

Economic Development Committee

Inquiry into the road safety benefits of fixed  
speed cameras

Submission 24

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**Speed enforcement:**

1/ i don't think there is a role. i like most people think it is revenue raising, an under handed way at that. what happens 500 meters up the road? i have been fortunate enough to travel by road through our country, what i have found is that it is not the average person travelling at 5 to 10 ks over the speed limit that is causing the problems. and most of the time these cameras are set up on good roads with dual lanes. the problems are caused by stupidity. one time i was driving on the bruce hwy to brisbane. there had been rain so that had made the situation a little worse. there seem to be some irregularity in the way the traffic was flowing ahead of us. and when we approached this vehicle we soon found out why. what this idiot was doing was driving in the left lane, then when other vehicles went to pass he would change into the right lane. then he would slow when he passed a vehicle on the left, effectively blocking the road. this caused people to pass on the left. when i tried to get around and away from the idiot he did the same to me. also he and his passengers thought it was quite funny. i rang the police, whether anything was done i am not sure. no amount of speed cameras would have caught this idiot. meanwhile most people drive responsibly, if they drive occasionally on good roads for short periods 5 to 10 ks over the limit so what. get out there and catch the idiots.

**Comments:**

also more stringent control on p plate drivers. again it was a p plate driver that almost ran me off the road on the david low way. she barged her way through with no regard to other drivers. on top of that she sped all the way to maroochydore. again this person may be able to drive a vehicle, but she had no idea how to conduct herself on the road. so if it had not been for my experience there would of been a collision. and no speed camera set up in that location would have done one ounce of good. i would have reported her, though after the last time i thought it may have been a waste of time. another thing that would help after just seeing a p plate driver killing himself and mate in a car accident, could we have installed in there cars some sort of device that would tell authorities that they have been habitually speeding. it seems that these young drives think they are bullet proof, there needs to be a way that they can be monitored, maybe this will decrease our road toll