

SH1 Waikato Expressway Hampton Downs to Tamahere speed review consultation submissions

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| 1 | Individual | Yes all good, go ahead with 110km/h. Driving in England at motorway speeds of 70mph is normal. |
| 2 | Individual | Yes for efficiency the speed should be 110km/h. |
| 3 | Individual | 110km/h is the best choice as the money has been spent to provide safety barriers and more than adequate space for all and any roadside assistance. |
| 4 | Individual | Additional fuel usage travelling at 110km/h vs the actual time saved. Not sure that any perceived efficiencies actually play out especially when offset against carbon reduction targets. |
| 5 | Individual | No, I think it's a good idea to have it at 110km/h, will be great when this bit opens next year. |
| 6 | Individual | Yes make the speed 110 in relevant sections. |
| 7 | Individual | No - I support the proposal. |
| 8 | Individual | Please take into account the road condition on the northbound side from Huntly to Rangariri. This road is atrocious and is causing serious issues. I have seen a car misjudge the elevation hump just before the rest stop where the flax bushes are and crash. I also witness trucks avoid the left lane and almost cause accidents because the road is so unstable and damaging to vehicles. Also please take into account the maintenance currently ongoing putting up barriers on the southbound side just after rangariri is a disgrace. I would suggest a thorough investigation into why it is taking so long for the contractors to put what is essentially sticks in the ground. This section is causing frustration and when the border opens it will create chaos and accidents. If this barrier is the standard for the 110km/h requirements then I don't want it. We will be awaiting a finished road for the next 10 years. |
| 9 | Individual | No. I agree with these proposals. |
| 10 | Individual | No, I support this change. |
| 11 | Individual | There are a lot of accidents at Hampton downs due to a large amount of trucks going to and from the hazardous dump site as well as prison workers. Unfortunately both off ramps from north and south have very low visibility due to the camber on the roads meaning no one can actually see if anyone is on the over bridge without moving forward so I would consider lowering the 80 speed limit or fixing the ramps. |
| 12 | Individual | No. |
| 13 | Individual | To me the plan looks very deeply researched and well thought out - I totally support 110km/h speed limit between Hampton Downs and Tamahere. |
| 14 | Individual | The quality of the road surface needs to be kept up. Some sections are a disgrace and patching them up just doesn't last. Potholes are a hazard that needs to be considered if a higher speed limit is put in place. |
| 15 | Individual | No, carry on as planned. |
| 16 | Individual | It would be good to see the road upgraded further north to increase speeds. I agree with the proposed increase. |
| 17 | Individual | 110km/h is sensible, however slower vehicles should keep left unless passing. |
| 18 | Individual | No - this is a great policy and update. |
| 19 | Individual | Not that I'm aware of. |
| 20 | Individual | I believe that they are sensible changes in principle. There are a small umber of areas where bumps in the road and deteriorating road surface needs review and fixing but in principle happy with the safety improvements and proposed speed changes. |
| 21 | Individual | No, make it 110km/h. |
| 22 | Individual | No, this should just be implemented. |
| 23 | Individual | It is my opinion the new expressways ARE SUITABLE for the proposed 110km/h speed limit. |
| 24 | Individual | With the idea of increasing the speed. Factor to consider is have good barrier. Less cheese cutter barriers. |
| 25 | Individual | No. |
| 26 | Individual | Only factor is the flat portion between Horotiu and Taupiri where the surface is constantly poor. Needs correct and permanent repair. Other sections are suitable for 110km/h. |
| 27 | Individual | No other factors. The increase is a good idea. |
| 28 | Individual | Suitability of road surface. |

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| 29 | Individual | No. |
| 30 | Individual | 110km/h between Hamilton on and off ramps is too fast for possible volume of traffic preparing to leave/merge, makes sense from Hampton Downs to before first Hamilton off ramp. |
| 31 | Individual | I support raising the speed limit to 110km/h on all proposed roads. |
| 32 | Individual | I am in support of making the speed limit 110 km/h. Having faster travel times is good for the economy, and keep New Zealand up with the rest of the OECD. If the roads are safe for this speed, then it would make sense to have this the speed limit. Thanks. |
| 33 | Individual | I support The Huntly, Rangiriri and Longswamp sections of the Waikato Expressway speed limit to be raised to 110km/h. it is my view this will be a safe thing to do and will really help to build the economy of NZ. |
| 34 | Individual | I agree with the proposed speed limit of 110km/h. It works well on the Cambridge section and will make for nicer travel. |
| 35 | Individual | No objection to proposed changes. National fleet well capable of safe operation at proposed increased speed limit. |
| 36 | Individual | No. I fully support the change to 110. |
| 37 | Individual | I believe it should be done I can't see any reason not to increase the speed limit on this new road. |
| 38 | Individual | No. I believe this would be a great idea to increase the speed limit from 100km/h to 110km/h in those places that are applicable. Your safety guidelines and our safety has been outlined very well. Thank you. |
| 39 | Individual | No, I believe increasing the speed limit to 110kmh is a great idea the highway is well built and is suitable for this type of driving. |
| 40 | Individual | I am happy with the proposed changes to the speed limits on the expressway. I believe having a single direction dual carriageway way with barriers mitigates any risks from head on collisions. Look at the success of the Cambridge section and the number number of fatalities reduced! |
| 41 | Individual | No. |
| 42 | Individual | I think it's a great plan & hope it goes ahead. |
| 43 | Individual | No. |
| 44 | Individual | No. The design of the road is enough to justify the higher speed limit. |
| 45 | Individual | No recommendations. Agree with proposal. |
| 46 | Individual | I think it should be 110. |
| 47 | Individual | Existing road condition north of Hamilton is extremely poor for such a new road. I trust that it will meet the required road surface standards for 110km/h, but increasing the speed and then having one lane constantly shut for repairs (some very large potholes/bumps are consistently present) will be a waste of time and everyone's money. |
| 48 | Individual | I support the 110km/h speed limit. Good roads, mostly out in open country. |
| 49 | Individual | No. |
| 50 | Individual | I support the proposal as outlined. The expressway is designed for safety at 110km/h and this has been proven by the Cambridge section. |
| 51 | Individual | No. |
| 52 | Individual | Signage and enforcement for vehicles which fail to keep left and impede the flow of traffic at the new speed limit. |
| 53 | Individual | No. Keep building more roads that support 110km/h. Much safer roads. |
| 54 | Individual | Agree with the proposed increase of speed limit to 110km/h SH1 Waikato Expressway. |
| 55 | Individual | I support the increase speed limit as proposed. |
| 56 | Individual | I fully support the proposal of 110km/h. |
| 57 | Individual | No, I think you have done a great job with this. 110km/h it should be the whole way |
| 58 | Individual | I agree with the speed increase given the motorway is built to modern safety standards. I believe the speed limit should be 130km/h give the ability of modern cars. |
| 59 | Individual | No. |
| 60 | Individual | Please increase the speed limit to 110km/h. |
| 61 | Individual | No, those changes look good. |
| 62 | Individual | Increasing limit to 110k will be a great productivity Bost to the region. |
| 63 | Individual | 110km/h has proved workable in Tauranga and Waikato with few instances of excessive speed from my observation when using. Extendingv the new parts of Waikato to same spped seems logical. No objection. |
| 64 | Individual | No. |

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| 65 | Individual | Best to keep speed limit at 110km/h all the way through. |
| 66 | Individual | Definitely do it. Maybe even go to 120! |
| 67 | Individual | Yes I agree with the 110 speed limit proposal. |
| 68 | Individual | I think this is a great idea. |
| 69 | Individual | Yes, increase to 120. |
| 70 | Individual | None. |
| 71 | Individual | Please ensure there is adequate signage to show the speed limit. Currently on the existing Waikato Expressway, I don't think there is enough signs showing the 110km/h. |
| 72 | Individual | It needs to go further and set to 120 minimum. Also need signs that say keep left unless passing on all our motorways. Instant \$100 fine that can come from camera surveillance for any obvious offenders. |
| 73 | Individual | No, just do it, get NZ moving. |
| 74 | Individual | The proposed speed limits are good, since the road has separate lines for oncoming traffic, excellent visibility and safety borders. |
| 75 | Individual | Better constructed roads allow higher traffic speed while still being safe. My firm belief is that it is NOT speed that kills but that it is poorly constructed roads. It is not possible to change driver behavior/skills but it is possible to build better roads to allow higher speeds. Great work keep it up we need more of these roads and higher speeds to allow more efficient travel. |
| 76 | Individual | Please add "Keep left unless overtaking" signs to this route. |
| 77 | Individual | I support all the changes that have been proposed. |
| 78 | Individual | Yes, increase the speed. Cars are better and the road can easily accept the increased speed. It works in Europe. |
| 79 | Individual | Safe pull off areas. |
| 80 | Individual | I support the proposed speed limits in the 14 figures above. |
| 81 | Individual | No, everything is considered and thought through. A 110 speed limit will allow an excellent flow of business and goods through the upper Waikato. |
| 82 | Individual | I believe that the speed limit should stay as it is. Why? Those drivers that are prone to speeding will always travel over the speed limit any way no matter what the limit is so nothing will change that. Signs all around my area, and other areas, warn us to slow down and arrive live. Campaigns have been done in the past that the greater the speed the bigger the mess. Sure, some vehicles have great "safer driving" gadgets in them which leads to complacency but one must travel to the conditions around them. Any way, I shall travel at a speed that gives me comfort and economy within the speed limit posted. Just saying my say. |
| 83 | Individual | I would like to support this proposal in its current form. Since the Waikato Expressway was designed to support higher speeds, and after the successful implementation of the 110km/h speed limits in other areas, it is only fitting to implement a higher speed limit here. The increased speed limit will reduce travel times between Auckland and Hamilton and further support commuting and other transport on this route. |
| 84 | Individual | Make the entire section 110km/h. |
| 85 | Individual | No, the road has been built to safely accommodate 110km/h then I agree with the increase in speed limit. |
| 86 | Individual | The speed limit for all 110km/h limits should be kept to 100km/h as the road standard is the key to safe driving. However, importantly we need to commit to less vehicle air pollution from ICE vehicles. Lower speed at 100km/h will achieve a significant reduction. However, Electric Vehicles have no pollution and therefore should be permitted to travel to the 110km/h maximum. This cost free encouragement to travel more quickly is warranted. Others who are tempted to travel to the maximum 110km/h in can be a source of income through fines. Trucks and vehicles towing trailers already have differential maximum speed limit to other vehicles. So, no excuses for driving outside maximum speed for different classes of vehicle. Detection can be electronic and self-funding with a profit. EVs become more tempting and air pollution is further reduced towards future targets. |
| 87 | Individual | This is a very good move. I am in full support of raising the speed limit to 110km/h. |
| 88 | Individual | The road can clearly handle the increased speed and should be lifted to 110km/h. |
| 89 | Individual | Police to be instructed to concentrate on driving standards NOT speed e.g. separation distances; 3 second signaling of intention to maneuver; returning to inside lane after overtaking; attaining speed limit before joining the Expressway. Following successful implementation look to increasing limit to 120 - 130km/h (maybe with constraints on vehicle age and type of licence). |
| 90 | Individual | No. |
| 91 | Individual | No, it sounds like a good change. |
| 92 | Individual | No. |

