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Attention Hanita Shantilal

Proposed 10km and 90 km per hour speed limits Wellington City Council

1. Introduction

The Wellington District of the New Zealand Automobile Association (AA) has 140,000 members and is represented by a District Council of 9 members. Most of our members are also pedestrians and often bicycle users and are therefore aware of the need to consider other road users and for driving speeds to match the conditions appropriate at a particular time. Speed limits are a tool to reduce speed for those motorists who have a disregard for other road users. However, international research has shown that for lower speed limits the only proven method of significantly reducing vehicle speeds in built up areas are traffic calming measures such as judder bars.

2. Proposed 10km per hour speed limit

The AA opposes the proposed 10 km per hour speed limit. The reasons for this are:

- A speed of 10km per hour barely registers on many car speedometers (photo enclosed). In a low speed environment it is more important for motorists to concentrate on the environment outside the car rather than trying to read a speedometer which is barely above the zero mark.
- As mentioned above, just putting up a speed limit sign has very limited effect on vehicle speeds in low speed environments. The installation of traffic calming devices such as judder bars is more effective and eliminates the confusion of multiple speed limits over short distances.
- Wellington Police (Richard Hocken) has advised that police car speedometers are only calibrated at speeds from 30km per hour upwards. Radar or laser guns could still be used.
- Of the 309 pedestrian injury accidents in Wellington City over the past 5 years only 4 occurred in off road areas. Two were in shop car parks (New World Wakefield Street and Lighting Direct Hutt Road). The other two were in petrol station forecourts. All of these accidents occurred on privately owned land over which WCC has no jurisdiction. No injury accidents to pedestrians occurred in any Council owned sports grounds, airport, beaches, botanical gardens etc.

Overall, we do not consider there is a need for a 10 km per hour speed limit in any Wellington streets.



3. Proposed 90km per hour speed limit

The AA also opposes this proposed speed limit for the following reasons:

