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### **Bring on the Bells Line and cut the carnage**

From the 19 of July, when these new mobile speed came in, accidents along the Great Western Highway in the Blue Mountains will increase yet again predicts Cr Neville Castle, Chair of Centroc & Mayor of Lithgow.

“The stress levels on this road are outrageous. Changing speed signs, traffic lights, schools zones, road works and now they are adding in these new mobile cameras,” said Cr Castle.

“It is so much to think about. It is too stressful. It is just plain dangerous. The State government has said these cameras will be on the dangerous roads so I guess the Great Western Highway will be crawling with them. Drivers should be driving to the conditions not panicking about what speed they are doing and what speed zone they are in,” said Cr Castle.

“The Great Western High was in grid lock again on Sunday, two serious car accidents only hundreds of metres apart. Once again any people going to Sydney from the Central West on a Sunday fume in the fumes,” said Cr Castle.

“Some sort of road between Sydney and Central NSW that could be remotely described as a freeway is needed sooner rather than later. Some sort of road with a consistent 100km speed and built for safety, not this confusing, congested death trap” said Cr Castle.

Cr Castle is bewildered at why kilos of transport plans just don't get it right.

“They study this and they study that. No one has addressed the gauntlet any one of us or our families have to run through to get to Sydney. If its not a slow, scary experience then you are sitting still waiting for the ambulances to be called and the road to be cleared for someone who didn't make it through,” said Cr Castle.

“The solution is to get on with the upgrades of the Bells Line sooner rather than later,” said Cr Castle.

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