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| 93 | Individual | Nope. |
| 94 | Individual | Agree with the limit increase. The road is designed for it, do it. |
| 95 | Individual | No it looks perfect. |
| 96 | Individual | Must be 110. It's OK on Cambridge section. Be careful on Greenhill interchange. It will soon become congested. I walk that way every day and it's busy now. |
| 97 | Individual | No. Please move to 110. |
| 98 | Individual | Current factors are sufficient to raise limit to 110km/h. |
| 99 | Individual | Insist on consistent enforcement with any speed increase. The Highway Patrols appear to be ending as none of the new Skodas have highway markings. Police vehicles need to be conspicuous to deter traffic offending! |
| 100 | Individual | Put it up to 120. Move on with the modern world! |
| 101 | Individual | 110km/h from Cambridge to Hampton Downs. Reduced speed to 100km/h at all interchanges as they do in Europe. I have travelled on many European motorways and autobahn and it works well, even with a much higher open road speed. |
| 102 | Individual | I fully support a 110km/h speed limit on the Waikato Expressway between Hampton Downs and Tamahere. It will further improve efficiency of transport through this section. |
| 103 | Individual | I agree with the change to 110 and believe you have considered all necessary factors. |
| 104 | Individual | The new road between Cambridge and Hampton Downs can easily take a speed limit of 110km/h. The layout and safety features are not too dissimilar to European or American state highways where higher speed limits up to 130km/h or more are the norm. I would support an increase in speed limit. |
| 105 | Individual | No. |
| 106 | Individual | I am in full support of the speed limit changes. |
| 107 | Individual | This looks good. |
| 108 | Individual | Considering the success of the 110km/h in the Cambridge area of the Waikato Expressway, I would assume increasing the speed limit to 110km/h in other set areas of the Waikato Expressway, where similar safety features have been built, would be similarly successful. Personally I've driven through the 110km/h area in Cambridge multiple times to visit relatives in South Waikato and the drive through that particular area has always been smooth and I've personally always felt comfortable with the 110km/h. |
| 109 | Individual | 110 is safe on the new sections and has had good compliance on the Cambridge section. I think 110 is a good speed. |
| 110 | Individual | We see no point in building a safe road and then not increasing the traffic flow by going to 110, our modern cars are very capable of this speed. |
| 111 | Individual | This all makes common sense. These roads are such a pleasure to drive on with no tight corners. Having driven to Auckland from Hamilton weekly for work every week before COVID, I was frustrated that this part of the travel was not the same as Hamilton to Karapiro. Finally some common sense. Thank you for this. |
| 112 | Individual | Totally support the proposal. This should be extended to the southern base of the Bombay Hill or at least Meremere. |
| 113 | Individual | Why not make it 120? |
| 114 | Individual | I agree to setting the speed limit to 110km/h. |
| 115 | Individual | Increasing the speed limit to 110 makes sense and is safe. The road has been designed for this - let's use it. The Cambridge section is very safe and proves the case. |
| 116 | Individual | Looks good. |
| 117 | Individual | This is a great idea, and is in line with other areas of 110km/h. Please go ahead but do not try to put a toll on it. |
| 118 | Individual | Based on experience driving the Cambridge section I fully support the proposal to make the speed limit 110km/h for the entire expressway. It seems a no brainer. |
| 119 | Individual | I believe you have considered the factors, but I think the Cambridge bypass has shown that it works well. And this is a very popular commute for cars and trucks and would decrease travel times for a lot of people. |
| 120 | Individual | No, increase speed is awesome, the 110 zone between Hamilton and Cambridge appears to be the safest place of road in existence and I really like driving on it because it helps me on my commute. By increasing the speed limit on these proposed zones you are reducing the commute time for thousands of commuters and saving hundreds of thousands of hours per year, please do it. |
| 121 | Individual | No. |
| 122 | Individual | Making it 110km/h will be a good recommendation. |

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| 123 | Individual | Only the fact, this will improve quality of travel, shorten the distance between the cities and bring economical benefits as well. |
| 124 | Individual | No. |
| 125 | Individual | Quality of road is on par with the existing Cambridge stretch 110kmh would be fine. |
| 126 | Individual | Good plan to make it 110km/h to reduce travel time. I just think that you need more light posts especially from Hampton Downs where there's no lights at all. |
| 127 | Individual | I think that 110km/h is a more flowing speed. |
| 128 | Individual | No, I am in full support of this proposal. |
| 129 | Individual | Make it 140. |
| 130 | Individual | No, it's a no brainer. Use it for what is was designed for, 110km/h! |
| 131 | Individual | No. |
| 132 | Individual | No. |
| 133 | Individual | I think the proposal makes sense considering the standard of the road and the safety seen since the expressway has been running. |
| 134 | Individual | Can we make more areas 110km/h. |
| 135 | Individual | If roads meet the criteria for the increased speed limit then it makes sense to go ahead and change them. |
| 136 | Individual | Do it now. |
| 137 | Individual | Increase speed limit to 110 km/h. |
| 138 | Individual | No. |
| 139 | Individual | I support the proposal to move to 110km/h when considered safe as per above suggestions. |
| 140 | Individual | If this has been designed for these speeds and is confirmed safe at these speeds then, yes please, please, please. Along with all other roads in the country like this as well. |
| 141 | Individual | I agree with the proposed 110km/h speed limit. |
| 142 | Individual | DC fast charge EV charging locations near offramp/onramps, associated with services (cafes, service stations, public toilets). |
| 143 | Individual | No. I think the proposed changes are good. |
| 144 | Individual | I am a regular traveler on your current 110km/h section and feel very comfortable and safe in doing so. Great job done by all. |
| 145 | Individual | I think the Cambridge expressway has proven that a well constructed road is easily safe enough for the public to be travelling at 110kmph. The quality of the proposed roads are high, similar to roads overseas that safe carry a higher speed limit. I believe there should be recommendation for signage down the current proposed straights advising if you feel more comfortable travelling at a slower speed, the left lane should be used. |
| 146 | Individual | Signs stating. Keep left unless passing. |
| 147 | Individual | I support this proposal. |
| 148 | Individual | Have to do better maintenance on expressway, always big potholes and water sitting right across the 2 lanes dangerous when driving at speeds. |
| 149 | Individual | No. Make the speed limit 110km per hour. |
| 150 | Individual | I agree with all the proposed speed limits. Modern vehicles are much safer than older vehicles. Better steering, brakes and suspension. The UK has for many years had a maximum speed limit of 112kilometres per hour and I doubt that their accident rate is worse than ours. HGV's should be limited to 90 kilometres per hour. |
| 151 | Individual | No. I fully support going to 110km/h. |
| 152 | Individual | No, this is a fantastic road and it is safe to go 110. |
| 153 | Individual | No. 110km/h is exactly right and what it should be. |
| 154 | Individual | 120km/h please. |
| 155 | Individual | I fully support the proposed 110km/h speed limit. |
| 156 | Individual | I believe the speed limit should be 110km/h. This is because most vehicle drivers do not know their speedo over-reads. If it was posted for a 100kmh, then the same ignorant drivers will drive along there at approx 95km/h TRUE speed thinking they're doing 100kmh, thereby rendering the new motorway for having all that geometric engineering for higher speeds pointless. At least at 110km/h posted, those drivers can be doing 105km/h and not causing the major frustration for the rest of us like they normally do in a 100km/h posted zone. |
| 157 | Individual | No. I support the proposal. |
| 158 | Individual | No. Proposal to 110km/h great idea. |

