

Economic Development Committee

Inquiry into the road safety benefits of fixed  
speed cameras

Submission 47

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**Speed enforcement:**

1. Put them where most crashes occur. 2. No. You need to trap the idiots, not the observant - who probably are driving within their limits.

**Fixed speed cameras:**

3. No idea. See other comments below. 4. See answer to 1 above. 5. Yes, see answer 1 above.

**New technology:**

6. How can you have excessive monitoring - if it is done appropriately? 7. Not involved in that area of technology, so can't comment. 8. Main issue is make them prominent and in places where crashes most occur.

**Comments:**

Let's get the facts straight. The causes of crashes are multiple. Speed is only one factor. When you put a speed limit on a road, you are (or should be) catering for the lowest common denominator. There are many factors involved in "crashes". State of the car, state and experience of the driver, state of the road, state of the weather conditions. Clear up the state of cars. You can own a rust bucket here for years with defective steering/suspension/tyres/brakes - you name it, and stay on the road. What statistics do you have on cars like this that are involved in crashes? Yearly enforced check up will weed out these cars. (OK it is open to roting, but atleast you are trying to cover this angle). Spend money on having signs that show speed limits based on wether conditions. As I understand it (and can quite believe), most serious crashes/deaths occur on country roads. Why concentrate on populated areas? If you want people to get behind any cause, they have got to see it as being beneficial to them, theirs, or the community. Your speed cameras are seen by us public as a revenue collector. Show they aren't by using them judiciously (not at the bottom of a hill!) in known problem areas. Read the papers. Lots of people asking for help in known black spots. Either you guys are brain dead, or there is no doubt that this is a revnue raising exercise.