



Homer Tunnel to Milford Sound



HAVE YOUR SAY ON SAFER SPEEDS

Public consultation 18 November – 19 December 2019

We want to make your roads safer for everyone who uses them. On some roads we're doing this with safety improvements, but on SH94 from the eastern entrance of the Homer Tunnel to Milford Sound the best thing we can do to prevent people from dying or being seriously injured is reducing speed limits to make them safe and right for the road. Speed increases both the likelihood of crashes and their severity. A small speed reduction can make a big difference, especially when cyclists or pedestrians are involved. Most crashes are caused by a number of factors, but even when it's not the cause of a crash, speed is most likely to determine whether anyone is killed, injured, or walks away unharmed.

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

Before we make a decision, we want to hear from you.

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WHAT WE HAVE HEARD

We've talked to locals and key stakeholders in Te Anau and Milford Sound, Southland District Council and others and they want the existing speed limits reduced on the 17km section of SH94 from the eastern entrance of the Homer Tunnel to Milford Sound.

A lot of the visitor drivers using this road are doing so for the first time and have never experienced a road as challenging as this one. Because drivers usually have to wait before they drive through the tunnel, most leave their vehicles to admire the stunning alpine scenery, making distracted pedestrians near the road a real safety risk.

WHAT WE KNOW

There's a lot more traffic on this road which is increasing the safety risk. Between 2014 and 2018, there was a 35 percent rise in the average daily traffic counts on this highway, with vehicle numbers growing from 670 in 2014 to 1040 in 2018. The section of SH94 covered by this proposal has often unforgiving alpine terrain, volatile weather, while the tight turning nature of the highway between the Homer Tunnel and Milford Sound, is demanding on drivers.

Between 2009 and 2018 there were 76 crashes on SH94 between the eastern entrance of the Homer Tunnel and Milford Sound. Three people were killed and eight seriously injured. Just over 40 percent of the 76 crashes occurred between 2016 to 2018.

WHAT WE'RE PROPOSING

LOCATION	CURRENT SPEED LIMIT	PROPOSED SPEED LIMIT	CURRENT MEAN AVERAGE SPEED
Replacing the current 100km/h speed limits on the eastern approach to the Homer Tunnel (1km) and western approach (2km) and through the Homer Tunnel (1.7km) with a variable 30-60km/h limit.	100km/h	Variable 30-60km/h*	50-55km/h
From the western approach to the Homer Tunnel to Milford Sound (14km) an 80km/h limit in place of the existing mix of 100km/h and 80km/h limits.	80-100km/h	80km/h	55-59km/h
Extending the current 30km/h limit in Milford Sound to the east of the Deep Water Basin Road on a 500m section of SH94 with an 80km/h limit.	80km/h	30km/h	50-59km/h

*The variable speed limit will be used to safely manage highway issues for weather events, traffic congestion and for motorist safety in events such as crashes and rockfalls.



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SH94 HOMER TUNNEL TO MILFORD SOUND SPEED REVIEW CONSULTATION SUBMISSION FORM

HOW TO RESPOND

Feedback is due by 19 December 2019. You can:

- mail this prepaid form for free
- email it to southland.speed.reviews@nzta.govt.nz
- provide feedback online: www.nzta.govt.nz/southland-speed-reviews

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Please tick if you do not wish to receive further information

Are there any other factors that we should consider when making our decision regarding the proposed speed changes on State Highway 94 between Homer Tunnel and Milford Sound?

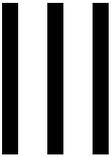


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The information requested in this consultation/survey is being collected by the NZ Transport Agency (the Transport Agency) for the purpose of seeking feedback on the proposed changes to speed limits on State Highway 94 from the eastern entrance to the Homer Tunnel to Milford Sound in accordance with the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2017. The survey is being administered by Crestani Communications Limited (Crestani), on behalf of the Transport Agency. Any personal information you submit as part of this process will be stored and processed on the Transport Agency's behalf by Crestani (who will use the information for analysis and reporting purposes), in accordance with the Privacy Act 1993. Please note that any feedback you provide is public information, and the Transport Agency may identify you as the submitter should it publish your feedback or provide it to a third party if requested under the Official Information Act 1982. Please clearly indicate, therefore, if your feedback is commercially sensitive, or if for some other reason your feedback should not be disclosed and/or you should not be identified as the submitter. Any other personal information that you provide, however, will not be made public. Under the Privacy Act 1993 you have the right to request access to and correction of any personal information you supply as part of this process. If you wish to do so, please email southland.speed.reviews@nzta.govt.nz

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