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| 159 | Individual | The existing section with 110km/h speed limit has been very safe since it opened. This will allow the road to be used as designed. |
| 160 | Individual | No - I support the proposed changes to speed. |
| 161 | Individual | No just go ahead and do it. |
| 162 | Individual | I think this is fantastic. Not only will it connect Auckland to Hamilton, but improve commute times. People would be more focused on driving and I feel there would be less accidents with an increase to the speed limit. |
| 163 | Individual | No it is a good idea. |
| 164 | Individual | The proposed changes look good. The road was designed for the higher speed limit so should be implemented as per design. |
| 165 | Individual | The new speed limit proposed is a good idea, but should be increased as safety permits. |
| 166 | Individual | At straight stretches of roads speed could be increased to even higher speeds like other countries...within 110km/h zone, it would be ideal to clearly indicate that slow vehicles drive on extreme left of the road to allow other vehicles to drive without breaking. |
| 167 | Individual | No. |
| 168 | Individual | If a road has been designed, engineered and built or upgraded to 110km/h motorway standard, no consultation should be necessary. Consultation should have happened prior to construction or upgrades. NZTA need to be demonstrating full user benefits for the investment. It's good to see safer and faster roading projects being completed. When can the new Christchurch motorways get their speed limits increased? |
| 169 | Individual | I drive Waikato Expressway regularly. Two laneing with obvious safety improvements must rank as amongst the best road in NZ. Accordingly a speed limit of 110 km per hour seems to be the correct prescription for this section of highway. Particularly as we anticipate the NZ vehicle fleet to be updated with move to EVs and the likely scrapping of many older vehicles. Newer vehicles are considerably safer with all the electronic advancements now available. I have spent many months in France with my daughter and similar roads attract a speed limit of 130 km per hour which operates safely and efficiently. |
| 170 | Individual | No, I'm all for the increase. |
| 171 | Individual | No, make it all 110km/h or more. |
| 172 | Individual | it should definitely go ahead at 110km/h, looking forward to shorter transit times and higher levels of safety. |
| 173 | Individual | Climate Change. Higher speed = higher fuel usage = more CO2. |
| 174 | Individual | Will be great for getting to the airport! Whenever that might be again. |
| 175 | Individual | No other factors, it's been designed for 110, make it 110. |
| 176 | Individual | Please make the sensible decision and keep the whole section to 110km/h. |
| 177 | Individual | No, I support this fully. |
| 178 | Individual | Fully support the increase in speed limit to 110km/h. |
| 179 | Individual | No. I think the proposal to go to 100km/h is good. |
| 180 | Individual | Agree with the proposed increased speed limit in the zone suggested. |
| 181 | Individual | As someone who regularly travels between Auckland and Rotorua, I think the proposed plan is excellent – I fully support increasing the speed limit for the expressway. |
| 182 | Individual | You have provided a very comprehensive report and I support for the speed to be 110km/h. |
| 183 | Individual | No factors, but agree with proposed increases. |
| 184 | Individual | Increase the speed to 110km/h on all sections of SH1. |
| 185 | Individual | I support raising the speed limit to the design speed for the expressway as proposed. |
| 186 | Individual | No, I support the change. |
| 187 | Individual | 110km/h is good. |
| 188 | Individual | The Cambridge section of the Waikato expressway and Tauranga Eastern Link has been 110km/h for almost 4 years. If 'serious crash' data on those roads from Dec 2017 onwards shows no increased risk and with the knowledge that the Waikato Expressway between Tamahere and Hampton Downs has been designed for 110 km/h, it makes sense for the road to have a maximum speed of 110 km/h. |
| 189 | Individual | Similar overseas countries have 110-140km/h speed limits for similar roads. Given the good safety record of our existing 110km/h road, raising the speed further to say 120km/h or more should be considered. |
| 190 | Individual | As a used to be frequent traveller on our newest motorways in and around the Waikato, I've enjoyed driving at 110 for many hundreds of safe kilometers. Yes! Increase the new parts to 110 km/h, let your consumers enjoy the pleasure of an uninterrupted safe speed ride. |

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| 191 | Individual | I fully support the proposed increases in speed limit to 110km/h. Safety improvements in car and technology,including the road being designed for the higher limit that will benefit traffic flows and travel times. You need to sort out the North western motorway in AKL and reinstate the 100km/h zones leaving the city. |
| 192 | Individual | No; this will be welcomed by many of us that regularly commute - I welcome it going ahead. |
| 193 | Individual | What is happening about the road over the Bombay Hills? What is happening about the Mill Road, Bombay junction? |
| 194 | Individual | Support increasing to 110km/h. |
| 195 | Individual | The speeds from Point 1 to Point 8 should be 120 km/h. Otherwise, all in favour. |
| 196 | Individual | Increase the speed limit to 110km/h, because the road is designed for it. |
| 197 | Individual | No. |
| 198 | Individual | Support Increasing speed limit and above. |
| 199 | Individual | No this is awesome. |
| 200 | Individual | The proposals appear to be appropriate given the motorway has been designed to accomodate the proposed speed of 110km/h. |
| 201 | Individual | No. |
| 202 | Individual | 120km/h. |
| 203 | Individual | I am in support of the proposed increase in speed limits on SH1 in the area indicated. A consideration maybe to increase the frequency of signage with the increased speed so drivers are more aware of the new limit. |
| 204 | Individual | No - full support - let's keep the country moving! |
| 205 | Individual | No I think that this is a great idea - the road is so good 120 would be applicable. |
| 206 | Individual | Yes. Please encourage slower drivers to keep left when not overtaking. I travel these roads a lot, and this is the most frustrating thing and results in dangerous activities to enable passing. Road markings or signs to remind motorists of the keep left rule would help I believe. |
| 207 | Individual | I support the increase in speed limit to 110km/h. Safety and convenience must strike a balance. These roads appear to be designed to a safety standard that allows 110km/h travel so we should look to take advantage of that and allow travel at those speeds. |
| 208 | Individual | No. I agree with this proposed change of speed limits to 110 km/h. |
| 209 | Individual | Given this section of the expressway has been designed for 110 km/h, then that's what it should be, however, two provisos 1) ensure those who do not wish to travel at that speed should drive in the left lane (I understand often referred as the slow lane), and 2) enforce 110 km/h. The reality is, a large number will travel at 110 irrespective, so by it being 110 they will be more likely to concentrate on their driving rather than looking out for speed cameras and at their speedo. |
| 210 | Individual | I support increasing the speed limit to 110km/h on the Expressway. I would also suggest/support including regular signs that say stay left unless passing and for this to be policed. |
| 211 | Individual | Totally agree with all of the proposed changes. This review appears very well thought out. |
| 212 | Individual | No. |
| 213 | Individual | Potential change in greenhouse gas emissions if vehicles are operating at different speeds. |
| 214 | Individual | All trucks should be banned from the "fast lanes" of the expressway, especially the 50T juggernauts that blight the roads these days. No truck should be allowed to exceed 95kmh, when the new rules apply, on this section of motorway. Other than that, FULLY SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL. Why not 115km/h? |
| 215 | Individual | Minimising climate change must be the top priority, and increasing the speed limit will increase emmissions directly and encourage driving over catching the train, which is yet to receive any significant funding. Please leave speed limits as they are. |
| 216 | Individual | No. |
| 217 | Individual | No. |
| 218 | Individual | Just want to say that I agree with the proposed speed increases. |
| 219 | Individual | I do not know of any. If the roads can handle it I'm all for the change to 110km/h. |
| 220 | Individual | Areas where the speeds drop significantly, e.g. 110 to 50, may need a warning signs further up the road before it actually drops. |
| 221 | Individual | I have found the 110kmh section between Tamahere and Cambridge to be very efficient while somehow becoming quite calming. The speed suits most cars and seems to settle driving patterns to just 110km/h and very little over that for those I would consider speeders. |
| 222 | Individual | Do it! |

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| 223 | Individual | Just get on with changing the speed limit to 110km/h. |
| 224 | Individual | i agree with raising the motorway speeds to 110km/h where appropriate to assist with traffic movement time. |
| 225 | Individual | Well thought out plan, agree with the changes. |
| 226 | Individual | No. |
| 227 | Individual | Good idea, I vote yes! |
| 228 | Individual | Due to the design and safety of the roading project, i fully support raising the speed limit to 110km/h where suggested. Thank you. |
| 229 | Individual | No. |
| 230 | Individual | Happy to have the speed limit set at 110km/h. |
| 231 | Individual | No. I support the proposed changes. 110km/h is a safe speed in a modern car and on modern well designed roads such as these. I just hope that consideration is given to putting more keep left unless passing signs in the 110k zones as a number of motorists don't seem to know/understand that the right lane is traditionally the fast lane and used for passing slower traffic. It causes a number of near misses. I would also like the investigation of changes to make the section from Hampton Downs to the SH1/SH2 intersection 110km/h as well. |
| 232 | Individual | I support the increase of the speed limit to 110 km per hour as detailed in your proposal. |
| 233 | Individual | I think that the speed limit increase is an excellent idea due to the lower death toll on the expressway. |
| 234 | Individual | I support the increased speed limit as the road has been designed and built with significant safety measures. More safety for motorcyclist should be considered. Run off areas without side barriers would be a good start. |
| 235 | Individual | No. I support all the increased speed limits. In Europe these roads would have 130km/h limits (or 110 in the wet). |
| 236 | Individual | No. |
| 237 | Individual | As a regular user of this road for both work and personal reasons, it is a brilliant stretch of safe road, and I fully support the proposed increase in the open road limit. |
| 238 | Individual | hi yes im all in favour of this proposed speed 110Km/h i'm sick and tired of this nanny state we live in, reducing speeds everywhere, case in point :Riverhead/coatesville highway used to be 90 Km/h now down to a ridiculous 60k. the other location state highway 1 puhoi to warkworth used to be 100k now down to 80k. As for traffic lights, green arrow to go straight thru and showing the red arrow for no right turn, and no traffic in sight 200 mtrs straight ahead. |
| 239 | Individual | I just wanted to say its a great idea because the south of Hamilton stretch at 110kmph is great and with the new highway south of Hampton Downs it would be perfect. |
| 240 | Individual | No. Please go ahead and assign a 110km/h limit. Very good. Thank you. |
| 241 | Individual | It makes it quicker to commute and probably expand suburb area further. |
| 242 | Individual | This is a very sensible decision to increase the limits on this expressway. The road is perfect condition, and it will improve the transit time - making it almost possible to live/work in different cities. This is a really great road, possibly the best I have driven on in New Zealand, which makes my regular work commute simple and easy, and the increased speed limit would be very beneficial to me and very sensible overall. |
| 243 | Individual | No, I am only suggesting to increase it further to 120. |
| 244 | Individual | I agree this change to 110km/h should be applied. |
| 245 | Individual | No just do it. |
| 246 | Individual | Have you considered increasing it further? |
| 247 | Individual | It's 2021, cars have been designed for 200km/h plus. An increase of 10 on a road like this won't affect the risk of an accident. |
| 248 | Individual | No, it's a great idea. |
| 249 | Individual | No, I agree with all proposals to raise the limit. |
| 250 | Individual | Increase all speed limits on state highways. |
| 251 | Individual | The increase in the speed limit to match Cambridge Expressway is welcome news for the people and the economy. Hopefully in the near future the speed limit can be increased from the Bombay Hills to Hampton Downs and continue all the way South. |
| 252 | Individual | Higher speed limit 130km/h. |
| 253 | Individual | If the new section of highway to Tamahere is finished to the same standard as the Cambridge section is will be a pleasure to drive at 110km/h. |
| 254 | Individual | Fully support increasing the speed limit to 110. |

