

With the advent of technology in vehicles, the State Government needs to embrace new technologies and find ways to utilize them in the policing process.

At all time the only thing that slows down a driver is if there is a threat of a marked police car that will pull them over and fine them.

The State Government can install as many cameras as they wish, and as a money-making process, that is a cash cow. Everybody goes over by a little bit.

The general public are not stupid and recognize these for what they are. However, we also know where they are.

I stated right at the top that technology needed to be embraced. I look at the EPA dob in a Litter App and the success of that App. Via that Litter App, people have been fined and have paid those fines.

If a not to dissimilar App for onboard dashcams was made available to the general public, then motorist would have thousands of unmarked reporters of offences on the roads. That being the ability of a person to download onto the App a section of Video that would have all manner of conditions set by the State Government, that clearly demonstrated breaches of the road rules.

The speed factor would be difficult to police via this process, however overtaking on double lines, not using indicators, talking or texting whilst driving, seat belts, and general dangerous driving like offences could be channeled into this App for prosecution.

The State Government would in effect get a force multiplier that assist with the documenting of poor driving practices that cause accidents.

This App could also have provisions for reporting a drug user that drives without detection. Thus allowing resource targeting of offenders rather than the current random process.

Lastly the App needs to have a process that allows quick communication with police vehicles in the area around them. Not that they have any control over that process other than to mark the footage and broadcast onto the network as part of the APP. The current process of calling 000 and reporting a speeding driver, then the call taker sends that off to the radio operator, whom then when they get a chance to put out a "be on the lookout for". By this time, the offender is long gone from the area and unless they come across a police vehicle that could stop them, is free and continues in the same behavioral patten.

If the App had the ability to broadcast the footage in real time, the police have a greater chance to make contact and change behavioral habits. This process would not allow the public to get involved or direct police activities, but rather multiply the reach of the Victorian Police camera operational activities.

The App could also have a provision for documenting the whereabouts of Dashcam, where they travelled and at what time. If police had a ongoing investigation in a particular area, then they could seek via the App contact with a person that was in the area for Dashcam footage within minutes of the offence occurring. However, the App would need to have all manner of provisions for opting out of any tracking if so desired.

All the above are ideas only. Taking them from that to real options is a difficult path that would require considerable work. However, the end result would be that those tasked with protecting those that do the right thing would be assisted in that task with a program that could considerable multiply the resources of Victoria Police. The EPA App is a model that is working and employing the

services of our community to stop litter. I see no reason why it cannot be applied to other law enforcement activities.

Changing behavior bad habits is the end goal. If we focus on this, then all ideas should be explored and considered.