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Kia ora Kane,

Director approval for speed changes – State Highway 1, Ara Tūhono – Pūhoi to Warkworth

Waka Kotahi as Road Controlling Authority ('RCA') requests that the Director of Land Transport approves the setting of the speed limits below for State Highway 1, Ara Tūhono – Pūhoi to Warkworth (shown in the map in **Attachment A** to this letter-see highlighted area) in accordance with Clause 2.6(2)(a) of the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2022 (the Rule).

Background

Waka Kotahi began construction of the State Highway 1, Ara Tūhono – Pūhoi to Warkworth with the intention of opening the highway with speed limits set. Due to the timing of opening of the motorway submission for the SH1, Ara Tūhono – Pūhoi to Warkworth speed limits will have to be made prior to the ISHSMP.

Waka Kotahi understands that during the interim period of the Rule speed limits can be set in accordance with the clause 2.6 process for changes in advance of a new plan (by way of Schedule 3, clause 12.8) or in accordance with a modified 2017 rule process under Schedule 3, clause 12.9.

Matters for Approval

Waka Kotahi wishes to complete the speed limit changes for this corridor under the clause 2.6.

Waka Kotahi considers that the requirements for clause 2.6 have also been met. In particular:

- For clause 2.6(3)(a) Waka Kotahi has taken into account the guidance and information developed and maintained by Waka Kotahi (Agency) under clauses 3.14 and 3.15 by using Megamaps (Road to Zero edition), Speed Management Guide (Road to Zero edition) and One Network Classifications in RAMM for development of the technical aspects.
- For clause 2.6(3)(b) Waka Kotahi assessed the speed limits of the adjoining roads and considered the impact of the speed change and received feedback from the adjacent RCA.
- For clause 2.6(4) Waka Kotahi considers that there is a good reason for the proposed speed limit to be set before the next plan is published due to the timing of opening of the motorway, obligations under the PPP contract.
- For clause 2.6(6) Waka Kotahi undertook consultation that aligns with the requirements of clause 3.9. Notably:
 - The consultation period was at least four weeks (11 October 2021-5 November 2021)
 - Consultation was undertaken with Māori from the commencement of the project. Waka Kotahi have been working with Hōkai Nuku since 2010 when the partnership was originally formed to

collaborate on the Ara Tūhono - Pūhoi to Wellsford. Hōkai Nuku continue to provide specialist cultural and environmental advice for this stage of the project. Hōkai Nuku is the authorised voice of four Iwi and Hapū mana whenua – Ngāti Manuhiri, Ngāti Mauku/Ngāti Kauae of Te Uri o Hau, Ngāti Rango of Kaipara and Ngāti Whātua.

- For clause 2.6 (7) Waka Kotahi considered consultation submissions received.

Attachment B to this letter is a copy of the approved and signed memo outlining and its supporting documents which record the process undertaken for this speed limit change.

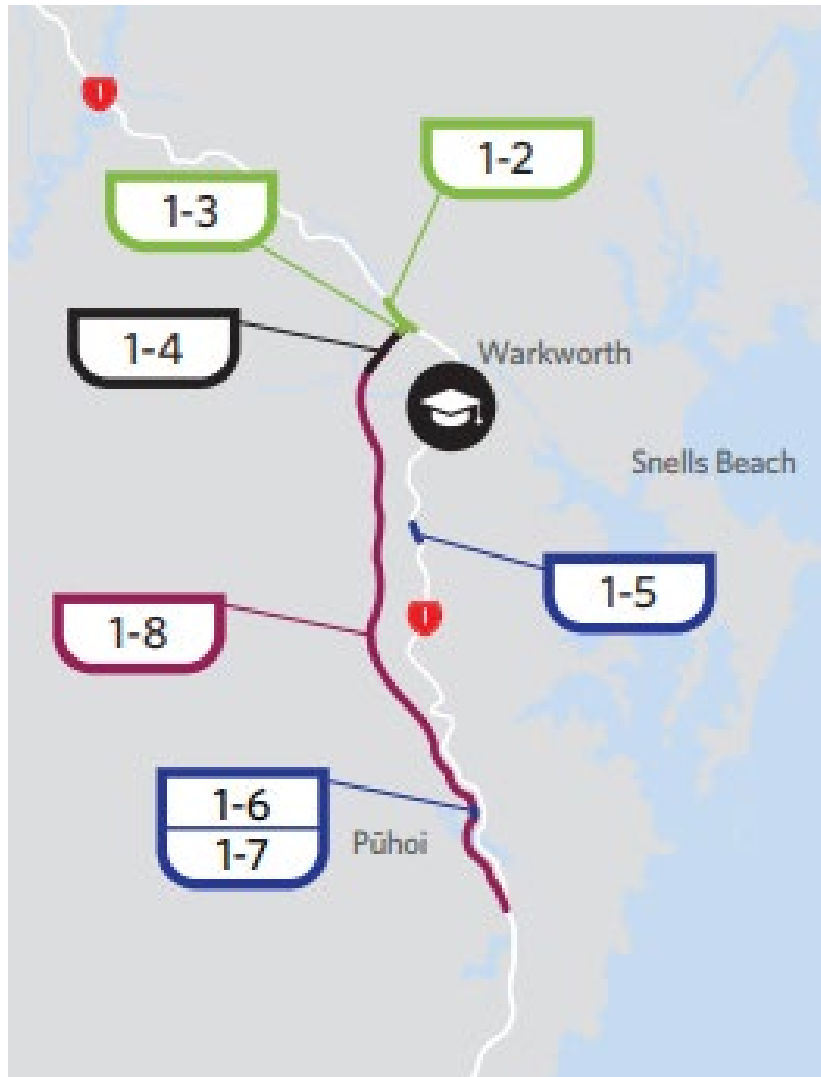
If Waka Kotahi receives your approval for setting the speed limit pursuant to Clause 2.6, it will complete the speed change in accordance with that Clause, including by creating and submitting a land transport record of the speed change and publishing online the information required under clause 2.6(8).

I appreciate your consideration in relation to the State Highway 1, Ara Tūhono – Pūhoi to Warkworth speed limit approval. Please contact me if you wish to discuss any aspect of this letter or require any further information.



Vanessa Browne
National Manager, Programme and Standards

Attachment A



Ngā huringa tepenga tere

Proposed speed limits

State highway	Reference number	Location	Existing speed limit (km/h) <small>*Variable</small>	Proposed speed limit (km/h)
1	1	Wellsford north Northern entrance to Wellsford	60	50
	2	Warkworth north Northern entrance to Warkworth	80	60
	3	Pūhoi to Warkworth mainline 60 End of motorway, for approach to roundabout - northbound only	N/A	60
	4	Pūhoi to Warkworth (VSL at north end of motorway) Variable speed limit to allow smart management of traffic to roundabout - northbound only	N/A	Various (30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80 or 100)
	5	Warkworth variable speed area – removal Removal of intersection speed zone at Designation Road	80/60*	80
	6	Pūhoi northbound off-ramp	N/A	80
	7	Pūhoi southbound on-ramp	N/A	80
	8	Pūhoi to Warkworth mainline Warkworth roundabout to north of Johnstone Hill Tunnels	N/A	100

*Strikethrough not included

Attachment B

Link to approved and signed memo - [here](#)