

Submission on the proposed change to the speed limit in the Hataitai Village area.

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I live on the corner of William Street and Waitoa Road. This gives me the opportunity to observe the traffic and pedestrians in this area and on Waitoa Road from the Village crossroads in particular.

There are three main factors which have lead me to request that the Strategy and Policy Council Committee consider extending the distance of the proposed 30km/h on Waitoa Road to the beginning of Waipapa Road. These are:

- The number of people especially children in this length of the road especially at the weekend
- The number of cars in this area especially in the evenings and at the weekend
- The number of vehicles arriving and departing from Arcus Way

In this area of the Village there is/are

- one shop
- four takeaways
- a Pasifika church
- a dairy
- a laundromat
- a bus stop on each side of the road

Please note that in Arcus Way there is/are

- 34 properties with access to Arcus Way – many have garages/ parking area for vehicles
- this includes 5 blocks of flats
- a kindergarten with a parking area (2-3 cars)
- church parking area (6 cars)

Presently certain drivers begin to speed up around the zone of the pizza shop as they drive up Waitoa Road.

Please do not even consider shifting the bus stops as these prevent cars from parking in these spaces keeping those areas empty, adding to the visibility for drivers entering/leaving William Street and Arcus Way.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to present my views today. I'm here to speak as an individual and a resident of Moxham Ave. I've lived at my current address for over 12 years, and previously lived at two other addresses in Moxham Ave. I travel through the village daily by school bus, public bus or car, and I walk home four days a week through the tunnel and via Taurima Street. I walk to the shops and back about once a week. My children attended creche in Waitoa Rd and Kindergarten in Taurima St, and have been walking to the shops on their own since they were about 10 or 11. I consider that I know the Hataitai village area very well.

My view is that the proposal to lower the speed limit is a waste of time and money.

The council's brochure outlining the proposed changes states that "From 2007 - 2011, a total of 25 crashes were reported in this area, two of which resulted in injuries to pedestrians"

and then goes on to say

"Studies show that reducing vehicle speeds significantly reduces the number and severity of injuries." But you haven't proved that the generalisation applies to this specific circumstance.

Even though it may be true that reducing vehicle speeds reduces injuries, you have not considered whether the 25 accidents at the village were caused by speed or other factors.

I obtained a printout of the 25 accidents reported between 2007 and 2011.

There were actually no accidents later than mid-2010, which means there was an 18-month period with a perfect safety record.

Two of the accidents were recorded as being probable drunk drivers. I contend that these people would not care whether the speed limit was 50km or 30 km. Of the other 23 accidents, 9 had causes such as “didn’t look behind”, “attention diverted”, “failed to notice car”, which I consider to be basic inattention. 14 accidents had causes such as “misjudged position of fixed object”, “too far left”, “parking brake not fully applied”. These are just plain bad drivers. One third of all the accidents were caused by drivers reversing or manoeuvring, or drivers already parked. These are obviously not issues of speed.

If you look at the physical environment, it’s clear why speed is not a problem. The area covered by the proposal includes a cross road and a T- intersection. All the turns are right-angle or more.

There are 6 pedestrian crossings. There is angle parking in both Moxham Ave and Waitoa Road. In Moxham Ave there are driveways used by cars and trade vans and trucks at the plumbers, the electricians, the Realm Bottleshop, the Realm restaurant and the alley next to ~~Bellagio~~ *the Four Square*.

In Waitoa Road there are vehicles entering and leaving William Street and Arcus Way. All these vehicles manoeuvring and turning must slow down the traffic.

And I wonder if the Council members here today know how many buses pass through the Moxham/Waitoa Intersection each hour? There are actually 20 buses per hour through this intersection – fewer in the evenings and weekends, but many more at peak hours. Buses have to take the corners slowly and usually stop at one of the four bus stops at the village – surely they have the effect of slowing following traffic?

All these factors together show why speed is not a problem in the village – in fact the Council admits this in their publicity material – you state that “There

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will be little effect on motorists' travel times, as the average speed in this area is already close to 30km/h".

If this is true, then what's the point of changing the speed limit? Most drivers already drive safely, as shown by the 18 -month accident-free period from mid 2010 to the end of 2011.

So the current proposal will have no practical effect. Why would you waste money on signage, publicity, painting the road, the cost of this meeting, for no purpose?

If the Police have the will and manpower available to do anything about road safety in the Eastern Suburbs, I would prefer that they do a blitz on drivers running red lights at the intersections at Bay Road/Rongotai Rd and Bay Rd/Kilbirnie Cres, or drivers who don't stop at the crossing half way down Moxham Ave.

If the council was really concerned about safety at Hataitai village you would do something about the intersection of Taurima St and Ruahine St, the tunnel approach, which is a really scary intersection. I see at least one near-miss a week when I am walking home.

