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dear jason,  
so again the community gets no choice, we are continually assaulted by this government by the implementation of new taxes camouflaged as something we need. instead of wasting the money they get, spend some on education. i don't know but you can probably bet that the most irresponsible speeders are young people who just don't know. now i was young once and i thought i was pretty bullet proof. and no, i am not bashing the young because i am a little older, i don't want to see anyone killed on our roads. and when i say irresponsible, i mean doing in excess of 20+ ks over the speed limit. so you catch these guys, thats ok. they should be taught not to do dangerous things like excessive speed. but along with that you get experienced drivers doing 5ks over. i have been driving for over thirty years and not once have i caused an accident doing five or ten ks over the limit. another thing i suggested a while ago to the then transport minister, let the newly licensed drivers drive a car that does not have the capacity to go 200k's per hour. it's like saying you have your license so you are experienced, [redacted] let them have a four cylinder car till they are experienced enough to drive what they like. aside from that i have found in my experience it is not the speed that does the damage it is the stupidity that goes with it. like the other month we were driving to brisbane. i was wandering why the cars in front of me were changing lanes a lot. and when i came up to this vehicle to pass it, they moved over and slowed, so i moved back to the left lane. they slowed further so i was going to end up passing them on the left. by this time i was suspect, and then i had my suspissions confirmed. they sped up to block me with a car in front of us and them blocking the right lane. they are the people that the speed camera won't catch, but should be caught and have their license cancelled. see all a speed camera catch's is people doing a little over, or speedsters. not the idiots that actually cause accidents. it's easy to put a camera up and catch unsuspecting mororists, so i would like to see anyone say to my face that this is not just another tax. along with that, does the government do anything for drivers that do the right thing. no just the tax.

but along come the money making camers and suddenly they are going to prevent accidents. what annoys me more is that we are paying all these people a load of money and this is the best way they can come with, well i think it is about time we got better value for our money and stop being a nanny state.

here is a chance to break the mold, let us try some other more effective way to lower the road toll. i will help anyone who comes up with another idea besides cameras.

kind regards  
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concerned citizen, [redacted] with more unjustified taxes.