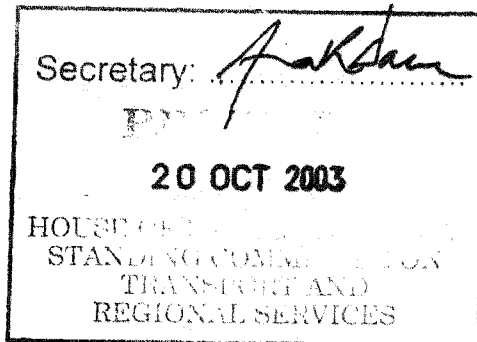


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Dear Dr Dacre

Several States in USA have banned 'Radar Cameras' as unconstitutional. The Constitutional argument (in USA) is that every citizen has the right to face their accuser. Traffic Infringement Notices are worse than a convenient way to make money under the guise of streamlining the legal process. They trivialize road matters as not worthy of a day in Court, and worse, they make out that hurting someone's back pocket will remedy a driver deficiency.

I believe that every Traffic Infringement should go to Court.

I don't mean the full 'bells and whistle' Magistrates type Court.

How about a Night Court using JP's (with appropriate training).

This way, driver problems are identified, and, maybe a fine is the answer, but the opportunity to examine what really happened is available.

For example: Is there a need for remedial training?
Is there a medical problem needing attention?
Does the person need to re-sit theory or practice?
Is the person on a downward competency path needing attention?
Does the person have an attitude problem?
Do they need a 'wake-up' call before it is too late?

Following the Court direction, the person would then attend either a one on one session or a group session as appropriate.

My view is that a License is only the start of a life long learning and improvement experience. The present State Government policies do nothing to improve the general standard of competence.

We need conscientious competent road users. We need to identify the lower percentile drivers before they become victims of their own incompetence. It's not possible for everyone to be above average, but it is possible to skew the bell curve, and most important, improve the low percentiles - ie the drivers who will crash - just when is the unknown.

Yours sincerely

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