

Media Release

Surgeons urge retention of NSW road safety enforcement measures

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Surgeons are grateful for the reduction in road crash victims achieved by internationally leading road safety enforcement measures currently in place in New South Wales.

Road safety expert and Chair of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons' National Trauma Committee, Dr John Crozier, said that the measures are good for the community and good for the health care system.

“It is pleasing to see that the changes to the mobile speed camera program and other initiatives are contributing to a reduction in trauma related death. We applaud any measures that promote public safety and reduce the burden on our health system.

We have seen the significant impost on the NSW health care system recently when a few people choose not to comply with reasonable COVID control measures.

“The rest of the community who adhere to these measures, are unfairly burdened by the actions of a few who do not believe the rules apply to them.

“The same is the case when a few people choose to exceed the speed limit or be distracted in preventable ways while driving. Daily, surgeons see the consequence of these poor choices.

“It would be a pity to wind back the benefits of the recently introduced road safety enforcement measures, which have both brought New South Wales into alignment with other jurisdictions on the one hand but have also led the way with internationally leading road safety measures.

“Rather than try and dismantle this internationally leading technology, we should regard it as a New South Wales legacy that we can all be proud of and one that will save lives”.

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