You might also consider removing the phone box and advertising pillar at the intersection of Taurima and Moxham, which obstruct drivers' views of pedestrians at this busy corner. If you have money to spend on roading then how about giving us a decent road surface in Moxham Ave instead of the substandard chipseal we have put up with for five years?

I believe the current proposal is completely pointless. Thank you for listening to my views.

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First Street	2nd Street] or Landmark	Crash Number	Date DD/MM/YYYY	Day DDD	Time HHMM	Description of Events	Crash Factors (ENV = Environmental Factors)	Road 	Natural Light	Weather 	Junction 	Ctrl 	Tot Inj F S M A E I T R N
MOXHAM AVENUE	I WAITOA ROAD	2911218	20/01/2009	Tue	1237	VAN1 EBD on WAITOA ROAD turning right hit PEDESTRIAN2 (Age 78) crossing HIKAHIAI ROAD from left	VAN1 failed to give way to ped on a xing, attention diverted by other traffic	DRY	Bright	Fine	X Type Junction	Give Way Sign	1 Driver inattentive
MOXHAM AVENUE	30N TAURINA ST	2755298	16/05/2007	Wed	1830	SUV1 SBD on MOXHAM AVENUE hit Parked Vehicle while manoeuvring	SUV1 didnt see/look behind when reversing/manoeuvring, misjudged size or position of fixed object or obstacle	DRY	Twilight	Fine	Unknown	Nil	inattention
MOXHAM AVENUE	5S TAURINA ST	2756570	19/10/2007	Fri	1645	CAR1 SBD on MOXHAM AVENUE hit SUV2 manoeuvring	SUV2 didnt see/look behind when reversing/manoeuvring	DRY	Bright	Fine	T Type Junction	Nil	inattention
MOXHAM AVENUE	30S TAURINA ST	201052646	16/06/2010	Wed	2200	CAR1 SBD on MOXHAM AVENUE hit Parked Veh. CAR1 hit Parked Vehicle	CAR1 misjudged size or position of fixed object or obstacle	DRY	Dark	Fine	Unknown	Nil	error
MOXHAM AVENUE	I TAURINA ST	2755215	16/07/2007	Mon	0800	CAR1 SBD on MOXHAM AVENUE lost control turning right, CAR1 hit Parked Vehicle on right hand bend	CAR1 lost control when turning	DRY	Dark	Fine	T Type Junction	Give Way Sign	lost control
MOXHAM AVENUE	I TAURINA ST	2712787	19/06/2007	Tue	0930	CAR1 SBD on TAURINA ST turning right hit PEDESTRIAN2 (Age 58) crossing MOXHAM AVENUE from right	CAR1 failed to give way to ped on a xing, windscreen or rear window misted/frosted PEDESTRIAN2 pedestrian wearing dark clothing	DRY	Bright	Fine	T Type Junction	Nil	error
MOXHAM AVENUE	I TAURINA ST	2713327	14/10/2007	Sun	0230	CAR1 EBD on TAURINA ST missed Jnrs or end of road, CAR1 hit Fence, House or Bldg	CAR1 alcohol test above limit or test refused, too fast to give way at intersection, lost control due to road conditions ENV: road slippery (rain)	Wet	Dark	Heavy Rain	T Type Junction	Give Way Sign	drunk?
MOXHAM AVENUE	I TAURINA ST	201012085	21/04/2010	Wed	1840	CAR2 turning right hit by oncoming MOTOR CYCLE1 SBD on MOXHAM AVENUE	CAR2 failed to give way when turning to non-turning traffic	DRY	Twilight	Fine	T Type Junction	Give Way Sign	1 error
MOXHAM AVENUE	I TAURINA ST	2851888	23/01/2008	Wed	1145	SUV1 SBD on MOXHAM AVENUE hit rear of CAR2 turning right from centre line	SUV1 misjudged size or position of fixed object or obstacle	DRY	Bright	Fine	T Type Junction	Give Way Sign	error
MOXHAM AVENUE	15S WAITOA ROAD	2752001	02/04/2007	Mon	1230	Parked SUV1 WBD on MOXHAM AVENUE ran away	SUV1 parking brake not fully applied	DRY	Bright	Fine	T Type Junction	Give Way Sign	error
MOXHAM AVENUE	20S WAITOA ROAD	2852206	21/02/2008	Thu	1900	TAXI2 NBD on MOXHAM AVENUE opened door into path of another party, CAR1 hit vehicle	TAXI2 didnt see/look behind when opening door or leaving vehicle	DRY	Bright	Fine	Unknown	Nil	inattention
MOXHAM AVENUE	I WAITOA ROAD	2951050	26/02/2009	Thu	0915	SUV1 NBD on MOXHAM AVENUE hit parked veh. SUV1 hit Parked Vehicle	SUV1 misjudged speed of own vehicle	DRY	Bright	Fine	X Type Junction	Give Way Sign	error
MOXHAM AVENUE	I WAITOA ROAD	2755296	10/05/2007	Thu	0645	CAR1 WBD on WAITOA ROAD hit CAR2 crossing at right angle from right	CAR2 failed to give way at give way sign	Wet	Dark	Light Rain	X Type Junction	Give Way Sign	error
MOXHAM AVENUE	I WAITOA ROAD	2750559	19/02/2007	Mon	0830	BUS1 EBD on WAITOA ROAD cutting corner hit CAR2 head on	BUS1 cutting corner at intersection	DRY	Bright	Fine	X Type Junction	Give Way Sign	error
MOXHAM AVENUE	I WAITOA ROAD	2854387	30/04/2008	Wed	1940	CAR1 NBD on MOXHAM AVENUE hit CAR2 reversing along road	CAR2 didnt see/look behind when reversing/manoeuvring	Wet	Dark	Light Rain	X Type Junction	Give Way Sign	inattention
MOXHAM AVENUE	30N MOXHAM AVENUE	2714080	06/12/2007	Thu	0400	CAR1 EBD on TAURINA ST lost control turning right, CAR1 hit Parked Vehicle on right hand bend	CAR1 alcohol test above limit or test refused	DRY	Dark	Fine	Unknown	Nil	drunk?
MOXHAM AVENUE	70N MOXHAM AVENUE	2756369	16/10/2007	Tue	1523	CAR1 WBD on TAURINA ST hit Parked Vehicle while manoeuvring	CAR1 didnt see/look behind when reversing/manoeuvring	DRY	Bright	Fine	Unknown	Nil	inattention
MOXHAM AVENUE	I MOXHAM AVENUE	2955209	20/08/2009	Thu	1244	CAR1 EBD on TAURINA ST hit rear of left turning CAR2	CAR1 failed to notice car slowing, misjudged speed, distance or position	DRY	Bright	Fine	T Type Junction	Give Way Sign	error

