

## **STATEMENT OF PROPOSAL**

### **AMENDMENT TO THE WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCIL SPEED LIMITS BYLAW 2011**

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This Statement of Proposal is prepared pursuant to sections 83, 86, 155 and 156 of the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA). This is a proposal to adopt amendments to the Waikato Speed Limits Bylaw 2011.

The Waikato District Council Speed Bylaw enables Council to review existing speed limits on District roads and assess for suitability against changes in safety and/or development/land use patterns.

#### **Background**

The New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) Speed Management Guide was adopted in November 2016. The Guide is a tool designed to help Road Controlling Authorities determine objective road risk, and work with communities to develop speed management approaches to address that risk and meet their needs. The Guide provides a framework to identify roads offering the greatest benefit from speed management, and assess the safe and appropriate speed on them. The new approach is underpinned by the Government's Safer Journeys Strategy 2010-2020 which seeks to reduce death and serious injury on New Zealand roads.

Council adopted the guidance provided in the Speed Management Guide document, as part of a new Speed Bylaw Review Policy. Adopting this Policy formalised the Speed Bylaw Review process. The Policy sets out an approach that splits the District in three areas, with the roads identified as being high to medium-high self-explaining priority by the NZTA Speed Management Framework maps addressed one area per year over a three year time frame.

Council has decided to address the high risk roads in the Awaroa ki Tuakau, Onewhero – Te Akau and Whangamarino wards representing the northern area of the district first. In addition a number of sections of road were requested to be reviewed by members of the public, Councillors and Council staff for a variety of reasons. These roads have been assessed against the criteria in the Speed Management Guide and the recommendations have resulted in proposed changes to the bylaw.

As part of the review of the Awaroa ki Tuakau, Onewhero – Te Akau and Whangamarino wards the existing urban extents for the main settlements has been looked at and where significant areas of residential development are zoned for the urban extents have been extended to cover these zones. This is to ensure that any future roading development in these areas will have a default speed limit of 50km/hr.

#### **Reasons for the proposal**

- Effectively deal with issues associated with the management of speed limits in the District.
- Address issues that have arisen since the last Speed Bylaw Review in 2014.
- To align the bylaw with those of other local authorities and NZTA's Speed Management Guide.

## Summary of Key Changes

Key proposed changes in the proposed Bylaw are outlined below.

Road Name	Start	End	Current Speed Limit	Proposed Speed Limit	Map
Maunsell Road	Tuakau Bridge-Port Waikato Road	End	50	40	1
Port Waikato - Waikaretu Road	Maunsell Road	900m south of Maunsell Road	70	60	1
Port Waikato Residential Roads	Various (See <a href="http://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/sayit">www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/sayit</a> for full details.)		50	40	1
Tuakau Bridge-Port Waikato Road	Maunsell Road	1200m east of Maunsell Road	70	60	1
Tuakau Bridge-Port Waikato Road	1200m east of Maunsell Road	Highway 22	100	80	1
Bayly Road	Top Road	Upper Queen Street	100	80	2
Burrow Road	Attewell Road	Top Road	100	80	2
Hill Top Road East	Upper Queen Street	End	100	80	2
Nandina Lane	Ray Wright Road	End	100	80	2
Ray Wright Road	Upper Queen Street	Tuakau Road	100	80	2
Tuakau Road (Shared)	Ray Wright Road	Buckland Road	100	80	2
Upper Queen Street	Attewell Road	Woodlands Road	100	80	2
George Street (Tuakau)	Liverpool Street	Henderson Avenue	50	40	2
Lawrence Road	Ridge Road	End	100	80	2
Ridge Road	Pokeno Road	Huia Road	100	80	2
McGill Road	Fraser Road	End	100	80	3
McIntosh Drive	Market Street	End	100	80	3
Munro Road	Pokeno Road	Helenslee Road	100	60	3
Avon Road	State Highway 2	Fraser Road	100	80	3
Baird Road	Avon Road	End	100	80	3
Bluff Road	Pioneer Road	End	100	80	3
Dean Road	State Highway 1 Off ramp	End	100	80	3
Fraser Road	Market Street	End	100	80	3
Gulland Road	Avon Road	End	100	80	3
Helenslee Road	Pokeno Road	State Highway 1 northbound on ramp	100	60	3
Lower Church Road	Avon Road	End	100	80	3
Market Street	Fraser Road	End	100	80	3
Miller Road	Pioneer Road	End	100	80	3
O'Leary Road	State Highway 2	End	100	80	3
Pioneer Road	State Highway 1	State Highway 1	100	80	3
Pokeno Residential Roads	Various (See <a href="http://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/sayit">www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/sayit</a> for full details.)		100	40	3

