

# Media Release

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## **Company fined \$61,000 for failing to nominate speeding drivers**

Office of State Revenue Executive Director, Tony Newbury, today warned companies that fail to nominate the drivers of company vehicles caught breaking the road rules that they face the prospect of court action and hefty penalties.

Mr Newbury said the Office of State Revenue regularly carried out audits of companies that failed to nominate the offending drivers caught on camera speeding and running red lights.

“Instead of just being issued with a fine, any company caught repeatedly failing to nominate the correct driver can expect to find itself in court,” he said.

Mr Newbury’s warning comes after Downing Centre Local Court ordered Sydney-based company Fina Foods Australasia to pay more than \$61,000 in fines and court costs for failing to nominate the driver for 16 separate camera-detected speeding offences involving company-owned vehicles.

“This is the latest in a series of penalties imposed against companies for failing to nominate the drivers of their fleet vehicles caught breaking road rules,” he said.

“The company was convicted for each fail-to-nominate offence and was also fined for the 16 speeding offences, which occurred in various locations across Sydney.

“This decision by the court is a strong warning to companies that think they can ignore their responsibilities,” Mr Newbury said.

“The message is clear – if you break the road rules and fail to nominate the correct driver you will face heavy penalties.

“While the majority of companies do the right thing, a number of companies appear to be deliberately trying to avoid demerit points by not nominating the correct driver,” he said.

The maximum fine for failing to nominate a driver is currently \$11,000 per offence.

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