risks you need to look at more import things other than speed. Anyone who has had their license for more than 10 yrs has no idea about road rules for a start. It is far to easy to get a license as well. Ive been in the country a few years now and had to sit a practical test to obtain a license to drive here. Unfortunatly on that test i miss judge a mini roundabout and clipped the curb upon exiting. I also nudge the curb whilst performing a turn in the road. I Passed!!!! I should have failed!!!! I was very surprised, but i now ask the question who else passes for big mistakes. I take a pride in my driving but also have a friend who passed even after a horrid test and a heap of mistakes. Its pathetic.

Comments:

As ive stated above, please forget speed as the ugly monster on our roads and start looking else where. Better road quality, a speed limit for roads that suits those roads. The highway from Brisbane to the Gold Coast should be 130. The new stretch of highway north of Brisbane should be 130. Speed is not the enemy. Testing should be of a higher quality with increased training. Take a leaf out of the Scandinavians book, its not difficult. More police on the road in marked cars, sneaking around is not going to work. Cameras do not catch people not indicating, lane hopping and tailgating and general bad driving. Im just sick of the governments stand on driving in general. People who enjoy cars are labelled as hoons as well as those who like to perform modifications, including off road enthusiasts. Throwing all your eggs in the speed basket is old and everyone is tiered of the revenue raising produced from it. This country is becoming more like China or N.Korea by the day. It is not the country i believed i was moving to. Rant Off.