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Pokeno Road	100m west of Munro Road	Existing 70/100	100	80	3
Upper Church Road	Avon Road	End	100	80	3
Aislabie Road	Onewhero-Tuakau Bridge Road	End	100	80	4
Onewhero-Tuakau Bridge Road (Section 1)	Highway 22	Existing 50/100	100	80	4
Onewhero-Tuakau Bridge Road (Section 2)	Hall Road	Kohanga Road	70	50	4
Te Awa Kite Road	Onewhero-Tuakau Bridge Road	End	100	80	4
Hampton Downs Road	State Highway 1	Landfill Access	100	80	5
Pendergrast Road	State Highway 2	End	100	80	6
Hall Road (Te Kauwhata)	State Highway 1	End	100	80	7
Rodda Road	Hall Road	End	100	80	7
Stewart Road	Hall Road	End	100	80	7
Summertime Lane	Hall Road	End	100	80	7
Chapman Road	Highway 22	Churchill Road	100	80	7
Ramsey Road	Chapman Road	End	100	80	7
Te Kauwhata Road	State Highway 1	Travers Road	100	80	8
Hoheria Road	Wayside Road	End	100	80	8
Josephine Lane	Wayside Road	End	100	80	8
Te Kauwhata Road Extension	Wayside Road	320m west of State Highway 1 northbound off ramp	100	80	8
Wayside Road	Te Kauwhata Road	Northern end	100	80	8
Glen Murray Road	Murphy Street	180m south of Horahora Road	100	50	9
Te Wharepu Road	Te Kauwhata Road	Murphy Street	100	80	9
Te Wheoro Road	Te Wharepu Road	End	100	50	9
Vineyard Road	Wayside Road	End	100	80	9
Horotiu Bridge Road (Section 1)	Washer Road	West of Evolution Drive	70	60	14
Horotiu Bridge Road (Section 2)	Washer Road	River Road	100	80	14
Rotokauri Road	Exelby Road	Bagust	100	80	15

Zoning Area	Current Speed Limit	Proposed Speed Limit	Map
Tuakau Urban Traffic Area	100	50	2
Pokeno Urban Traffic Area	100	50	3
Te Kauwhata Urban Traffic Area	100	50	8

## **Relevant Determinations by Council**

Prior to making a bylaw, Council is required to assess whether a bylaw is the most appropriate way of addressing the perceived problem. In this case, a bylaw is considered to be the most appropriate mechanism as the provision of Speed Limit Bylaw is a vital service that is best managed by local government to ensure consistency and affordability of the service. A bylaw allows staff to effectively deal with the problems associated with the management of the district's speed limits. Not having a bylaw would lessen Council's ability to control and set standards around the management of the district's speed limits.

Council is also required to consider whether the proposed Bylaw gives rise to any implications under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. In this case it is not considered that there are any such implications, the Bylaw simply provides the regulatory means by which speed limits can be managed.

## **Consultation and submissions**

Anyone can make a submission about the proposed Waikato District Council Speed Limit Bylaw Review 2017 and we encourage you to let us know your views.

### **What is a submission?**

Submissions are a record of your views/preferences on a particular issue. By making a submission you can ensure that your voice is heard by councillors to assist them in their decision making. Submissions may be sent or given to the Council from any organisation or any member of the public during a time period specified by Council. In most cases submission forms are available at Council offices and libraries and on the 'Have your say' page of Council's website.

### **When can I make a submission?**

The submission period for the proposed Waikato District Council Speed Limit Bylaw opens on 13 September 2017 and closes at 5pm on 13 October 2017.

### **How can I make a submission?**

Any person may make a submission on the content of this proposed Bylaw.

Written submissions should follow the format shown in the submission form following this page. This form is intended as a guide only, but is suitable for brief submissions. Please attach additional pages as necessary.

In addition, if you wish to present your comments in person, Council will hear verbal submissions on 27 November 2017 (or as early thereafter as possible). Submitters wishing to be heard in support of their submission must clearly state this in their submission. All submitters wishing to be heard will be contacted to arrange an appropriate time on the date specified.

Please note that written submissions are to be received by Waikato District Council by 5pm on 13 October 2017.

### **Privacy Act Information - The Local Government Act 2002 requires submissions to be made available to the public.**

Your contact details are collected:

- So the Council can write and inform you of the decision(s) on your submission(s).
- To arrange a hearing date and time for you to speak (if you choose to).

**Your name and address will be publicly available. If you would like your address and phone details (including email address) kept confidential you need to inform us when you send in your submission.**

You have the right to correct any errors in personal details contained in your submission. If you do not supply your name and address the Council will formally receive your submission, but will not be able to inform you of the outcome.

Submissions can be:

**Online:** [www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/sayit](http://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/sayit)

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**Posted to:** Waikato District Council  
Private Bag 544  
Ngaruawahia 3742

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**Delivered to:** Waikato District Council  
Attn: Corporate Planner  
15 Galileo Street  
Ngaruawahia 3742

Huntly Office  
142 Main Street, Huntly 3700

Raglan Office  
7 Bow Street, Raglan 3225

Tuakau Office  
2 Dominion Rd, Tuakau 2121

Te Kauwhata Office  
1 Main Road, Te Kauwhata 3710

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**Emailed to:** [consult@waidc.govt.nz](mailto:consult@waidc.govt.nz)

Subject heading should read: “Speed Limits Bylaw – Submission”

### **What happens next?**

Council will acknowledge each submission received in writing, either by letter or email.

Following the closing of submissions on 13 October 2017, all submissions will be reviewed. Verbal submissions will be heard and all submissions formally considered at a Council meeting on 27 November 2017 (or as soon thereafter as possible). This meeting is open to both submitters and the public to attend.

### **Important Dates to Remember:**

Submissions open – 13 September 2017

Submissions close – 13 October 2017

Hearing of submissions – 27 November 2017

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If you have any further queries or would like further copies of the proposed Bylaw, please contact Amy Murphy or Melissa Russo on 0800 492 452.

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