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Dear Kane,

Director approval for speed changes – State Highway 60 Motueka Urban Kura School VSL, Tasman

Waka Kotahi as Road Controlling Authority ('RCA') respectfully requests that the Director of Land Transport approves the setting of a Kura School Variable Speed Limit (VSL) for schools (Motueka South School and St Peters Chanel School) on SH60 within the southern urban approach to Motueka township (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 undertook the speed review for the SH60 Motueka Urban corridor in accordance with the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2017 ('2017 Rule'). Pursuant to the speed review a 30km/h speed limit was implemented through the Motueka town centre in early 2022 to complement various safety and pedestrian improvements that were being completed at that time.

To meet the timing and aspirations of Council and other stakeholders, Waka Kotahi removed the Kura School 30km/h VSL from the speed review as the more complex approval process under the 2017 Rule would have made the complementary timing of the town centre speed review infeasible.

In the interim the Rule was made and Waka Kotahi is now in a position to implement the Kura School VSL.

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 gazetted a bylaw will 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. 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 3) 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 as the review had been predominantly carried out under the 2017 rule and the timeframes involved in following an interim speed management plan would delay implementing a safe speed limit on this corridor.
- 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 at least four weeks (11 October 2021-5 November 2021)
 - Consultation was undertaken with Māori from the commencement of the project and through the entirety of the speed review with ongoing updates provided regularly as part of the SH33 Project Group Hui (last held April 29th, 2022).
 - 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.
 - Engagement and consultation was undertaken with Māori (Te Atiawa Manawhenua Ki Te Tau Ihu Trust) as an identified partner and stakeholder. The Trust supported the intention to improve safety, particularly emphasising its support to improve safety around the kura.
 - 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.

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 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).

Waka Kotahi appreciates your consideration in relation to the Motueka Urban Kura School Variable Speed limit approval. Please contact me if you wish to discuss any aspect of this letter or require any further information.



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Attachment A

High Street, Motueka New permanent speed limits



Electronic variable school zone signs are an enforceable speed limit that can be activated during peak school times. The school zone speed limit may operate from 35 minutes before school until the start of school, and from 20 minutes at the end of school, beginning no earlier than 5 minutes before the end of school. It may also operate for 10 minutes at any other time when vehicles are entering or leaving school grounds or there is pedestrian or cycling activity on the road outside the school. When the school zone is active, the speed limit is 30km/h and will be displayed on an electronic sign. At all other times the speed limit is 50km/h.

Attachment B

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