

# “ PPP ”

## People for Proper Policing in North Wales

***The letter below from John Lambert in Australia applies to the PPP & safespeed and all similar groups.....we are lucky to have access to John's expertise on road safety issues and his experience as a campaigner for 'sense and reason in road safety' a la PPP.....***

***As a regular contributor to safe speed forums I have no idea who almost all the respondents are in their "real life". I do not see identity as an issue.***

***I Suggest that most strongly pro camera people would not even bother to pursue safe speed and similar sites re reading the material, and even less re commenting on forums.***

***To comment based on my experience in life at 58 years old, including 38 years of strong interest in road safety. The powers that have control of the money and the political reins don't worry about people like us because they have all the mechanisms to minimise and blunt any campaign opponents may undertake. So they don't really care if we exist or not.***

***They can "arrange" for research papers to not be included in conferences: They can use their huge resources to give wide spread publicity to their point of view. Where they are major advertisers in papers or magazines they can generate a situation where the editors of those papers are loath to accept articles that give opposing points of view. They also have the "presence" to have anything they say accepted as truth while those in opposition can be questioned ad nauseum about their credibility. It can be a very frustrating but it is life.***

***To give personal examples from the past 2 months:-***

***I submitted 5 research papers to the annual Road Safety, Education and Enforcement Conference. They were on... Truck design and its impact on road safety trauma for other road users: Truck design and its impact on driver trauma; The effect of vibration in inducing fatigue with truck drivers. Speeding and speed cameras and the flawed research. The need to change the approach to drink driving enforcement if drink driving is to be reduced below the 20% contribution to fatalities. Around 230 papers were submitted and 95 accepted. None of mine were accepted. In part this was because the large research organisations (who provide research that supports the speed camera initiative line) put pressure on the government organisation running the conference to make sure most of their papers were accepted.***

***Last Saturday there was a motorcycle safety forum held in Victoria. I had asked to present a hard hitting paper on motorcycle safety. My request was refused, most likely because it did not follow the current "approach" to dealing with this issue. I attended and during the forum found that the motorcycle safety website for my state is***

***"moderated " by the Transport Accident Commission the body that pushes the speed camera program and its millions of dollars of publicity. So even that public forum is censored by the powers that be. And how has that come about. Well \$50 of every motorcycle registration and third party fee goes to a special motorcycle safety fund - and of course the motorcyclist organisation want to be involved in determining where the money goes so they cannot afford to be too negative or they risk being disempowered.***

***So my advise is to continue to persevere with the work and remain positive that in the end the truth will win through, but don't get worried about who the contributors to discussions are.***

***Regards ..... John Lambert***