

MINO-1069 Speed Limits Outside of Schools

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Provide the number of schools which have had lower speed limits implemented to date and how this is tracking against the previous target of 40 percent.

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency's (NZTA) response:

- In 2023, the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2022 (the Rule) was amended to remove the target of lowering speed limits outside of 40 percent of all schools across New Zealand.
- The National Speed Limit Register, which is a decentralised database, does not capture the number of schools on both the state highway network and local roads which have had new speed limits implemented under the previous Rule. Tracking the number of schools where speed limits had been lowered was going to be a manual process, which NZTA was originally planning to do closer to its previous deadline of June 2024.
- As road controlling authorities no longer need to meet the 40 percent target, there has been no further resources put into tracking it.
- NZTA intends to ensure any targets or deadlines set in the new Rule can be reported on and tracked more easily and efficiently.

Variable Speed Limits Outside of Schools

- While NZTA cannot provide a full response to the question above, it can provide some information on variable speed limits implemented on the state highway network.
- The interim State Highway Speed Management Plan had consulted on 245 schools - out of approximately 350 schools on the state highway. This plan was paused following the direction not to progress speed management plans.
- To date 26 of the approximate 350 schools on the state highway network have variable speed limits in place. A breakdown is provided below:
 - Nine schools in Auckland/Northland region; six schools with 30km/h variable speed limits and three schools with 60km/h variable speed limits
 - Nuhaka School in Hawke's Bay with a 30 km/h variable speed limit
 - The remaining 16 are across the rest of the country:
 - Six are Category 2 schools with 60km/h variable speed limits
 - One is a Category 2 with a 40km/h variable speed limit
 - Nine are Category 1 with 30km/h variable speed limits
- School speed limits on the state highway network tend to be variable speed limits, but there is one instance of a permanent speed limit reduction. A permanent speed change from 100km/h (the usual underlying speed) to 50km/h is planned for Coroglen on State Highway 25. There is currently an

emergency speed limit in place. No other permanent speed changes have been delivered at schools by the Safe Speed Around Schools Programme on the state highway network.

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