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| 255 | Individual | The proposal is thorough and well reasoned. The expressway is well capable of much higher speeds, and will be safe at 110km/h. The only issue potentially would be quality of the tarseal between Huntly and Rangiriri northbound, along with the undulations on that same stretch, which let the expressway down. |
| 256 | Individual | Very well thought out. |
| 257 | Individual | Please ensure that onramps are of suitable length so as that older vehicles can get closer to the new speed limit on entry to the expressway. |
| 258 | Individual | The road is good enough surface wise and open enough visibility wise for 110km/h all the way through to Tamahere from Hampton. This would reduce the over all time for the trip and with less corners the proposed speed is safer. |
| 259 | Individual | No other factors to be considered. I support the speed increase. |
| 260 | Individual | I think all factors have been considered and the road is definitely safe enough to have a raised speed limit. |
| 261 | Individual | No. |
| 262 | Individual | Full support of proposed changes. |
| 263 | Individual | Please do this to more highways. |
| 264 | Individual | Support this proposal. |
| 265 | Individual | I support the very well-considered proposal to raise the speed limit to 110km/h on the specified sections of the Waikato Expressway. |
| 266 | Individual | Fully agree with the proposal. |
| 267 | Individual | No. Happy for the limit increase. |
| 268 | Individual | I honestly believe 120km/h would be perfectly safe. Vehicle technology has come a long way and speed limits have not been adjusted accordingly. |
| 269 | Individual | Just make it happen and let common sense prevail please. Increase the speed limit to 110km/h. |
| 270 | Individual | The speed limit should be increased to 110km/h. |
| 271 | Individual | Excellent plan - the new expressway is easily as good as German autobahns I have driven 1000's of km on at much higher speeds so it could even go to 130km/h limit no problem....but I'll take 110km/h for starters. |
| 272 | Individual | No - I agree with them. |
| 273 | Individual | Not really, we have (will have) the road capable of 110, lets keep things moving! As a directly affected user I strongly support the 110km/h. |
| 274 | Individual | Great idea to raise the limit. The road is very safe and increasing the speed limit would encourage traditional 'speeders' to sail it back to the limit to cruise legally at 110km/h. |
| 275 | Individual | This is a fantastic idea, hugely supportive as someone who regularly travels between Auckland and Hamilton and incurs serious downtime as a result. |
| 276 | Individual | Sensible limit for these sections of road is probably higher than 110km/h but if this is all you propose then yes please. |
| 277 | Individual | No. A good solution is proposed. |
| 278 | Individual | No. |
| 279 | Individual | My vote is "Please increase the speed limit to 110km/h". |
| 280 | Individual | I am in full support of the increased speed. It is about time that NZTA recognises an increased speed in this case will be beneficial to all. |
| 281 | Individual | No. Should definitely increase it to 110km/h. Makes total sense with the safety of the build and visibility available. |
| 282 | Individual | No - looks great! |
| 283 | Individual | It's a well designed safe section of road. Most modern cars are more than capable of traveling at 110 on good quality roads. |
| 284 | Individual | This will be a huge help to regular users of the road, without any significant safety or environmental disadvantages. |
| 285 | Individual | No. Not that I can think of. |
| 286 | Individual | I completely support this increase and can't think of any other factors that need to be considered. |
| 287 | Individual | No - I believe this is well considered and the increase will improve traffic flow between Auckland and Hamilton. |
| 288 | Individual | Nope it's safe enough road for the proposed speed limit. |
| 289 | Individual | The current section of the highway south of Tamahere seems to work efficiently with the 110km/h limit which makes me believe it can be successfully extended to Hampton Downs. |
| 290 | Individual | No, the above proposed 110kmh limits are exactly what this road needs. |

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| 291 | Individual | I strongly oppose this proposal. Engineering should have nothing to do with your decision. Your first priority as a government agency is to comply with government strategic decisions. Clearly you must consider the government's carbon emissions reduction undertakings, the declaration of a climate emergency, and the promises made at Paris and Glasgow. You must combine this responsibility with the knowledge that transport is one of the two sectors which account for the majority of carbon emissions in NZ, as well as with the fact that emissions from transport have been increasing without pause since emissions reduction targets were adopted in NZ. An increased speed limit will increase carbon emissions in direct conflict with government strategy and promises. Furthermore it will send entirely the wrong message about who must effect change and how it must be done. Your astonishing proposal would effectively make the government a hypocrite. The existing 110km/h limits in the BoP and south of Hamilton should be reduced to 100 or to 90 for the same reason. |
| 292 | Individual | Implement signage and fines for traveling in the outside lane while not passing as is in place in NSW. The NSW Road Rules state that on multi-lane roads with a speed limit of more than 80km/h, motorists must not drive in the right-hand lane unless they are overtaking. |
| 293 | Individual | It just makes sense to have the speed limit at 110km/h if the road was designed and safe for it. |
| 294 | Individual | No. |
| 295 | Individual | No. |
| 296 | Individual | I fully support the increasing of the speed limit to at least 110km/h for the full length of the expressway. |
| 297 | Individual | Proposed new speed limit of 110km/h for this section of motorway should proceed. |
| 298 | Individual | The road is safe enough to allow 110kmh speed limit. It will also help reduce driver fatigue on long sections of highway. |
| 299 | Individual | No, makes sense to be in line with the other expressways. |
| 300 | Individual | I support the proposed increased speed limit to 110km/h. |
| 301 | Individual | No. |
| 302 | Individual | I agree to the increased speed limit change. It only makes complete sense. I frequently drive the length of the country and this is an area that would allow comfortable and safe speeds up to the proposed limit. If only it were to stretch further down the country. |
| 303 | Individual | This is absolutely necessary. There is no doubt it is safe, it will dramatically improve convenience for regular travellers of the road. I suspect many already travel at this speed so it will simply legalise what is already happening. An excellent proposal. |
| 304 | Individual | No other factors, it is a great idea! |
| 305 | Individual | No - increase speed to 110 is a great idea . |
| 306 | Individual | A high speed road like this has what corresponding speed limit in other western countries? Say Germany/France/UK? |
| 307 | Individual | Excellent idea - a high number of commuters relying on this stretch of road (myself included) and any improvements to traffic flow and efficiency are much needed. |
| 308 | Individual | No. This is a sound proposal. The roads built now are much safer and traffic now can safely handle this speed. Tried it at the mount and it feels safe to drive at this speed. I fully endorse the 110km speed limit and the arrangements at the off ramps. |
| 309 | Individual | Absolutely this must happen. It will help post covid recovery if the country by more efficiencies. |
| 310 | Individual | No further factors to consider. I support 110km/h. |
| 311 | Individual | I fully support the change to 110 km/h. |
| 312 | Individual | On ramp length and the time it takes for road users to get up to 110km/h. Otherwise, the speed limit change will be a welcome sight to all road users. |
| 313 | Individual | No recommended changes to the proposal, I support the increase in speed. |
| 314 | Individual | It makes sense to change the limit for these sections of roading. I'm generally supportive of lower limits, i.e. 80km/h on rural roads, but these new highways are well engineered and remain safe at higher speeds. |
| 315 | Individual | I support this proposal. |
| 316 | Individual | If the current poor surface between Horotiu and Taupiri is improved, I support the proposed increase in speed limit to 110km/h for the entire distance from Tamahere to Hampton Downs. |
| 317 | Individual | No the road can handle it make it 110km/h. |
| 318 | Individual | I just believe as long as the highway is maintained to a high standard then there's no reason why it couldn't be raised. |
| 319 | Individual | Speed on Waikato Expressway should be similar to expressways in France and other European countries with similar highways, no less than 130km/h, certainly no less than 110, except for on and off ramps. |
| 320 | Individual | No, happy with the proposal. |

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| 321 | Individual | No, I agree proposed speed limits should be 110km/h. |
| 322 | Individual | No - just do it. I'm in favour. |
| 323 | Individual | No it's a new piece of road and the speed of 110km/h is suitable. |
| 324 | Individual | Build quality of certain parts of the highway to avoid distortion of the surface where standing water will gather. |
| 325 | Individual | No. Please change this road to 110km/h. |
| 326 | Individual | No additional factors. Sensible decision. |
| 327 | Individual | No. |
| 328 | Individual | This is a good plan. |
| 329 | Individual | Support. |
| 330 | Individual | No, just do it please. 110km/h all the way. |
| 331 | Individual | No this is great. |
| 332 | Individual | I agree with the proposed new speed limit. |
| 333 | Individual | No. Totally agree to raise to 110km in all areas. |
| 334 | Individual | No, I support 110km/h. |
| 335 | Individual | Just make it as soon as possible. |
| 336 | Individual | No - raise the speed limit to 110km/h. |
| 337 | Individual | Perfect decision, nothing to factor. |
| 338 | Individual | I believe 110km/h limit would be most appropriate as existing 110k/h limits at Cambridge and Tauranga seem to work very well on these well constructed expressways. The 120km/h limits on the M network in the UK seem to me to be very practical as an example. |
| 339 | Individual | Make it 110km/h between these areas as I feel it will be safe with minimal off / on ramps. Keep traffic moving at a good constant rate of speed. |
| 340 | Individual | I am in favour of these changes. It makes sense that the roads (which are more than capable of being negotiated at 110km/h be treated as such). |
| 341 | Individual | This is really good decision to change the speed limit to 110km/h from Hampton Downs to entire waikato expressway. |
| 342 | Individual | No. Everything is looking good. |
| 343 | Individual | No, I am entirely happy with your proposal for a 110 speed limit for the sections stated. |
| 344 | Individual | No. |
| 345 | Individual | 110km/h where possible is a good idea. |
| 346 | Individual | I am very happy for the speed to increase as I travel this road daily to drop my children to school in Ohinewai from Taupiri. As majority of vehicles travel this speed comfortably and I feel safe also. My only thought is either extending the on ramp from Ohinewai to allow the increase amount of trucks coming from the Sleepy Head development site going into Huntly. These trucks are slow at gaining speed to get onto the expressway as I witness daily. So a longer on/ off ramp from Tahuna Rd might help to get their speed up in time before merging. Just a thought. |
| 347 | Individual | No, this is a great idea and they are amazing roads. This would be the speed limit in any other country, great to see we are adapting as safety technology in vehicles and the roads themselves improve. |
| 348 | Individual | I travel this road a lot (pre COVID lockdowns) and would welcome the increased speed limit. I think it's a good idea. With all the safety improvements that have been done I can't see why the limit shouldn't be increased. |
| 349 | Individual | I would like all the speed limits increased where the proposals have been place. |
| 350 | Individual | I believe 110km/h is a reasonable speed for the entire Waikato Expressway. I believe this due to the road layout. As well as the quality of the surface and the ability for any vehicles in trouble to remove themselves from the driving lanes (i.e. hard shoulder availability and width). |
| 351 | Individual | No. Just do it. |
| 352 | Individual | The education of drivers regarding the acceleration on on-ramps to ensure they are blending into the traffic on the expressway in a safe manner. |
| 353 | Individual | Brilliant road to travel; 100km certainly slow given almost autobahn type conditions. |
| 354 | Individual | Please make it 110km/h. |
| 355 | Individual | Noise to residents. |
| 356 | Individual | No I feel this has been well thought out, and I support it totally. |
| 357 | Individual | No. I believe your narrative is very comprehensive. The quality of the Cambridge section of SH1 gives me full confidence that a 110km/h speed limit proposal is a wise one. |

