

# Making safer speeds permanent on the Picton to Christchurch alternate route

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You're welcome to give us your feedback on these changes until 5pm Wednesday 3 May 2017. You can find out more and make a submission at [www.nzta.govt.nz/consultation/Picton-Christchurch-alternate-route-speed-limits](http://www.nzta.govt.nz/consultation/Picton-Christchurch-alternate-route-speed-limits)

**The November 2016 earthquake caused major damage to State Highway 1 between Picton and Christchurch. As a result traffic on some parts of the alternate route have quadrupled.**

**Here's what's happening in light of that:**

- » Emergency lower speed limits are currently in place on high-risk sections of the route – parts of SH63, SH6, SH65 and SH7
- » Those limits will legally expire after six months
- » Work to restore SH1 will continue until the end of the year
- » As a result, NZ Transport Agency wants to make the lower speed limits on the alternate route permanent
- » We are also looking at lowering speed limits on a section of the Lower Buller Gorge road on SH6 not included in the current emergency speed limits
- » At the same time, \$60 million is being spent upgrading the alternate route to make it safer
- » When SH1 re-opens, if required, speed limits will be reviewed again.