



Proposed new speed limits

THREE BROTHERS TO MAISEY ROAD AND CONNECTING ROADS



Formal consultation on changes to the speed limit is required under the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits (2017).

This is your opportunity to have your say before the final decisions on speed limits for these roads are made by the council and Transport Agency.

You can have your say on the attached form or alternatively, you can complete an electronic feedback form at www.surveymonkey.com/r/TasmanSH60SpeedReview or email us at SH60Safety@nzta.govt.nz. Consultation closes 4pm 28 August 2018.

Have your say

The NZ Transport Agency and Tasman District Council are seeking public input into proposals to lower speed limits along a section of State Highway 60 (SH60), from Three Brothers Roundabout to Maisey Road, and some adjoining local roads.

The recommendations are outlined within this document (see *Joint recommendation*). For context, we have also provided a summary of the community and stakeholder engagement, as well as the investigations and subsequent evidence which led up to the recommendations being made.

This is your opportunity to tell us what you think about the joint recommendations.

Community and stakeholder engagement

Over the past two years the Transport Agency and Tasman District Council have been having conversations with local stakeholders including New Zealand Police, the Road Transport Association of New Zealand and Automobile Association about safe speed limits in the Tasman District. These conversations led to investigative work and wider community engagement about concerns with SH60 and adjoining roads. Community engagement on the issue reached a peak in February this year with a flurry of submissions to the Tasman draft Regional Land

Transport Plan, a majority of which related to SH60. Of these, most submitters recommended the speed limit on SH60 be lowered, especially the section between Three Brothers and Maisey Road. Experts within the Transport Agency and the council reviewed the safe and appropriate speed for this route and held further conversations with key stakeholders in April, ahead of announcing their recommendation to lower speed limits and commencing this consultation phase.

Investigation and evidence

Reductions in speed limits are able to reduce the harm associated with crashes. In 2017, the Transport Agency conducted a review of the roads within the Tasman District where speed management was likely to have the greatest effect. Due to its crash history, the presence of roadside hazards and the number of challenging intersections and driveways, the section of SH60, between Three Brothers and Maisey Road was identified as being a high-risk route which would benefit from a speed management review.

Crash history* for SH60 9km long corridor from Three Brothers to Maisey Road:

THREE YEAR CRASH RECORD (2015 TO 2017)

- 4 fatal crashes resulting in 11 casualties (deaths and serious injuries)
- 2 serious crashes resulting in 2 casualties (serious injuries)

TEN YEAR CRASH RECORD (2008 TO 2017)

- 6 fatal crashes resulting in 13 casualties (deaths and serious injuries)
- 6 serious crashes resulting in 9 casualties (serious injuries)

Crash history* for local road sections included in this review:

THREE YEAR CRASH RECORD (2015 TO 2017)

- 0 fatal crashes resulting in 0 casualties (deaths and serious injuries)
- 2 serious crash resulting in 2 casualty (serious injuries)

TEN YEAR CRASH RECORD (2008 TO 2017)

- 1 fatal crash resulting in 1 casualty (death)
- 6 serious crashes resulting in 6 (serious injuries)

*Crash Analysis System (CAS)

More about the local roads

New speed limits are being proposed for nine local roads that connect to SH60. This is because:

- these roads are assessed under the *New Zealand speed management guide* as having a safe and appropriate speed of less than 100 km/h
- it could be unsafe, or not make sense, for drivers to be faced with a 100km/h sign on these side roads when turning off SH60 if the SH60 speed limit is reduced to 80km/h
- having the side roads with a speed limit higher than the highway could, in some cases, encourage more 'rat running' where drivers use local roads instead of the highway. This could further compromise safety as these local roads and the associated intersections are generally at a lower standard than the state highway.