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| 358 | Individual | I approve the aforementioned speed limits. |
| 359 | Individual | As a regular user of the expressway from Cambridge to Hamilton and then Horotiu to Hampton downs, I fully support the increased speed limit to 110km for the entire distance from Cambridge to Hampton Downs. |
| 360 | Individual | Support the proposed increases. Reduced travel time, efficiency of movement, and the new design along with fleet renewal to safer vehicles allows safe increases. If this is successful consider a further future speed increase. |
| 361 | Individual | Agree in principle with everything proposed. It was designed to safely operate at 110km/h and should do so as it will encourage traffic to use it and move it away from small towns. One of the key successes overseas for high speed roads is strict rules which would translate in NZ to 'keep left unless overtaking' and 'overtake only on the right'. Maybe time we did that here, with appropriate reminder signage every couple of km. |
| 362 | Individual | No. |
| 363 | Individual | Just do it thanks. |
| 364 | Individual | I support this proposal as this expressway has been constructed (and older sections will be upgraded) to enable vehicles to travel at 110km/h safely. This will enable people to get to their destination safely, more quickly and with less frustration (which occurs when limited to an inappropriately low speed for the conditions). The dual carriageway allows for safe flow of traffic at 110km/h to pass slower traffic (e.g. trucks with trailers). |
| 365 | Individual | I would like the panel to consider how the decision might have a negative affect on the patronage of the Auckland to Hamilton train service. One of strongest limitations to rail patronage I see is that driving between the cities is far quicker by car than the travel time by rail. Further quickening the car travel times even by at little as 2 minutes will further delay and/or discourage the uptake of public transport alternatives. |
| 366 | Individual | I support the proposed speed limit changes so long as the following improvements are made to these sections of the expressway. the expressway needs to be brought up to the same surface standards as the new Huntly bypass section. 1- North bound lanes north of the Ohinewai interchange to Rangiriri, 2- The Ngruwahia section between Gordonton Rd interchange and Hamilton North interchange - both North/South bound lanes. 3-The road surfaces on the expressway need to be maintained to a high standard all of the time. 4- The central median barriers and outside safety fences need to be better maintained. Placing some orange cones by damaged sections for 12 months isn't on. NZTA say that these are important safety features but often go unrepaired for over 12 months. In summary if the expressway is maintained to a very high standard the severity of incidents should be reduced. The economic benefits of reduced travel times is well know and will help with post COVID-19 recovery. |
| 367 | Individual | No it looks good. |
| 368 | Individual | Keep it consistent. Change all of the highways proposed to 110km/h. Drive it occasionally (when out of lockdown) and it's much nicer at 110. |
| 369 | Individual | If it's built for 110km/h then please make it that. |
| 370 | Individual | No. |
| 371 | Individual | Education content to be published/broadcast before the limit is raised and for a period of time in early stages of operation. The 110kmh limits on both the Cambridge section and the Tauranga Eastern Link work well. But I notice frequently that vehicles/combinations that are subject to a 90kmh speed limit travel much quicker on the 110kmh sections. Education content shoul reinforce that where a vehicle/combination limit is lower than the applicable limit for the road, then the lower limit, e.g. 90kmh for a vehicle towing a trailer, applies. I'm in favour of raising the limit on these types of roads. |
| 372 | Individual | No, 110km/h speed limit is a great idea. The road is a safe and designed for this. |
| 373 | Individual | I support the proposed speed limit changes as the road has been designed to a significantly higher safety standard than most other 100km/h roads in NZ. |
| 374 | Individual | "Just get on with it"! Stop all the PC bullshit. If you took off your rose coloured glasses you would see that people are already travelling at and way past 110km/h. I've been passed, whilst travelling at 110, like I was travelling at 50. It's not unusual. The only thing that stops people going faster is the sight of a cop in the distance. So, again, it's already happening so, please get on with it. We've all been waiting for this road upgrade for a quarter of our lives. |
| 375 | Individual | I support the proposal to increase the speed limits. |
| 376 | Individual | The proposed plan looks safe and sound. These speed limit changes will be a great achievement for NZ road network. |
| 377 | Individual | I would consider what other countries with modern, safe roads have as their speed limits. 110 is a cop out to being PC. It should be 130km/h. |
| 378 | Individual | No, 110km/h is long overdue. I would even like to see it higher like many countries overseas have on their motorways. |
| 379 | Individual | The faster you go the bigger the mess as nz police always say. I think it will cause more accidents. I'm a victim of two car accidents and wouldnt wish it on anyone. |

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| 380 | Individual | I totally agree with the recommendation to raise the speed limit to 110. It allows more vehicles past a given point per hour and brings NZ more in line with other western countries. Most vehicles are moving above the posted speed limit now on this stretch of hyway It is only placing normally law abiding citizens on the wrong side of the law. |
| 381 | Individual | No, make the speed limit higher and increase the limit on all open roads. |
| 382 | Individual | No, I think it is a good idea. |
| 383 | Individual | Would 130km/h be any less safer than 110km/h? |
| 384 | Individual | I support all the aforementioned speed changes. |
| 385 | Individual | I agree with everything proposed, will be happy to drive down the expressway at the new 110km/h speed and save at least 30 minutes driving down from Auckland to my destinations. |
| 386 | Individual | As a huge regular traveler in and out of Auckland (before lockdown) most people were already doing 110km/h and even 115km/h. Today's cars can easily handle this between Pokeno and Cambridge. Even i myself will set my cruise control to 110km/h when traffic is light and no one is sitting in the right lane at only 95km/h. Modern cars with safety features like auto speed control/cruise control etc allow for safe travel. What needs to be HUGELY CONSIDERED is enforcing the slow cars that don't stay left and create headaches and road rage. Currently there's no signs that tell people to stay left unless passing on the current expressway and people who sit at 85-90km/h in the right lane only creates issues. And never seems to be anyone policing this. |
| 387 | Individual | This is an excellent idea and with modern roadway engineering very feasible. Obviously both left hand lanes south of Taupiri will need re-engineering to meet required standards. Otherwise an excellent road that I drive twice a day and will look forward to an increased speed limit. |
| 388 | Individual | There should be a160km/h speed limit. Also, what are you doing about fixing the Bombay off ramps? |
| 389 | Individual | Yes, raise the speed limit of trucks and trailers to 100 to reduce congestion as well. |
| 390 | Individual | I support the increased speed limit to 110km/h where proposed. |
| 391 | Individual | No, I think it is a great idea and I'm glad some sense of reality has been used in this proposal. The proposed speed limit works on other roads/highways, will work just fine on this stretch also. |
| 392 | Individual | I agree with the proposed changes. For additional safety, consideration should also be given to prohibiting overtaking on the left and prohibiting driving on the right lane if not overtaking (a system that works well on the autobahn, which has no speed limit). |
| 393 | Individual | It's about time a higher speed limit was introduced, however, there are significant improvements that need to be made to the existing road surface. There are many sections particularly the Ngaruawahia that need to completely dug up, levelled and resurfaced to the standard that the Huntly section is. The road surface quality needs to apply to the entire distance to bring it up to a world class standard. In addition, as with almost every road in NZ, the transition from bridge to earth needs to be significantly improved to ensure that there is a smooth transition and not the ramp that currently exists which can cause damage to tyres and suspension. This also applies to transition between newly laid repair surfaces and existing surface. There is a significant dip in lane 1 just past the entrance to Armitage Road, this is already causing trucks to enter lane 2 to avoid striking the road surface and causing damage to vehicle and load. Please may I also mention Tirau Road resurfacing carried out in early 2021, this is a prime example of how to make a road worse than it was before hand and quite frankly is an utter disgrace. This entire section needs to be dug up and levelled and resurfaced properly, including the hill section which has so many dips and bodged repairs makes it a very unsatisfactory road, especially given it is part of our main highway. |
| 394 | Individual | In favour of the 110km. |
| 395 | Individual | No - I think you have done very good job assessing what needs to be considered. |
| 396 | Individual | With the proven track record of the current roads that already have the proposed speed limits, I don't see any reason why the rest of the WEX shouldn't follow suit. |
| 397 | Individual | It should be at 110km/h. In Europe this road would be 130km/h and we are frequently told they have better crash statistics than us. Modern cars use virtually no more fuel at 110km/h - many are most efficient at this speed or even a bit faster. This is a quality road with few bends and wide lanes. |
| 398 | Individual | Make it happen! And add in the Te Rapa section. |
| 399 | Individual | No. I fully support the proposed speed changes. |
| 400 | Individual | I think the speed limit should definitely be increased, there's hardly any difference in fuel consumption and it will make the travel just a bit faster for us who have to travel there every day. |
| 401 | Individual | Yes please raise the speed limit on this section of well designed road. |