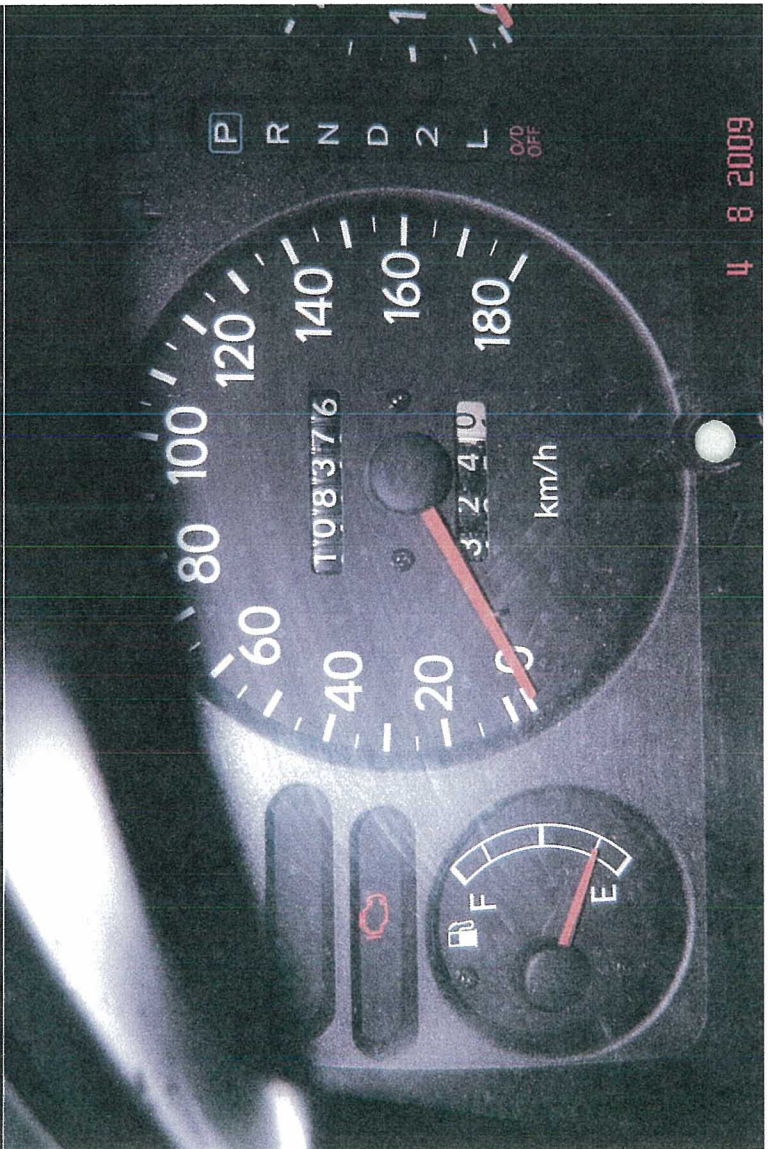
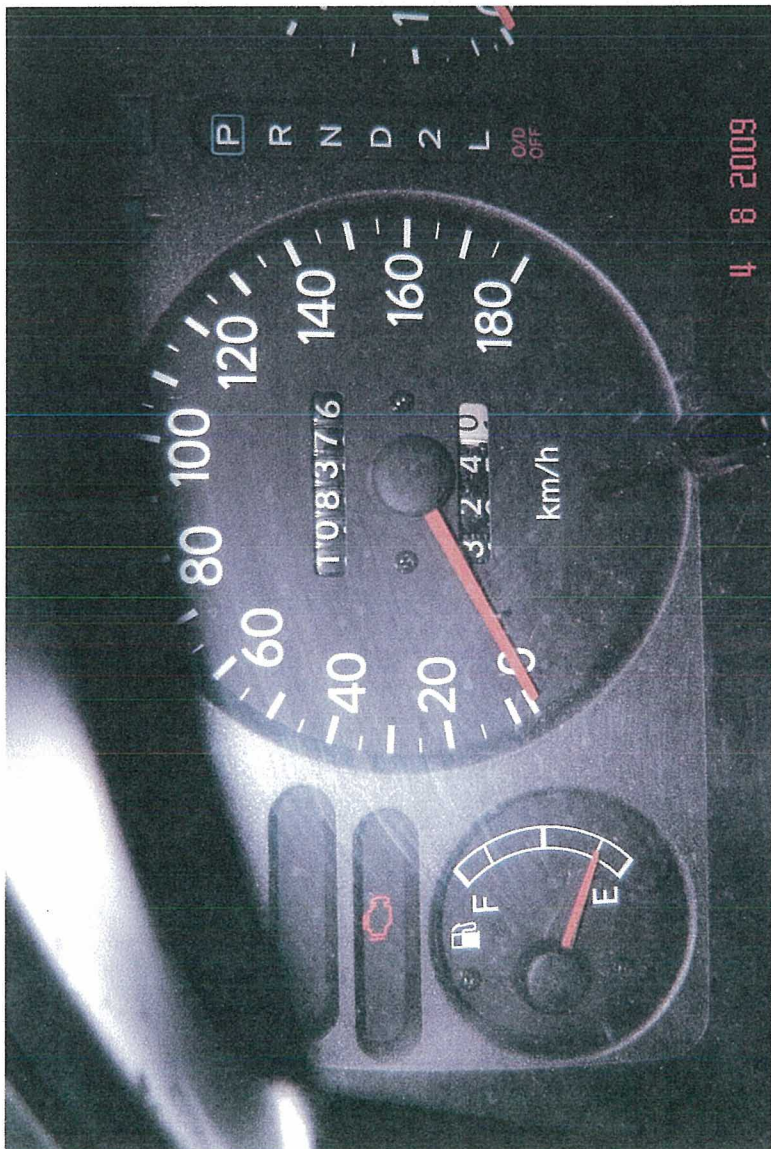
- If a road is not suitable for 100 km per hour we see no point in having a 90 km per hour limit when the police tolerance prior to issuing a ticket would be a further 9 km ie back to 100km per hour.
- Our preference if a road is not suitable for 100 km per hour the speed limit should be lowered to 80 km per hour.

The Automobile Association wishes to nominate Councillor Alex Gray to present our submission orally to the Council Sub-Committee on 13 August.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Christianson', written over a horizontal line.

