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Submission No 10 – Keith Baker

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

Received - 8/10/21

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From: Keith Baker [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 8 October 2021 7:14 PM
To: LA Committee - PTCS <LACommitteePTCS@parliament.act.gov.au>
Cc: PARTON <PARTON@parliament.act.gov.au>
Subject: Inner City 40Km Limit - Not Acceptable

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I have been advised that you are conducting an inquiry into the sneaking in of the 40km speed limit in the Canberra CBD.

As you will find, I raised my concerns with both the Liberal and Labor representatives. I have also challenged the speeding find on the basis that:

- There was inadequate signage in the inner city
- I was not made aware of the change (i.e. inadequate communications campaign)
- I was not issued a warning the first time I exceeded the limit (mind you i was only driving 50km/hr, 10km below the 60km/hr limit).

The Chief Minister's apology for not issuing Warnings due to a system error was also inadequate, and lacked any compassion for families struggling with income during the COVID period. Would have expected more from our Government than simply slugging us with yet another penalty. Also where was the community consultation? If I make a change to my home, I am required to consult with my neighbours. Why does the Government believe it is above this process.

I have also read several media articles where experts have stated for the record that a reduction from 60 to 40 km does not improve safety outcomes. Further if you have ever driven into the CBD you will find numerous traffic lights (at least 5 on Northbourne Av) that reduce speed and keep the areas safe for pedestrians.

Hopefully this inquiry will hold our Local Government to account and ensure that future changes are introduced properly.

Sincerely

Keith Baker

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Keith Baker [REDACTED]

Subject: 40 Km/hr in Civic - you have to be kidding

Date: 6 August 2021 at 6:29:11 pm AEST

To: hanson@parliament.act.gov.au

Hi Jeremy

I just received my first speeding fine for driving 50 km/hr in the city.

Really how is possibly that our local Government could get away with this?

Hoping you can really make Labor pay for this gross injustice on Canberra.

A \$300 fine, \$5m in revenue raising / week, and sneaking this change in.

No media campaign, no grace period, no signage, and no compassion for families doing it rough during COVID.

Please fight for us Canberrans that voted Liberal and will continue to do so.

Cheers

Keith

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