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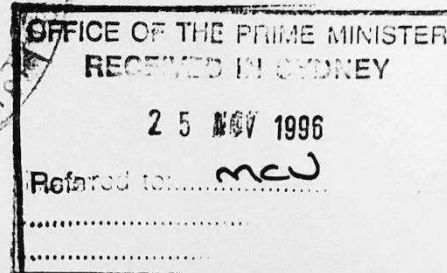
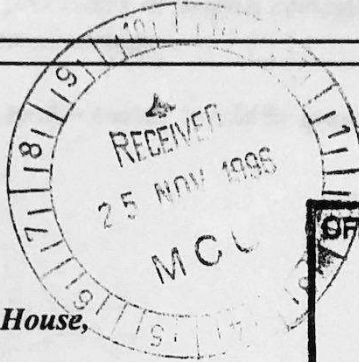
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18th November 1996.

**To: Hon John Howard,
Prime Minister,
Level 9, McCaugen House,
56/270 Phillip St,
Sydney N.S.W. 2000**



Dear Sir,

We are writing to you in regards to, red light cameras and to protest that a funeral cortege was detected by the cameras on the corner of Canterbury Rd, and Dudley St Punchbowl, on Saturday 2nd November 1996 at 10.26am.

We feel these cameras were introduced to stop speeding / dangerous drivers from running red lights and causing accidents not to raise revenue.

We feel there is no respect for the deceased and their families, and funeral corteges have been around way before these red light cameras were introduced.

We at no time drive in a irresponsible or dangerous manner, as the average speed for a funeral cortege is no greater than 40-50- kph even slower when approaching intersections. We feel it would be more hazardous at times to stop, than to continue.

When possible we stop prior to entering the intersection , but there are times where this is not possible and we must proceed and keep the whole funeral cortege together especially when people attending the funeral are from overseas, out of town or unfamiliar with the whereabouts of a cemetery or crematorium.

As you would understand families get very distressed if family members and friends are not attending the funeral service because they got held up in traffic or did not know where to go.

We are due in on a scheduled time into the cemetery or crematorium and the funeral must go ahead at the time appointed and although we allow ourselves time for traffic hold up , sometimes it is unpredictable.

We as funeral directors feel it is our responsibility and part of our service to relieve as much stress as possible to grieving families and this issue is one we feel must be taken into great consideration.

If the government / police want to raise revenue then why not enforce the fact that people who do not belong to the cortege and cut in ,risk getting fined up to \$2000.00 for this offence.

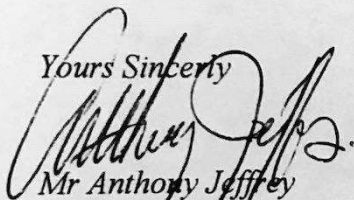
The problem with society today is that there is no respect for anything or anyone anymore. Gone are the days where if you saw a funeral cortege you would stand and face the hearse and dip your hat (if wearing one) and pay your respects.

We would like this matter to be investigated and to have notification given to all funeral directors and police as to the legal procedure of funeral corteges proceeding through red light cameras and vehicles cutting into a funeral cortege.

Your immediate attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated and hope to have your response shortly.

29 JAN 1997

Yours Sincerely



Mr Anthony Jeffrey
(Managing Director)

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