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Auditor-General's report to parliament

Mobile speed cameras

Key aspects of the state's mobile speed camera program need to be improved to maximise road safety benefits, according to a report released today by the Auditor-General for New South Wales, Margaret Crawford.

Mobile speed cameras are deployed in a limited number of locations with a small number of these being used frequently. This, along with decisions to limit the hours that mobile speed cameras operate, and to use multiple warning signs, have reduced the broad deterrence of speeding across the general network - the main policy objective of the mobile speed camera program.

There is evidence of a reduction in fatal and serious crashes at the 30 best-performing mobile speed camera locations. However, there is limited evidence that the program in New South Wales has led to a behavioural change in drivers by creating a general network deterrence. While the overall reduction in serious injuries on roads has continued, fatalities have started to climb again. Compliance with speed limits has improved at the sites and locations that mobile speed cameras operate.

The Auditor-General recommends a review of the Speed Camera Strategy and enhanced management of the program, including broadening the criteria for choosing mobile speed camera locations to better support a general network deterrence for the mobile speed camera program.

Further information

A full copy of the report is on the Audit Office website.

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