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Submission No 6 – Cathy Ryan

Inquiry into the impact of revised speed limits in Civic – Petitions 31-21 and 38-21

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Good afternoon Committee

Please see below my email sent to Mark Parton MLA in August in relation to the speeding fines in the new 40km per hour zone in the CBD.

Dear Mark

I saw the article in the Riot Act about the fines being issued in the CBD from speed camera and feel I need to write to the you.

I work for an emergency crisis housing support service at [REDACTED]. We provide crisis support and accommodation to women and families at risk of homelessness often due to escaping family violence. Our work load has doubled since the start of COVID with no extra resources or staff but we keep going and have helped many women. We are always out and about in our cars doing our work and unfortunately myself and the team of 10 of us have received at least one speeding fine for driving between 45km/h and 53km/h in the 40km zone since July 1.

We are not high income earners, we are committed to our clients and to our community and some of us, like myself have never had a speeding fine in many years of driving and not lost a point and were not intentionally speeding. Of course, I am certain that none of this will be taken into account if we appeal the fine.

For me, it is offensive and disappointing to be viewed as a law breaker by our local government and an easy target for revenue raising.

Many of us cannot afford these fines but there seems little option but to pay the exorbitant fine that simply does match the "crime".

I hope you can advocate for us and see if there is a way to find some humanity from the Minister responsible.

Many thanks

Cathy

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