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TAURINA ST	50E RUAHINE ST	2854775	14/06/2008	Sat	1420	VAN1 MBD on TAURINA ST hit CAR2 manoeuvring	VAN1 misjudged size or position of fixed object or obstacle ENV: entering or leaving private house / farm	Dry	Bright	Fine	Driveway	Nil	error
WAITOA ROAD	30E MOXHAM AVENUE	2755753	24/07/2007	Tue	2200	CAR1 MBD on WAITOA ROAD hit CAR2 angle parking	CAR2 didnt see/look behind when reversing/manoeuvring	Dry	Dark	Fine	Unknown	Nil	inattention
WAITOA ROAD	10W MOXHAM AVENUE	2955274	09/09/2009	Wed	1340	TRUCK1 MBD on WAITOA ROAD hit parked vehicle while manoeuvring	TRUCK1 didnt see/look behind when reversing/manoeuvring	Dry	Overcast	Fine	X Type Junction	Nil	inattention
WAITOA ROAD	20W MOXHAM AVENUE	2954250	22/07/2009	Wed	1006	BUS1 MBD on WAITOA ROAD hit parked Veh, BUS1 hit Parked Vehicle	BUS1 misjudged speed of own vehicle VAN2 double parked	Dry	Bright	Fine	Unknown	Nil	error
WAITOA ROAD	20W MOXHAM AVENUE	2756650	24/08/2007	Fri	0730	CAR1 MBD on WAITOA ROAD hit parked Veh, CAR1 hit Parked Vehicle	CAR1 too far left/right	Dry	Dark	Fine	Unknown	Nil	error
WAITOA ROAD	20W MOXHAM AVENUE	2953906	15/01/2009	Thu	1700	BUS1 MBD on WAITOA ROAD hit parked Veh, BUS1 hit Parked Vehicle	BUS1 misjudged size or position of fixed object or obstacle	Dry	Bright	Fine	Unknown	Nil	error
WAITOA ROAD	80W MOXHAM AVENUE	2956993	31/12/2009	Thu	2215	CAR1 MBD on WAITOA ROAD lost control turning right, CAR1 hit kerb, Parked Vehicle on right hand bend	CAR1 new driver showed inexperience	Dry	Dark	Fine	Unknown	Nil	error

2007: 12 Probable drunk driver early morning 0230 Sunday
 2008: 4
 2009: 7 inattention 0400 Thurs-
 2010: 2
 2011: 0
 2012: 0
 25
 1 too fast - drunk
 2 misjudged speed