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| 402 | Individual | I think your research, considerations and reasons for increasing the speed limit to 110km/h on the Waikato Expressway in the areas you have outlined are very good and I support you making the decision to proceed with the speed limit increase. I agree that the roads are/will be well constructed and will be safe at that speed. |
| 403 | Individual | As a person that uses the expressway everyday between Hamilton and Hampton Downs please get on top of the continued pot holes that keep appearing in the same locations over and over-these will be the biggest risk when travel at 110. Other than that i fully support a move to 110km on this stretch of road. |
| 404 | Individual | No. |
| 405 | Individual | No, 110km/h will be good for the expressway when upgrades completed. |
| 406 | Individual | I believe that that a raised speed limit is beneficial to everyone, makes sense on SH1 to be as efficient as possible. |
| 407 | Individual | No, go ahead with proposal. |
| 408 | Individual | I am in favour of the increase to 110km/h for the entirety of the Waikato Expressway. After travelling on the Cambridge Section regularly and the Tauranga Eastern Links earlier this year the experience on the 110km/h sections feel safer than the sections that are driven at 100km/h. Also the Huntly section compares quite similarly to the Cambridge section so I see no reason why that cannot be at the higher limit. |
| 409 | Individual | Only drivers fully licensed should be allowed those on restricted maybe or at a lower level. Also needs to include slower drivers keep left signs installed....and then the rest of NZ. |
| 410 | Individual | I agree that a speed limit of 110km/h is a sensible speed for State Highway 1, Waikato Expressway, between Hampton Downs and Tamahere. |
| 411 | Individual | This piece of highway is ideal for operating at 110 kilometres per hour speed limit. Ideally it should be a motorway so no slow moving vehicles operate on it. Please ensure the surface is up to standard as am aware the earlier part from Taupiri to Hamilton has had integrity issues. |
| 412 | Individual | I agree with all proposals. I particular like the idea of raising the speed limit to 110km. To be honest I would like to see the speed limit raised to 120km. |
| 413 | Individual | Great idea - except it should be limit at 120km as per most highways in developed countries. and it should be all the way to Manukau. It is the safest road in the country and vehicles have developed exponentially since these old speed limits were developed. |
| 414 | Individual | I support the 110km/h limit. It is a very safe road. |
| 415 | Individual | No, it is a great idea to increase the limit to 110km/h. |
| 416 | Individual | This proposal seeks to save 4 minutes per 64km trip. Are you serious? Is that all the time savings we are doing a consultation for? |
| 417 | Individual | Yes it's alright. Speed cameras would help. I drove the stretch from Cambridge to Tamahere at least three times a week and were always passed by cars. |
| 418 | Individual | This is a fantastic move and I fully support the move to 110km/h. |
| 419 | Individual | No, I strongly support upgrade to 110km/h. |
| 420 | Individual | Yes. Have you assessed the state of the road from the Taupiri Interchange, heading south to the new Hamilton North interchange. The left hand lane is in a diabolical state. Regular drivers of that portion of the road often opt for the right hand lane because of the road's condition. Should that not be rectified before an increase in speed is considered? |
| 421 | Individual | [The] assertion that emissions differences for the sake of increased speed is marginal appears at odds with established research already out there. Please refer the following: https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0301421594901260 https://www.eea.europa.eu/themes/transport/speed-limits-fuel-consumption-and https://pubs.acs.org/doi/pdf/10.1021/es0263588 If, as our Prime Minister Jacinda Adern has repeatedly stated, we are in a climate emergency then it seems counter-productive to raise speed limits and in doing so increase emissions. The proposal brings only a modest gain of 3.5 minutes to users however additional power requirements for greater speed are not linear. This translates to greater fuel consumption - including electricity for EVs - as well as greater wear and tear on vehicle and road surface alike (the latter translating in to increased costs to the taxpayer for SH1's upkeep). All of our power needs come from the planet whether it be fossil fuels or electricity. In a climate emergency this proposal should be set aside. |
| 422 | Individual | No, the changes look fine. If we take a lead from Australia, including Tasmania where I have driven extensively, then the proposed changes to the Waikato Expressway make excellent sense. |
| 423 | Individual | I support the increase to 110km/h. |
| 424 | Individual | I support the speed increase. Consider even higher speeds, similar to European limits, after a period to allow motorists to get used to the 110km/h limit. |

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| 425 | Individual | No, it makes sense to increase to 110km/h. |
| 426 | Individual | Yes, please look at also increasing the speed limit on sections of the WEX North of the proposed sections as well. I also support the proposed changes as the new quadguard crash cushions and TL5 type barriers are all rated for 110km/h speed limits. |
| 427 | Individual | 110km/h the full length of the appropriate sections. |
| 428 | Individual | No. Just make it 110km/h, the sooner, the better. |
| 429 | Individual | It is critical that this decision is made to minimise transport behavioural affects on climate change. How will the increase in speed limit impact vehicle emissions? Please compare the induced demand factor associated with faster travel times. |
| 430 | Individual | Yes. People I know are in full support of the proposed speed limit changes. |
| 431 | Individual | I think 110km/h is appropriate for a high quality road with good safety features. It is probably a little low compared to similar quality roads in other countries - for example most of Europe and the US has an upper limit of 120-140km/h. But overall I support. |
| 432 | Individual | I support the speed limit change to 110km/h. |
| 433 | Individual | No, I think you've got it well covered. |
| 434 | Individual | I fully support the change to increase the speed limit to 110 from Hampton Downs to Tamahere. This will make my commute a much better experience getting to Manukau. Sections of State high 1 should also be increased in certain areas like the new 3 lanes from Papakura to Takanini? |
| 435 | Individual | I think the 110 km for the expressway is a good idea, the chopping and changing of speed limits around the on and off ramps would be a pain though, maybe have them all 60 or 80 km, so there is no confusion. I am excited about the new expressway, it will make such a big difference to and from Auckland, when we are aloud back out and about. |
| 436 | Individual | Consider trends within the national vehicle fleet, especially users of the routes in question, in terms of vehicle ages, tolerance to driver error, safety in event of impact, carbon emissions differences, driver ages/capabilities, and how all these are evolving over time. These trends inform modelling of adverse impacts of likely crashes, including economic impacts, injuries, fatalities, and periods of disruption to drivers resulting from motorway congestion due to crashes. On the other hand, please also give consideration to the economic, social and health benefits of trips being shortened, in terms of worker productivity, timeliness of freight deliveries, and people having more disposable time generally. This said, I for one strongly support increasing the speed limits for motorways built at quality. The 110km/h expressway section bypassing Cambridge is a joy to drive, and exerts far less stress and mental demand than the draining winding sections heading towards Tirau then further south Waikato. |
| 437 | Individual | No - having travled this motorway quite a few times and if the standard of the bypass around Hamilton is the same as the Huntly bypass then moving to 110km/h makes a lot of sense (and possibly could have been done earlier!). |
| 438 | Individual | Great idea, I'm very supportive of increasing the speed to 110km/h throughout. I've driven the current 110km/h section a number of times, and it's a pleasure to drive, and certainly feels safe. Only thing I'd prefer, is an even higher speed limit, as can be justified based on overseas data from Norway/Sweden. |
| 439 | Individual | Yes, as you have pointed out the infrastructure is designed to accomodate the increased speed. This and Continuity of speed zones across the speed zone is appropriate use of the significant investment. It's safe it's efficient to move people and as the population changes along the corridor very much appropriate to the needs of the communities that will use the corridor. I and people I speak with fully support the increased limit. |
| 440 | Individual | No, just put the speed limit up to a minimum of 110km/h. More roads this happens to the better. |
| 441 | Individual | People are doing 110km/h on the Huntly to Hamilton part anyway. |
| 442 | Individual | We use the road regularly and are looking forward to the completion. The road was designed and built to a 110kmh limit. The money spent to build it to that standard will have been wasted if the limit is not increased. It is an excellent road that Waka Kotahi should be congratulated for, but police are currently issuing tickets for speeds that are generally safe. That needs to stop. |
| 443 | Individual | No. Please increase the speed limit to 110 km/h. |
| 444 | Individual | No. This is a great idea and should be considered for more appropriate roads around the country. ie. Transmission Gully and the full Kapiti Expressway. |
| 445 | Individual | No - I support increasing the speed limit to 110km/h. It is a safe straight stretch of motorway. |
| 446 | Individual | No. If the roads have been designed/engineered for 110kmh then why wouldn't you make use of the new limits, otherwise considerable money has been spent for no reason. |
| 447 | Individual | I am in favour of 110km/h on all eligible sections, I will be using the fill length of the expressway several times a week in future once it's completed on Journeys to and from Auckland. |

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| 448 | Individual | Proposed 110km/h changes look great! |
| 449 | Individual | Wherever the 110km/h is introduced keep it consistent from start to finish how don't break it up with a 100k as this becomes confusing for drivers. |
| 450 | Individual | I support the proposed 110km/h speed limit. The road is built to this standard and therefore this will be a safe speed limit due to the parameters of the road. |
| 451 | Individual | Prior to lockdown I travelled from Cambridge to Auckland regularly and feel the whole expressway should be 110km including the new section, however it's important at same time to reduce other roads from 100 to 80 or 90km/h, roads like SH1B still have signs up for 100km/h which is too fast for the condition of these single highway roads, same with road south from Cambridge to Taupo in many areas should be reduced to 90km/h, similar to what's been done on SH2 near Maramarua. |
| 452 | Individual | I think this is a great idea and the road needs to continue all the way to Wellington. |
| 453 | Individual | To prevent undertaking at high speed, signs should be posted that traffic to keep left unless overtaking. The police should comprehensively patrol the relevant 110km/h sections and ticket drivers staying in the outside lane doing less than the posted speed limit to stop undertaking. State that undertaking is illegal on sections where the speed limit is 110 kms/hr and subject to a ticket. |
| 454 | Individual | If you are building the roads to safely manage 110km/h then yes increases the speed. like most things that go wrong its human error so if people drive to the speed it should be fine. |
| 455 | Individual | No. |
| 456 | Individual | None that I can think of. I fully support the speed limit increase as I often use the expressway and it will cut travel times between Hamilton and Auckland slightly. |
| 457 | Individual | No. I am fully supportive of the proposed changes. We have seen the success of 110 kmh on the Hamilton/ Cambridge expressway and that has been great. |
| 458 | Individual | No - seems reasonable. |
| 459 | Individual | I fully support the increase in speed limit. The Cambridge section has shown this is an excellent piece of engineering and far far safer than most stretches of roading in the Waikato. As there has been a reduction in speed limit to 80 in many areas a 110 speed limit will encourage traffic flow on the highway and off those poorer roads - something that should be encouraged as far safer in its construction for both the speed and volume of traffic. As time goes on Cars are far safer than in previous years and this will continue. By being reasonable for higher speeds will also make the augment for lower speeds in poorer road more obviously acceptable and appropriate. |
| 460 | Individual | I support the increased speed limit to improve productivity for freight and supply lines. |
| 461 | Individual | I agree with NZTA's proposals for 110km/h speed limit and do not have any other factors to add. |
| 462 | Individual | I agree with the proposal to increase the speed to 110 km/h. |
| 463 | Individual | No. Please go for the 110km/ speed on the main Expressway and the 100km limits on access and egress. |
| 464 | Individual | Any lower speed limit would cause more deaths as evidenced in Auckland for the year after they lowered speed limits there as it caused more frustration and angst. |
| 465 | Individual | As a daily user of the Cambridge (Hautapu) to Tamahere section of the Expressway, I fully agree with the proposed changes to 110km/h once the Hamilton section is completed. |
| 466 | Individual | 110km/h all the way. The Tamahere-Cambridge road has proved it can be done very safely. 120-140km/h would in fact be even better & guarantee there will be fewer accidents - look at the Autobahns in Germany & let's take a leaf out of their book. I am in 100% support of enforcing all drivers in New Zealand to do an advanced driving course. Slow drivers should seek alternative routes and be penalized for not going the speed limit on motorways. |
| 467 | Individual | Agree to limit of 110km/h. |
| 468 | Individual | The expressway has been designed and built to be safely driven at 110km/h. Upgrade all sections to 110km/h so that the whole expressway is 110km/h. |
| 469 | Individual | Nothing other than what you you already considered. |
| 470 | Individual | No, I agree with the changes as proposed. |
| 471 | Individual | As long as the road surfaces don't disintegrate pothole by pothole. 110km/h is fine. |

