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Automatic Number Plate recognition technology I would question how accurate the reading of the 'number plate' will be. Several states have introduced "Personalised Plates". These come in many exotic, humorous, regional. in fact there seems to be no limit to the extent the authorities will go to satisfy the ego of motor vehicle owners. Consequently there is almost an infinite number of letter and or numeral combinations possible. And this does not include the "European" style. Where will it end ??? As a consequence of the above it is possible that an IDENTICAL index could be issued in a number of States.. I have had this fact confirmed by the Federal Government. The childish greed of our leaders has resulted in a situation where (A) the registration index is not longer a predictable combination of numbers and or letters.. E.g. the 'old fashioned' three numbers and three letters. (B) the index is no longer unique for each individual vehicle. What is the point of reading the plate if the vehicle is not identifiable from the reading? Will the technology automatically decipher the almost infinite number/letter combinations?