John Christianson
Wellington District Chairman
New Zealand Automobile Association



Hanita Shantilal

From: bellb@xtra.co.nz
Sent: Wednesday, 1 July 2009 11:14 a.m.
To: Hanita Shantilal
Subject: Changes to the Speed Limits Bylaw

The following details have been submitted from the Changes to the Speed Limits Bylaw form on the www.Wellington.govt.nz website:

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Last Name: Bell
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Suburb: Broadmeadows
City: Wellington
Phone: 029-4710073
Email: bellb@xtra.co.nz

I am making this submission: as a resident

Do you support the proposed amendments: Disagree

Hanita Shantilal

From: webcentre@wcc.govt.nz
Sent: Sunday, 2 August 2009 8:26 p.m.
To: Hanita Shantilal
Subject: Changes to the Speed Limits Bylaw

The following details have been submitted from the Changes to the Speed Limits Bylaw form on the www.Wellington.govt.nz website:

First Name: Julian
Last Name: Boorman
Street Address: 1 Akatea Street
Suburb: Berhampore
City: Wellington

I would like to make an oral submission on 13 August: No

I am making this submission: other

I am making this submission as: other - details: on behalf of Cycle Aware Wellington

Do you support the proposed amendments: Agree

Do you wish to comment on why you agree or disagree with the proposed changes: Cycle Aware Wellington (CAW) supports the council in seeking to expand the council's ability to set lower speed limits in order to achieve greater safety for road users, especially pedestrians and cyclists.

If the council is allowed to set speed limits of 10km/h and 90km/h, in addition to those speed limits already allowed, then it will be easier for the council to set closer to ideal speed limits where currently the only options are 20km/h, 80km/h and 100km/h.

For example, if the council wanted to discourage cars from driving somewhere, but didn't want to ban them completely, they could set a 10km/h speed limit. This would better suit slow moving cyclists including small children who could not safely share space with vehicles travelling at 20km/h.

Also there may be situations where a speed limit of 100km/h is in place because, while 100km/h is too fast for the particular road, an 80km/h speed limit is not politically feasible. A 90km/h limit could then be a politically feasible compromise. After some time of a 90km/h limit, as drivers get use to it, an 80km/h limit might be less unpopular and could be introduced, thus drivers might be 'weaned' onto lower speeds which are safer for all road users.

Comments: Cycle Aware Wellington (CAW) is strongly in favour of lower speed limits.

It has been shown that excessive speed was a leading factor contributing to New Zealand road crashes, accounting for 34% of fatalities in 1996. After two years, anti-speed campaigns resulted in reductions of 14% to 26% in speed related crashes (P. Graham "Research in Road Safety Advertising" Nov 1998). So reducing speeds saves lives and road trauma.

In the national road safety strategy "Road Safety to 2010", Land Transport NZ noted that in a collision with a car, pedestrian and cyclist fatalities increase rapidly as vehicle speeds increase, such that "death is virtually certain" if the impact occurs at or above 60 km/h. Conversely, if pedestrians or cyclists are hit by motor vehicles travelling at 30 km/h or less, the probability of death is less than 10%.

Lowering operating speeds and speed limits on most urban streets will improve safety for all road users (not just cyclists) and encourage more people to cycle. Reducing motor vehicle speeds will have two benefits for pedestrians and cyclists. People struck by motor vehicles at lower speeds will be less likely to be killed or seriously injured, and also the chances of them being struck will be reduced as motorists have more chance to avoid hitting them, when travelling at lower speeds.

Engineering solutions, education and law enforcement should be used to reduce motor vehicle speeds especially around schools, dense residential areas, home zones and in town centres.

CAW is glad that some speed limits in Wellington City have been lowered (for example the 40km/h in Riddiford Street, Newtown). CAW wants more speed limits in Wellington lowered so that fewer cyclists are injured, cycling in Wellington is considered safer, and more people take up cycling. This will be better for the environment and for the health and wellbeing of Wellington's residents.

Hanita Shantilal

From: webcentre@wcc.govt.nz
Sent: Thursday, 6 August 2009 4:38 p.m.
To: Hanita Shantilal
Subject: Changes to the Speed Limits Bylaw

The following details have been submitted from the Changes to the Speed Limits Bylaw form on the www.Wellington.govt.nz website:

First Name: Peter
Last Name: Chadwick
Street Address: 78 Balfour Street
Suburb: Mornington
City: Wellington

I would like to make an oral submission on 13 August: No

I am making this submission: as a resident

Do you support the proposed amendments: Disagree

Do you wish to comment on why you agree or disagree with the proposed changes: I suggest an Australia driving experience to illustrate the stress and distraction caused by having a multitude of speed limits.

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Your views

Mr / Mrs / Ms / Miss / Dr (circle which applies)

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* Mandatory fields

Are you writing this submission as:

Resident Business owner Visitor Other (please specify below)

Your views *continued*

Do you support the proposed amendments? They will allow the Council to set speed limits of 10km/h on Wellington City roads or areas under its control and 90km/h on roads in rural areas.