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| 472 | Individual | I am fully supportive of increasing the speed limit to 110km/h on the WEX from Hampton Downs to the commencement of the Cambridge Section. The WEX has been designed to operate safely at these speeds. Because of the installation of median barriers, the risk of head on collisions is all but eliminated meaning that any crashes which might occur are likely to be low impact and hence unlikely to result in fatalities or serious injuries. The philosophy of providing the WEX was to provide safe, efficient and speedy passage of goods and people so increasing the speed limit is consistent with this aim. |
| 473 | Individual | Vehicles are travelling well in excess of 110km/h on the Cambridge section of the expressway. There is little chance of stopping safely at this speed. |
| 474 | Individual | I am supportive of the proposed raising of the limit . Perhaps working in conjunction with active policing on a random basis to ensure the increased speed does not become the 'lower' target. |
| 475 | Individual | Clear signage for on and off ramps. I support the suggested speeds. |
| 476 | Individual | Whether the limit could be 120km/h instead of 110km/h. I'm for the 110km/h limit on the proposed areas. |
| 477 | Individual | No, completely agree with the proposed changes. |
| 478 | Individual | Signs to encourage drivers to keep left unless overtaking. |
| 479 | Individual | Nope. I feel that it would be better to increase it to 110 right from Hampton downs to Tamahere. Other areas where it is 110 are absolutely fine. |
| 480 | Individual | I fully support without reservation, applying 110km/h as the speed limit on the Waikato Expressway. |
| 481 | Individual | No - I believe it is safe to upgrade to the 110km/h speed change. |
| 482 | Individual | No. |
| 483 | Individual | No. I fully support the proposed speed limit of 110km/h provided it is assessed as safe. |
| 484 | Individual | No. Our family is all in favour of the speed limit being increased to 110km/h wherever possible. |
| 485 | Individual | Agree all. |
| 486 | Individual | No, I support exactly what you are proposing above. |
| 487 | Individual | No, agree with increasing the speed limit to 110km/h speed limit on the Waikato Expressway. |
| 488 | Individual | I support the proposed changes. |
| 489 | Individual | No, I agree with the proposal. |
| 490 | Individual | No fully support proposal. |
| 491 | Individual | 110km/h please. |
| 492 | Individual | 110 the whole way along the expressway please. |
| 493 | Individual | Full support of the 110kmh proposal. We need safely increase logistical efficiency to remain competitive as a district and as a country. This new and upgraded infrastructure needs to be fully utilised to get any sort of payback from it. |
| 494 | Individual | I have no other suggestions or concerns. |
| 495 | Individual | Trucks should be increased to 100km/h on these safer highways. |
| 496 | Individual | No. |
| 497 | Individual | I am very much in favour of the 110 speed limit on these new and upgraded sections: having this higher limit will help encourage as much traffic as possible onto this route thereby reducing traffic on surrounding roads and alternative routes. Notably getting traffic to use the new SH1 in preference to SH1B, SH27 & Tahuna Road, plus the through routes in Hamilton itself will contribute hugely to improving safety throughout the region. I can also see potential economic and enviromental benefits by providing a faster and safer connection between greater Auckland and Waikato / Bay of Plenty. I would be keen to see multiple highly-visible rapid EV charger sites encouraged to develop at appropriate interchanges to encourage uptake of zero emission vehicles, hopefully not just passenger cars but coaches and goods vehicles too. |
| 498 | Individual | The new Waikato expressway is quite capable of running at 110km/h over the entire route and would match the speed limit on the new Cambridge section. |
| 499 | Individual | Raise suitable truck speed to 100 km/h. |
| 500 | Individual | I believe the expressway should be 110km/h. |
| 501 | Individual | Number of accidents so far in higher speed zones. More or less than at 100km/h? |
| 502 | Individual | I support the proposal for increases to 110km/h. |

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| 503 | Individual | Sections of Expressway around New Zealand have been designed to cope with speeds in excess of 110km/h and there are already sections of both the Waikato Expressway and the Expressway in the Bay of Plenty that have the 110km/h speed limit... these safety contribute to the increased flow of traffic and it seems counterproductive AND financially irresponsible to design and build expressways to a considerably higher standard than they will be used for. I support increasing the speed limit to 110km/h. |
| 504 | Individual | None that stand out. I agree with the increase of 110. |
| 505 | Individual | The Cambridge section works well at 110km/h. I am support your proposal. |
| 506 | Individual | No, I support 110 all the way. |
| 507 | Individual | By increasing the speed limit to 110km which we agree with it will take loading off rural roads by encouraging traffic onto the main road |
| 508 | Individual | Transition into urban area speeds, if the expressway is going to be in some areas crossed by pedestrians. No body wants to be travelling super fast through a city incase someone gets hurt. |
| 509 | Individual | I currently pass over the section around Cambridge that is 110 and feel very comfortable and safe at that speed. I also note that others on the road at the same time drive to the limit and not often over the speed limit. |
| 510 | Individual | The proposed speed limits are still below the 70mph that I'm very used to in the UK and the NZ road quality as as least as good. So I support the proposal. |
| 511 | Individual | No Factors , just want speed lifted to design limits. |
| 512 | Individual | sounds like you have covered all the options. It will be great to go 110 as that is my car's (94 visita, almost up to 500thousand k's) cruise speed. that's it's humming speed. that is if we every get out of lockdown. |
| 513 | Individual | Is it possible to upgrade the current roading further to make it 120km/h or 130km/h? We know that the Cambridge bypass and the other 110km/h road from Tauranga to Whakatane are the safest roads we have in NZ. I believe that on these roads, at the higher speeds drivers are more alert and this has resulted in very few crashes or injuries. If a basic upgrade can be done to make them engineered to a higher speed limit than 110km/h then I think this should be considered. Cars and roads are safer than they have ever been and only continue to improve. |
| 514 | Individual | No, happy to move to 110km/h. |
| 515 | Individual | Put it up and keep it there. |
| 516 | Individual | Because the road has been built to high safety standards and as a regular user of the current 110km/h section of the Tamahere to Cambridge section, I can vouch for the ability to travel safely at 110kmh. Therefore I support the increase of speed limit to 110kmh for the full length of the Waikato Expressway. Definitely more efficient in keeping traffic flowing and getting to the destination. |
| 517 | Individual | Not at all. The road was built for 110km/h so should the limit should be implemented accordingly. The Tauranga Eastern Link Expressway works extremely well and these expressways are what New Zealand needs to keep the economy moving. |
| 518 | Individual | I am in favour of the 110km/h speed limit through this section of highway, But due to the Waikato fogs in winter NZTA need to make use of VMS boards, and USE THEM, also make use of the Variable Speed Signs, to adjust and control vehicle speeds in poor weather conditions or when there maybe very high traffic volumes.I know that I read and adjust my driving accordingly to the advice given on these signs but get a little annoyed when the advice is out of date and not updated, I then tend to lose confidence in their message. |
| 519 | Individual | At least 110km/h on expressways. |
| 520 | Individual | No, this is well thought out and well designed, and is fit for purpose. |
| 521 | Individual | Agree with the proposed changes. |
| 522 | Individual | 110km/h all the way. Designed for that speed. |
| 523 | Individual | Fully support the proposed changes. The road has been designed for these speeds, and as a result when it is used to its potential, it will deliver efficiencies for both freight and passengers. |
| 524 | Individual | No. |
| 525 | Individual | No. It should be changed to 110km/h. |
| 526 | Individual | Speed, safety, consistency between Cambridge to Hamilton speed limits on the expressway. |
| 527 | Individual | No. Implement more. Fully support 110km/h. |
| 528 | Individual | It's a large safe road, increase to 120. |
| 529 | Individual | I believe with the upgrades to existing expressway and the design and quality of the new expressway this 110km/h upgrade should definitely go ahead. This will increase productivity for business. |

