
REPORT 7
(1215/13/IM)

RATIFICATION OF BOARD SUBMISSION TO RURAL SPEED LIMITS CONSULTATION

It is recommended that the Makara/Ohariu Community Board:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Ratify the submission to the Rural Speed Limits Consultation.*

Attached is the Board's submission to the Rural Speed Limits Consultation.

-----Original Message-----

From: ruth@ruthpaul.co.nz [mailto:ruth@ruthpaul.co.nz]
Sent: Monday, 27 March 2006 08:28
To: Safer Roads
Subject: Rural Speed Limit Changes - Submission

The following details have been submitted from the Rural Speed Limit Changes submission form on the www.Wellington.govt.nz website:

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Submitted as : Organisation
Organisation Name : Makara Ohariu Community Board

Speed Limit Appropriate
- No

Ohariu Road : 50
Takarau Gorge : 50
Makara Road1 - to Makara : 60
Makara Road2 - township : 50
Makara Road3 - to Karori : 50
Ohariu Valley1 - from Takarau Gorge Road : 50
Ohariu Valley2 - from Boom Rock Road : 50

Boom Rock : 50
Rifle Range : 50
Makara Road4 - to Makara Beach : 60
Opau Road : 50
South Makara : 50
Middleton1 - from Johnsonville : 60
Middleton2 - from Tawa : 50

Comments

The Makara Ohariu Community Board member's are supportive of a reduction of the 100km/hr speed limit in the rural.

The Board's main concern is the safety of rural residents and road-users, with particular consideration given to the growth in recreational activities on the rural road network, i.e. cycling, horses and horse-floats, walkers. This risk to safety is compounded due to the lack of footpaths or cycle-ways in the rural area.

At the Board meeting of 16 March 2006 the Board passed a resolution agreeing to submit on a blanket speed limit of 50km/hr for the rural area, as opposed to the varying 50-60-70km/hr proposal. At the time, we thought this would be less confusing to drivers.

Reaction to this decision, however, has caused the Board members to agree informally to submit in support of a varying speed limit in Makara (submission to be ratified at the April Board meeting). Many members of the Makara Beach

community feel that a 60km/hr limit from approx. 500 Makara Rd (O'Leary/Poata driveways) to the beach is more appropriate. As residents of the Makara area with the longest distance to travel on a regular basis, the Board supports this view.

In summary, the Board supports a 50km/hr speed limit from the top of Makra Hill, through the villages to approx. 500 Makara Rd, and 60km/hr from there to the beach. 50-60km/hr is supported along South Makara Rd.

From the crossroads at Makara north (i.e. the whole of Ohariu Valley) the Board's resolution to support a blanket 50km/hr speed limit remains. This matter was re-addressed informally at the same time as the Makara issue, with the Ohariu Board members feeling the blanket speed limit of 50km/hr will be strongly supported by residents.

We realise that the setting of speed limits raises many differing personal and emotional responses. If the response from individuals to this consultation is high, then the Board's submission will hopefully be found to be reflective of those received by Council.

The Board thanks Council for the opportunity to submit. Where significant response is received from local individual submissions raising issues at odds with (or not addressed by) the Board, we would appreciate the opportunity to remain involved in discussions as to the setting of appropriate limits.

Ruth Paul
Chairperson
Makara Ohariu Community Board.

Thank you.