Please circle one response: Agree / Disagree

Do you wish to comment on why you agree or disagree with the proposed changes?

*Provides more flexibility to WCC
I favour being able to create pedestrian-friendly areas w. a 10 km/h vehicle speed limit, such as that proposed for lower Cuba St.*

Do you wish to make an oral submission to the Strategy and Policy Committee on 13 August 2009?

Yes No

Do you have any other comments on the proposed amendments? (Please continue on a separate page if necessary.)

Multiple horizontal lines for additional comments.

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Your views

Mr / Mrs / Ms / Miss / Dr (circle which applies)

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Are you writing this submission as:

Resident Business owner Visitor Other (please specify below)

Cycle user

Your views continued

Do you support the proposed amendments? They will allow the Council to set speed limits of 10km/h on Wellington City roads or areas under its control and 90km/h on roads in rural areas.

Please circle one response: Agree / Disagree

Agree

Do you wish to comment on why you agree or disagree with the proposed changes?

There are many narrow congested roads in Wellington, and a limitation below 50 kmh is needed in many areas. All of the roads in and through wades-town need restriction to 40 kmh.

Do you wish to make an oral submission to the Strategy and Policy Committee on 13 August 2009?

Yes No

Do you have any other comments on the proposed amendments? (Please continue on a separate page if necessary.)

Multiple horizontal lines for writing additional comments.

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Hanita Shantilal

From: senjmito@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, 7 August 2009 4:59 p.m.
To: Hanita Shantilal
Subject: Changes to the Speed Limits Bylaw

The following details have been submitted from the Changes to the Speed Limits Bylaw form on the www.Wellington.govt.nz website:

First Name: Tim
Last Name: Jones
Street Address: 87 Ellice St
Suburb: Mt Victoria
City: Wellington
Phone: 027 359 0293
Email: senjmito@gmail.com

I would like to make an oral submission on 13 August: No

I am making this submission: as a resident

Do you support the proposed amendments: Agree

Do you wish to comment on why you agree or disagree with the proposed changes: Cities are built for people, not cars. To foster the creation of a livable city, and to improve the safety of pedestrians, cyclists and other road users, it's important to give the Council the power to set reduced speed limits where these are desirable.



Submission from Living Streets Wellington On Changes to the Speed Limits Bylaw

Organisation: Living Streets Wellington
Contact person: Paula Warren
Address: 2/1 Wesley Road, Kelburn, Wellington 6012
Email: pwarren@yahoo.co.nz
Phone: 04 471 3118
Date: 3 July 2009

About Living Streets

Living Streets Aotearoa is New Zealand's national walking and pedestrian organisation, providing a positive voice for people on foot and working to promote walking friendly planning and development around the country. Our vision is "More people choosing to walk more often and enjoying public places".

The objectives of LSA are:

- to promote walking as a healthy, environmentally-friendly and universal means of transport and recreation
- to promote the social and economic benefits of pedestrian-friendly communities
- to work for improved access and conditions for walkers, pedestrians and runners e.g. walking surfaces, traffic flows, speed and safety
- to advocate for greater representation of pedestrian concerns in national, regional and urban land use and transport planning.

Living Streets Wellington is the local group based in the Wellington region which is working to make city and suburban centres in the region more walking-friendly.

For more information, please see: www.livingstreets.org.nz

Submission

Living Streets supports the proposed bylaw change. It will provide the Council with more options when deciding an appropriate speed limit.

The speed of traffic has major impacts on pedestrians - affecting how safe they feel, how easily they can cross roads, whether they feel able to share the road with cars (where there aren't footpaths), and the likelihood of significant injury or death in a collision with a car.

We would also like to see 5 km/hr included as an option, to allow for the development of shared road space proposals, such as that proposed for Lower Cuba Street. A very low speed limit is appropriate in areas that are primarily pedestrian spaces, but where some vehicle access is required for servicing businesses.

