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Dear sentencing council,

I am writing to provide input on your review of sentencing guidelines for repeat traffic offenders.

In general, I support the argument that repeat traffic offenders pose a greater risk to traffic safety, and therefore should be given more severe sentencing. This is especially true for drink driving offenders.

However, I request that one group of repeat offenders be given particular exception to more severe sentencing: low range speeding offenders.

In NSW and across Australia, speed cameras are used to enforce speed limits. These speed cameras are set with extremely low tolerances (in Victoria for example, you can receive a speeding infringement for as little as 3kph over the limit). Speed camera infringements are extremely common, and the majority are for minor infringements. Their effectiveness is still under review (NSW has removed cameras where they proved ineffective), and in the UK their use is declining in favour of more systemic speed control measures.

I believe that the existing points system is sufficient to address repeat offenders who accumulate multiple speed camera infringements. In particular, low range speeding infringements are common and pose a minor safety risk, if at all.

Please reserve increased sentencing for repeat offenders for the more serious and dangerous offences, and not low range speeding.

Best regards,  
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