

Over the years we have seen Governments both State and Federal come and go, we have seen Police Ministers and Police Commissioners come and go.

They have all had the same old same old when it comes to speeding drivers on our roads killing themselves and/or killing or injuring innocent victims. You hear them shout. Let's increase the penalties that will fix it. Well we all know it doesn't because speeding drivers believe they are not going to get caught and they are not suicidal, they aren't going to get hurt

Fines are a bit like shutting the barn door after the horse has bolted.

It's time we started to look outside the box and look at what is causing the high speed crashes.

THE CARS themselves, we watch TV ads and the car companies invariably show cars giving the impression they are being driven at high speeds or unsafely to show how safe they are, it doesn't matter that if you look at the small print on the TV where it says the filming was done under controlled conditions by stunt drivers. All that comes across visually is "its ok to speed" in that car. It has something like 250kph on the clock therefore the car can do it. WHY?

Cars have to meet Australian Standards to be sold in Australia like everything else it's about time the Government said to Car Manufacturers. The speed limit in this country is X Kph we want you to make it so your vehicle cannot exceed X Kph otherwise we will not allow them to be sold.

Cars are more computer controlled than ever, CAR companies have already installed in cars an ECU basically (Engine Control Unit) this hardware controls what the engine does, CAR Companies can program them with a Maximum speed limiter but will not do it unless told to by the government. This is the way Trucks have speed limiters on them. Even more, as more cars get GPS units built in them it is possible they can match the Maximum speed with the general area but that is in the future

Some may argue they need the speed to be available in an emergency.

I say this, look at this what percentage of people would need this and in an emergency while in an emotional state getting a loved one to hospital you would be severely distracted do you really think you should be behind the wheel going at high speed, this job should be done by trained professional services.

Others will argue the need for a strong engine to pull their boat or trailer. Well speed and pulling power are two different things.

Yes having a car that can do high speed does put less strain on the vehicle during normal conditions. But does it mean you have to do the top speed.

You could find argument all day long and come up with reason why this shouldn't be done

I am not against speeding cars as it is essential in developing better engines and safer cars but this should be confined to the race track under controlled conditions not on the highway.

Yes it would take time and a lot of thought and there are a lot of questions.

PLEASE let us think about it there has to be a better way, this is not just a State or Federal problem it is happening all over the WORLD

LIVES should be put first.

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