How to have your say

Fill in the feedback form on this document and drop it in at any Tasman District Council office or library, or alternatively post it to:-

Tasman District Council
189 Queen St
Private Bag 4
Richmond 7020

Complete the electronic feedback form at www.surveymonkey.com/r/TasmanSH60SpeedReview or visit www.nzta.govt.nz/sh60-speed-limit-consultation

Or you can scan the attached form and email it to SH60Safety@nzta.govt.nz

Consultation closes **4pm 28 August 2018.**

Visit the Tasman District Council website: www.tasman.govt.nz

Visit the Transport Agency website: www.nzta.govt.nz

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Joint recommendation

Described in the table below and shown in the map overleaf, are the roads/sections of roads that we are recommending lower speed limits be applied to:

NAME	FROM	TO	CURRENT SPEED LIMIT (KM/H)	RECOMMENDED SPEED LIMIT	EXISTING TYPICAL TRAVEL SPEEDS	REASON
SH60	Three Brothers roundabout	Maisey Road	Mostly 100, 80 in sections	80	80-84km/h	High crash history, roadside hazards, challenging intersections, numerous access ways.
Lower Queen Street	Existing 80km/h	End at river	100	80	85km/h	Increasing traffic from commercial and residential development. More access ways. High cyclist usage. Section includes a 30kph 90-degree bend with a four-way intersection.
Lansdowne Road	All		100	80	84km/h	Section includes a 30km/h 90 degree bend with a four-way intersection onto Lower Queen Street. Increasing traffic from commercial development and increasing number of access ways.
Best Island Road	All		100	80		A lack of shoulder width with sharp, out of context curves. Crash history confirms high-risk area. Speed limit should be consistent with Lower Queen Street and Lansdowne Road.
Barnett Avenue	All		100	60		Lack of shoulder width with sharp, out of context curves. The alignment doesn't allow for safe travel at 100km/h. Road approaches residential area.
Blackbyre Road	All		100	80		This road primarily provides access to industrial properties and is used by a large number of heavy commercial vehicles (20%). The relatively short road length (900m) means speeds are generally low. Speed limit should be consistent with SH60.
River Road (Appleby)	All		100	60		Lack of lane and shoulder width with a number of sharp, out of context curves. Crash history confirms high-risk area.
Redwood Road	All		100	80	91km/h	Used by a large number of tourists and recreational users. Speed limit should be consistent with SH60.
Research Orchard Road	All		100	80		Access visibility onto this residential cul-de-sac is limited due to vertical curves. The short length (400m) and narrow width means speeds are generally low. Speed limit should be consistent with SH60.
Pukeko Lane	All		100	80		The short length (220m) and alignment of this cul-de-sac means speeds are generally low. Speed limit should be consistent with SH60.

*The measured 85 percentile travel speed, which is the speed exceeded by only 15% of drivers. The majority of drivers are travelling slower than this.

TRAVEL TIMES

These proposed changes will not greatly affect travel times. For example, it will only take 1 minute and 11 seconds of additional travel time to drive SH60 from Three Brothers to Maisey Road at the new proposed limit of 80km/h.



Submission/Feedback Form

Please provide your name and an email address or phone number below.

Name

Email/phone

Address

Would you like to speak to your submission at the council submission hearing held for this purpose? YES NO

After a thorough review of State Highway 60 between Three Brothers and Maisey Road, including the surrounding environment and crash history, we are proposing to lower the speed limit from 100km/h to 80km/h in order to improve safety. Similarly, the Tasman District Council is proposing to lower the speed limits on connecting roads, also after a thorough review of the environment and crash history of these roads and to ensure consistency with the speed limit proposed for SH60.

We're now asking for feedback, in particular we'd like to know if you agree with the rationale for this proposal, and why (or why not), and if you think there are other factors which we should consider.

NAME	CURRENT SPEED LIMIT	RECOMMENDED SPEED LIMIT	PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR RESPONSE TO THE RECOMMENDED SPEED LIMITS
SH60 (Three Brothers to Maisey)	100	80	
Lower Queen Street	100	80	
Lansdowne Road	100	80	
Best Island Road	100	80	
Barnett Avenue	100	60	
Blackbyre Road	100	80	
River Road (Appleby)	100	60	
Redwood Road	100	80	
Research Orchard Road	100	80	
Pukeko Lane	100	80	