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Kia ora Kane,

Director approval for speed changes – State Highway 3 Raynes Road intersection -Intersection Speed Zone (“ISZ”), Waikato

Waka Kotahi as Road Controlling Authority (‘RCA’) respectfully requests that the Director of Land Transport approves the setting of a Variable Speed Limit (VSL) ISZ at the intersection of SH3 and Raynes Road on the southern approach to Hamilton (shown in the drawing in **Attachment A** to this letter) in accordance with Clause 2.6(2)(a) of the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2022 (the Rule).

Background

Waka Kotahi undertook the speed review for the SH1, SH3, SH26 Hamilton corridor in accordance with the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2017 (‘2017 Rule’). The majority of the Speed Review changes were implemented on 10 December 2021.

However, one matter was not implemented at that time, being the ISZ at SH3-Raynes Road intersection.

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 process rather than Schedule 3, clause 12.9. The clause 2.6 process is more efficient than the Schedule 3, clause 12.9 process, as clause 12.9 requires the creation of a gazetted bylaw in addition to a land transport record. The timeframes involved in gazetting a bylaw would further delay implementing safe speed limits on this corridor.

This review completed pre-implementation, consultation, and internal approval stages on the proposed new speed limits prior to the new Rule commencing. However, Waka Kotahi has not yet made a bylaw or a land transport record to legalise the approved speed limit change as it pertains to the ISZ at SH3-Raynes Road intersection.

There were a range of complex design and installation matters that needed to be resolved to implement the ISZ and a satisfactory design has now been completed and installation can be funded and programmed currently. Our proposal is to set a 60/80 variable speed limit within the 80km/h posted speed limit at Raynes Road / SH3 intersection.

In theory, this could be included in a future speed management plan, however, the timeframes involved would also delay implementing safe speed limits on this corridor.

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

- For clause 2.6(3)(a) Waka Kotahi took into account the guidance and information developed and maintained by Waka Kotahi (Agency) under clauses 3.14 and 3.15 by using Megamaps (Edition 2) 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 adjacent RCAs. Permanent 80km/h speed limits have been implemented both on SH3 (pursuant to the aforementioned review) and Raynes Road (by the 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 as other than for this ISZ, the review had been completed under the 2017 rule and the timeframes involved in following an interim speed management plan would delay implementing a safe speed limit for this intersection.
- For clause 2.6(6) Waka Kotahi undertook consultation that generally aligns with the requirements of clause 3.9. The extent and nature of the consultation undertaken is detailed in the Speed Review Report (**Attachment B**). Notably:
 - The consultation period was four weeks (27 July 2020 to 21 August 2020)
 - Engagement and consultation was undertaken with Māori (Te Ha o Whenua Kirikiriroa) as an identified partner and stakeholder from early in the project (February 2020). The iwi organisation was supportive of the implementation of the speed review.
 - The consultation was undertaken in accord with Waka Kotahi (RCA) best practice and is deemed to be a reasonably practicable approach under the requirements of the 2017 Rule at the time of consultation.
- For clause 2.6 (7) Waka Kotahi considered consultation submissions received. The inclusion of the ISZ was at the behest of responses received from Hamilton City Council.

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

If we receive 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 SH1, SH3, SH26 Hamilton speed limit approval (SH3-Raynes Road ISZ). Please contact me if you wish to discuss any aspect of this letter or require any further information.



Vanessa Browne

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Attachment A

1 3 26 SH1/SH3/SH26 Speed review - Hamilton



Attachment B

Link to Speed Review Report saved in Infohub - [here](#)