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The efficacy of ANPR technology for road safety applications:

. If the ANPR system is to work smoothly there should be the ability for a motorist to defend themselves. As discussed you have a very high chance of a failed reading or incorrect reading. The accused motorist must have a free, easy method of being able to verify the claim against them. Which is 100% accurate and not open to interpretation. The process must be open and accountable. The process should not be closed in a shroud of secrecy whereby the technology and processes are hidden from public access. The driving public should not have to go through government 'red tape' to get information to prove their innocence or confirm that they have valid enforcement violations.

Potential costs and benefits:

. I fail to see how the ANPR system has the benefit of detecting Unlicensed drivers. Simply using the assumption that the registered owner is driving the car will be grossly counterproductive with the amount of false assumptions that will be made. . Data Collection and Privacy. The amount of information which can be collected about people and their locations is a major concern for myself. I do not want to be tracked and recorded wherever I go. This is a breakdown of the trust relationship between the citizen and the state. I have nothing to hide, yet I am strongly opposed to having my private life invaded this way by being available for anyone with "delegated" clearance to have access to this data. Would you like someone to install cameras in your house and watch where and what you do? Sure you're not doing anything wrong and won't get in trouble, but it still is not a healthy feeling or environment to be a part of.

Whether ANPR-enabled intercept teams should be used for traffic enforcement in Queensland, including examination of existing applications:

I think targeted areas and immediate enforcement is the only option. I do not think automated (fixed) enforcement statewide is desirable. our roads should not be Orwellian big brother watchers which collect private locational data and personal movements. Statewide and National tracking is not a place and environment I want to live in. I respect my privacy as I hope you do to.

Other opportunities and considerations for its use by Queensland Government agencies to promote road safety:

"The lower arousal which accompanies fatigue makes it harder to maintain attention, particularly while performing monotonous tasks such as driving." This statement within the discussion paper drew my attention, not because I disagree with the statement, but because of your inference that driving is monotonous. I think this goes to the heart of my feelings on the state of our roads and government as it relates to road safety. The greater the restrictions and intolerances that are placed on drivers the more "dumb" we drive, the less likely we become to respect the road and other users and the more complacent the driving public become. We are never going to have lower fatality rates because our drivers are bored stupid on our roads. Nobody is taught to really drive anymore. The fun and exhilaration of driving safely within your skill levels is long gone and now all we have left is to try avoid all the restrictions and pitfalls the government has imposed us in order to not get fined. We are told that lower speed limits and technology will save us. But in the end it comes down to driver attitudes, driver skills and driver involvement in the driving experience. How can there be Autobahns' in the UK which function smoothly. Why can't we have these highways in Australia which promote driver involvement, driver, skill and driver learning. YOU the government are forcing the driver to become complacent, to become reliant on anything but their own skill, you are creating the fatigue and monotony which has become the driving experience on today's roads and highways. No wonder people talk on mobiles, and become distracted. DRIVING IS NOW BORING thanks to YOU. The average driver thinks that by staying under the speed limit they are safe. This is the complacency which you have spawned.

Additional comments:

I can understand most of the reasons and benefits of the system, yet it still leaves me altogether uneasy and wary of the system. It leaves me with the overwhelming feeling that I am a pawn being overseen by our government masters. I don't feel freedom to move around in my suburb, state, nation without being watched, tracked, analysed and scrutinised. And for this reason I strongly oppose the system. Put the money towards improving driver skills and attitudes, creating highways which allow for driver growth and driver involvement.