Hanita Shantilal

From: webcentre@wcc.govt.nz
Sent: Tuesday, 30 June 2009 1:39 p.m.
To: Hanita Shantilal
Subject: Changes to the Speed Limits Bylaw

The following details have been submitted from the Changes to the Speed Limits Bylaw form on the www.Wellington.govt.nz website:

First Name: Scott
Last Name: Mayo
Street Address: 4a Robieson Lane
Suburb: Roseneath
City: Wellington

I would like to make an oral submission on 13 August: No

I am making this submission: as a resident

Do you support the proposed amendments: Disagree

Do you wish to comment on why you agree or disagree with the proposed changes: NZ has too many speedlimits. It is no longer obvious what speed you should be doing in an area. Adding more options will make it more confusing. We need: 30, 50, 75 & 100. Setting a speedlimit to 10 km/hr means you can be fined \$170 for driving at 30km/hr. Better to close the road off if you think people should drive that slowly.

Hanita Shantilal

From: fiona.mckee@justice.govt.nz
Sent: Monday, 13 July 2009 12:10 p.m.
To: Hanita Shantilal
Subject: Changes to the Speed Limits Bylaw

The following details have been submitted from the Changes to the Speed Limits Bylaw form on the www.Wellington.govt.nz website:

First Name: Fiona
Last Name: McKee
Street Address: 76B Collier Ave
Suburb: Karori
City: Wellington 6012
Email: fiona.mckee@justice.govt.nz

I would like to make an oral submission on 13 August: No

I am making this submission: as a business owner

Do you support the proposed amendments: Disagree

Do you wish to comment on why you agree or disagree with the proposed changes: I think that the diversity of speed limits currently existing within Wellington City is crazy enough. The Council does not need the ability to set speeds of 10kph and 90 kph just to top it off.

I would actually argue that what needs to change is that the existing diversity is cut back! The greater the range of speed limits the harder it is for the average driver to understand what speed zone they are currently travelling through. As drivers you usually get one chance to see a change in speed. You are not continually reminded of what zone you are travelling in so the more non-standard the speed limits get the crazier it will become for people to be able to rely on any form of logic to let them know what speed is currently applicable.

Therefore, I say no to the proposed amendment as I think it is unnecessary.

Comments: As above.

SUBMISSION 11**Hanita Shantilal**

From: grannygwen.shar@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, 30 June 2009 5:29 p.m.
To: Hanita Shantilal
Subject: Changes to the Speed Limits Bylaw

The following details have been submitted from the Changes to the Speed Limits Bylaw form on the www.Wellington.govt.nz website:

First Name: Shar
Last Name: Miles
Street Address: 2.4 Palazzo
Suburb: 42 Vivian Street
City: Wellington
Phone: 021-1198-708
Email: grannygwen.shar@gmail.com

I would like to make an oral submission on 13 August: No

I am making this submission: as a resident

Do you support the proposed amendments: Agree

Do you wish to comment on why you agree or disagree with the proposed changes: Pedestrians have become moronic zombies, walking out in front of traffic without looking where they're going or who else may be coming towards them. This results in bus drivers (especially) being demonised for driving too fast, when they are obeying the speed limit. Reducing the speed limit will give these iPoded idiots a slightly longer lifespan.

Hanita Shantilal

From: roy.rigler@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, 30 June 2009 3:33 p.m.
To: Hanita Shantilal
Subject: Changes to the Speed Limits Bylaw

The following details have been submitted from the Changes to the Speed Limits Bylaw form on the www.Wellington.govt.nz website:

First Name: Roy
Last Name: Rigler
Street Address: 7A Montgomery Avenue
Suburb: Karori
City: Wellington
Phone: 476 2548
Email: roy.rigler@gmail.com

I would like to make an oral submission on 13 August: No

I am making this submission: as a resident

Do you support the proposed amendments: Agree

Do you wish to comment on why you agree or disagree with the proposed changes: No

Comments: Enforcement is an issue, as it is all the time

Hanita Shantilal

From: webcentre@wcc.govt.nz
Sent: Wednesday, 1 July 2009 1:00 p.m.
To: Hanita Shantilal
Subject: Changes to the Speed Limits Bylaw

The following details have been submitted from the Changes to the Speed Limits Bylaw form on the www.Wellington.govt.nz website:

First Name: Dave
Last Name: Shallcrass
Street Address: 240 Rintoul St
Suburb: Berhampore
City: Wellington

I would like to make an oral submission on 13 August: No

I am making this submission: as a business owner

Do you support the proposed amendments: Agree

Do you wish to comment on why you agree or disagree with the proposed changes: I hope that the amendments will promote greater road safety, particularly for pedestrians and cyclists.

