Ten myths and facts about speed cameras in NSW

**Myth: Speed cameras are hidden to trap drivers.**
**Fact:** All speed cameras in NSW are signposted, mobile speed camera vehicles are marked and all speed camera locations are published on the Safer Roads website.

**Myth: Speed cameras don’t work and are just there to raise revenue.**
**Fact:** Studies show the introduction of speed cameras with other programs has led to a significant drop in the road toll. The NSW Auditor-General reviewed speed cameras in 2011 and found no evidence revenue was a factor in camera location decisions.

**Myth: Locals know the roads and rarely crash.**
**Fact:** Almost half of all drivers and riders involved in crashes live in the same local government area as they crash.

**Myth: Good drivers are caught speeding.**
**Fact:** More than 70 per cent of licence holders have no demerit points and about 99 per cent of motorists who drive past a speed camera are not booked for speeding.

**Myth: Mobile Speed Camera operators are paid for every person they catch speeding.**
**Fact:** Mobile Speed Camera operators are paid by the hour and they don’t receive any percentage of fine revenue.

**Myth: There are no safety benefits from speed cameras.**
**Fact:** Speed cameras make drivers slow down reducing the chance of a crash and the severity of a crash.

**Myth: Speed cameras are often wrong and calibrated incorrectly.**
**Fact:** Speed cameras are regularly tested by authorised officers to ensure accuracy and reliability.

**Myth: NSW drivers are booked for speeding more than anywhere else in the country.**
**Fact:** NSW has a modest speed camera program and issues less speeding infringements per capita than Victoria, Queensland and most other jurisdictions.

**Myth: Speed cameras cause drivers to concentrate more on their speedo than on the road.**
**Fact:** Checking your speed is part of the driving task, just like checking your mirrors. There is no evidence to suggest that speed cameras cause crashes.

**Myth: Fine revenue doesn’t improve roads.**
**Fact:** Revenue from speed and red-light cameras will directly fund the NSW Government road safety program.