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To the Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services,

I live in the city area and was not aware of the new 40 zone and racked up four \$300 fines for driving 0<15km over the speed limit in the last month. In the last 17 years of driving I haven't had any speeding tickets, though admittedly I have over that period had 3 infringements (2 mobile phone & 1 red light), and one of those in the last 5 years.

But, 3 in 17 years, compared to 4 in a month. That is a big difference.

I have driven that stretch of road for 17 years and some habits take some time to break. Additionally, there is often construction and other things happening around with the tram etc, so I, and clearly others too missed that change to the 40 zone. Personally, I feel blind sighted.

I believe I heard on the radio that this new 40 zone has ended up being the most successful traffic infringement revenue raiser in history? If that is true, surely that is a reflection of insufficient signage and/or warnings, rather than so many Canberrans suddenly becoming law breakers en masse.

Given the large number of fines issued, I question the lack of grace period. I believe warnings could have been issued for the first month or couple of months, to allow Canberrans to reasonably adjust to the new system.

I would hope that the committee compares the pattern of infringements in this situation to the pattern of infringements in other areas. If the pattern looks quite different in this case compared to others then I believe that should clearly be a red flag.

If any further information is required I would be happy to provide it.

Kind regards,

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