Comments: I also hope that the amendment might discourage motorists from driving in central city and suburban retail areas e.g Kilbirnie, and encourage pedestrians, cyclists and bus users.

SUBMISSION 14**Hanita Shantilal**

From: mgtaylor@kol.co.nz
Sent: Friday, 7 August 2009 12:39 p.m.
To: Hanita Shantilal
Subject: Changes to the Speed Limits Bylaw

The following details have been submitted from the Changes to the Speed Limits Bylaw form on the www.Wellington.govt.nz website:

First Name: Michael
Last Name: Taylor
Street Address: 10 Laurent Place
Suburb: Kingston
City: Wellington
Phone: 3898071
Email: mgtaylor@kol.co.nz

I would like to make an oral submission on 13 August: No

I am making this submission: as a resident

Do you support the proposed amendments: Agree

Do you wish to comment on why you agree or disagree with the proposed changes: The change simply provides for the council to have greater flexibility in setting speed limits. Were the council not to change its bylaws then arguably it would be impinging on the right of residents to seek limits of 10km/h and 90km/h on motor vehicle speeds, which right is implied in the amended LTSA rule.

Comments: I strongly support the proposed change to the bylaw.

Hanita Shantilal

From: webcentre@wcc.govt.nz
Sent: Saturday, 4 July 2009 8:07 p.m.
To: Hanita Shantilal
Subject: Changes to the Speed Limits Bylaw

The following details have been submitted from the Changes to the Speed Limits Bylaw form on the www.Wellington.govt.nz website:

First Name: Alastair
Last Name: Warren
Street Address: Home St
Suburb: Mt Victoria
City: Wellington

I would like to make an oral submission on 13 August: No

I am making this submission: as a resident

Do you support the proposed amendments: Agree

Do you wish to comment on why you agree or disagree with the proposed changes: It's important that WCC has a full range of speed limits available in order to best address needs for specific roads and situations.

Comments: I'm particularly interested in seeing the 10km/h limit made use of, I feel it will be very suitable for slow speed urban areas such as the proposed lower Cuba Street 'pedestrian friendly' development. This low speed limit will help enable the modernisation of road environments such as this.

SUBMISSION 16**Hanita Shantilal**

From: pwarren58@yahoo.co.nz
Sent: Thursday, 2 July 2009 11:01 a.m.
To: Hanita Shantilal
Subject: Changes to the Speed Limits Bylaw

The following details have been submitted from the Changes to the Speed Limits Bylaw form on the www.Wellington.govt.nz website:

First Name: Paula
Last Name: Warren
Street Address: Flat 1, 1 Wesley Road
Suburb: Kelburn
City: Wellington 6012
Phone: 471 3118
Email: pwarren58@yahoo.co.nz

I would like to make an oral submission on 13 August: No

I am making this submission: as a business owner

Do you support the proposed amendments: Agree

Do you wish to comment on why you agree or disagree with the proposed changes: It is important that the council has the full range of options when considering a specific speed limit. Low speeds, in particular, are important to provide for pedestrian and cyclist safety, and to reduce impacts on communities.

Comments: Given the proposal to have a 5km/hr limit in Lower Cuba Street, why has 5km/hr not been included as an option?

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Your views

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Your views continued

You appear to have omitted the last of your 3 bullet points under "The Proposed Changes" viz. to [incorporate] the changes made over the last 5 years.

Do you support the proposed amendments? They will allow the Council to set speed limits of 40km/h on Wellington City roads or areas under its control and 90km/h on roads in rural areas.

Please circle one response: Agree / Disagree

*Please therefore refer to my other comments below: **

Do you wish to comment on why you agree or disagree with the proposed changes?

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Do you wish to make an oral submission to the Strategy and Policy Committee on 13 August 2009?

Yes No

Do you have any other comments on the proposed amendments? (Please continue on a separate page if necessary.)

Confusion must be eliminated by minimising the switches from one speed to another i.e. in most suburbs, permitted speed max. should be 40 km/h, not 50. Kihirnie's roads, eg, need to have a reduction to 40, just as much as Newtown!

Rural roads are often traversed by "visitors" - will they be adequately "marked"? 80 km/h on all rural roads, please.

Refer to your background sentence explaining "the purpose of the speed limits bylaw --- risk to public safety is minimised". My comment at this point is not entirely relevant here, but I am a 'road user' whenever I walk across a ped x. Too often, a motorist has tunnel vision in their effort to beat the light change. Don't always blame the walker!

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