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| 530 | Individual | No, 110km/h the length of the expressway. |
| 531 | Individual | I travel the existing 110km/h stretch of road and am very pleased with the way it works. I agree with the stated increases. One thing I am mindful of is keeping to the left lane unless overtaking, but I'm aware that a lot of NZ drivers have not had the 'training' in following this rule of our roads. Travelling on the autobahn in Germany this rule is paramount (although keeping right rather than left). There needs to be reminder traffic signs along these roads to 'alert' drivers to this rule. And maybe doing the occasional stop and train drivers for NOT following this simple rule. Also a driver education process, where drivers are encouraged to use their Cruise control on these roads, which makes for far smoother driving. |
| 532 | Individual | This seems a great idea and I am fully in favour of the review. Will there be any fixed speed cameras located anywhere on this piece of motorway. Thanks for the opportunity to comment |
| 533 | Individual | Given the quality of the highway and the separation I believe the increased speed limit trialed on the Cambridge road should be extended to Hampton Downs. |
| 534 | Individual | Armitage Road on the proposed expressway has a large dip that many trucks swerve to avoid, moving into the fast lane. This needs to be addressed for the safety of the truck drivers and other road users. |
| 535 | Individual | Make drivers aware, through signage or media adverts, that if they are in the right hand lane, they are doing 110km/h and not dawdling along at 20km/h below. If they want to dawdle along, use the left hand lane, or use an alternative route. Thanks. |
| 536 | Individual | Please just do it!! |
| 537 | Individual | I support the speed limit change to 110km/h. |
| 538 | Individual | It would be great!!!! It would carve some time off our daily commutes. |
| 539 | Individual | No the roads are very safe and no reason they shouldn't be 110km/h. |
| 540 | Individual | No, I am happy with the 110km/h speed limit. |
| 541 | Individual | The current 110k stretch is great, have driven on it a few times when visiting whanau in Hamilton. Would love to see the whole thing become 110k (or higher!) ditto back home here in Kapiti where we have a lovely expressway that we could go much faster on (well until Mckays anyway). |
| 542 | Individual | A higher speed limit was half the point in spending all that money on the new express way wasn't it? There's no reason it shouldn't go to 110, it's a great bit of engineering. |
| 543 | Individual | No. |
| 544 | Individual | No. |
| 545 | Individual | I support increasing the speed limit to 110km/h. |
| 546 | Individual | Consider "smart highways", where the speed limit can be lowered if needed e.g. crash, roadworks. Otherwise 110km/h highways are well overdue. |
| 547 | Individual | No. I have driven the Huntly Bypass Road and Tamahere to Cambridge sections several times day and night and found the road safer and easier to drive than any other state highway in New Zealand. If you can make this whole section of this standard then I have no hesitation in driving it at 110km/h. |
| 548 | Individual | No. |
| 549 | Individual | Proposed increases to 110km/h should be done. |
| 550 | Individual | No, please increase speed limit where safe to do so to 110km/h on the new expressway. |
| 551 | Individual | I support 110. |
| 552 | Individual | No additional factors need to be considered. The roads were designed for cars travelling at 110km/h. The roads were built for cars travelling at 110km/h. The 110km/h Cambridge section is safe to travel on and there have been no increase in crashes or the severity of the crashes. Let the vehicles travel at 110km/h. |
| 553 | Individual | No. |
| 554 | Individual | It should be all 110km/h. |
| 555 | Individual | I think 110 is a great idea for the new highway and strongly recommend it with the stretch of road. |
| 556 | Individual | 110km/h is common already which proves something. |
| 557 | Individual | Fully support proposed limits. |
| 558 | Individual | Ensuring measures are in place to slow down the traffic to 100km as soon as possible at either end - I know the south end there is a large amount of high speed traffic through the roundabout already. I support the proposal to change the speed limit on the proposed roads/sections as per above plans. |

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| 559 | Individual | No. All of this seems extremely sensible and well thought out. Having the speed limit at a constant 110km/hour throughout the Waikato Expressway will make our journeys safer. |
| 560 | Individual | I believe the proposed 110km/h speed limit to be an excellent idea as I believe that this road will be very safe. |
| 561 | Individual | No, except extending it to Papakura. |
| 562 | Individual | I think you have considered the engineering requirements to increase the speed limit, if the new highway has been designed and built to this requirements then you really should enable this. Full support to increase the speed limit. |
| 563 | Individual | No. |
| 564 | Individual | I understand what you are saying with regards to safety of roads improving all the time but what I see when travelling the highway is that people nearly always drive faster than speed limit. Human nature it seems. You put it up and they seem to have permission to drive faster. Their psyche!!! Feels unsafe to me. |
| 565 | Individual | No. |
| 566 | Individual | The 110km/h speed limit is logical based on the improved roading design, dual carriageway and modern design. Having lived in Australia for 14 years where most roads meeting these requirements are 110 km/h, it is the right thing to do and should not see significant impact to road trauma. |
| 567 | Individual | I believe that the decision to raise the speed limit to 110km/h is the right one. |
| 568 | Individual | What has driver behaviour been on the sections of the expressway already open and have there been accidents/collisions? How severe were they? Would a higher speed limit lead to worse safety outcomes if these type of events and would even more of these incidents happen if the speed limit were higher? |
| 569 | Individual | Peak traffic volumes. |
| 570 | Individual | The condition of the old/existing state highway one i.e. potholes. The amount of crashes along the existing state highway. |
| 571 | Individual | I fully support the change to 110km/h. I cannot think of any additional factors to consider. |
| 572 | Individual | I am very happy with your proposals. |
| 573 | Individual | I have not read what is proposed for cyclists who are currently allowed on this section of SH. Are you building a separated contiguous facility to get cyclists off this section? Waka Kotahi cannot ban them without somewhere else to go. I assume that they won't be allowed onto a 110km/h section as it is not Safe System. |
| 574 | Individual | Not that I am aware of. |
| 575 | Individual | Consistency for the speed at 110km/h over the full length is ideal. |
| 576 | Individual | Yes do we think it's possible to make the speed to 120km/h instead? Because it is more faster get to our destinations quicker. |
| 577 | Individual | I understand the roads pertaining to this review are constructed to safety specifications (median barriers, lane widths, etc.) which allow vehicles to travel as safely as possible at 110km/h. I can see NO reason why the speed limit should not be 110km/h on this stretch of road. |
| 578 | Individual | Perhaps suggest only full licence holders? |
| 579 | Individual | No - thorough review, and the road is more than capable/built to handle speeds of 100km/h. |
| 580 | Individual | No - agree put it up. Traffic is travelling at 110 now. |
| 581 | Individual | None - other than that most people are already doing over 100 km per hour so not much will change. |
| 582 | Individual | Support. No issues that that I can see. |
| 583 | Individual | Not clear which classes of vehicle the new speed limit will apply to. |
| 584 | Individual | No. |
| 585 | Individual | Fully support raising the limit to 110km/h for the whole distance. We use the Cambridge section frequently, and it is absolutely brilliant! I understand there have been virtually no accidents on the 110km/h section, which is a testament to the safety margins built into the design. Go for gold! |
| 586 | Individual | No. |
| 587 | Individual | I am in favour of the 110km/h proposal. |
| 588 | Individual | I am in support of the proposed 110km/h speed limit. The approach has been proven with the Cambridge section and we should utilise the capability of the expressway to enable efficient movement of traffic. It make better use of time and is better for the economy. |
| 589 | Individual | No, I am fully in favour of this increased speed limit to 110 km/h. |
| 590 | Individual | I support the increase from 100 to 110 across the Waikato Expressway, wherever possible. |

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| 591 | Individual | I think maybe you should consider lifting the limit to 120km/h where there is a long stretch between on and off ramps. Having driven extensively overseas, by comparison the road seems similar to others overseas that would have a 120-140km/h limit. |
| 592 | Individual | No. I am very happy with what you propose. |
| 593 | Individual | I think 110km/h is what needs to happen, looking towards increasing the distance of that speed limit further north to Bombay. It will make a huge difference to commuting times, with large numbers of people commuting north and south living between Bombay and Huntly. |
| 594 | Individual | No I strongly support the change to a 110km/h speed limit through the Expressway, as outlined. |
| 595 | Individual | No, I am in full support of making this 110km. Time is precious and the road has been built well. |
| 596 | Individual | Based on my personal experience of using the existing Cambridge Section of the Waikato Expressway, which has a 110km/h speed limit, there is no reason not to expand this limit to all other appropriately constructed roads within the network. |
| 597 | Individual | I agree with increasing the speed limit as proposed. This will improve safety and productivity as it will further incentivise people to use the safer SH1 route rather than using alternative roads. |
| 598 | Individual | I drive the Cambridge expressway daily and the road suits 110km/h and on and off ramps work well with bleeding speed off, modern vehicles and road design is my consideration towards this thinking. |
| 599 | Individual | I am in support of the proposal in its entirety as it will allow a consistent traveling environment devoid of unexpected or unobserved speed variations that could be enforcement traps. I note variations in the length of the ramp speeds but presume that is governed by ramp length and / or site lines. The current state of work at the Tamahere interchange suggests work concludes there. The 1.3km south to the existing 110km/h Cambridge section requires upgrades including road shoulder and side barriers / wire ropes. |
| 600 | Individual | I see NO reason for there to be ANY speed limits on motorways (other than the obvious revenue gathering exercise) so 110 is the very least that should be considered. I see you are considering even lower limits in some places. This is not acceptable. |
| 601 | Individual | Excellent idea that brings us into line with many other OECD countries (motorway speeds vary from 110-130 km/h on average) and reduces the travel times significantly over the course of a year, benefiting the communities it connects and the economy of the region. |
| 602 | Individual | No, I fully support a 110kmh speed limit, thank you |
| 603 | Individual | Safety rails/wires on both sides of the North and South bound lanes. The 110km/h should be on the highway. |
| 604 | Individual | Just make it 110 Drive on Cambridge section regularly Awesome Be great if trailed vehicles and trucks could go faster on these as well |
| 605 | Individual | During Winter, many areas in Waikato are prone to dense fog. Under normal conditions, I am all up for 110km/h but would consider lowering it to 90km/h depending on weather conditions (fog, heavy rain etc). I am aware that people "should" lower their speed under bad weather. The issue is that many still don't and I have had several close calls in the past. If we make it mandatory then maybe many more will comply. Thanks. |
| 606 | Individual | I think the proposed changes have considered all relevant aspects. I completely agree with the proposed speed increase to 110km/h on these exceptionally well designed/constructed sections of road. It makes absolute sense and works extremely well (Traffic flow and safety) on the current 110km/h roads. |
| 607 | Individual | Yes - carbon emissions will go up with higher speeds. We need to be reducing carbon emissions, not increasing them. How about 110km/h for EV's and 90km/h for ICE vehicles? |
| 608 | Individual | No - all has been well considered. Fully endorse the proposed speed changes. |
| 609 | Individual | It's a no brainer increasing the limit to 110km/h on this stretch of road. I commuted to Auckland each day before the latest lockdown and it's such an awesome road and is totally safe to travel on at 110km/h. Congratulations to the National Govt for creating such an awesome road network. |
| 610 | Individual | The design speed is well in excess of 110km/h, so it is definitely a suitable speed for this section of road. |
| 611 | Individual | I think your plans sound great. |
| 612 | Individual | I support the increase to 110km/h for cars and motobikes, but not for heavy transport. The extra safety implications plus the dynamic loadings of heavy traffic on road pavement with the increase wear and tear this would create is in my view not beneficial and they should be kept to current maximum speeds, noting that a lot of trucks on these existing 110km/h zones are doing 110 km/h! (they should be 90 km/h as I understand it). |
| 613 | Individual | Will increased speeds lead to increased wear on the road at a disproportionate rate for different types of road users? That is, will trucks at 110 have an oversized increase in the damage caused, as compared to trucks at 100? If the damage sustained by the road surface will be increased disproportionately is there any mechanism to recover costs from trucking firms? If this can be managed effectively then I see no reason why the speeds should not be increased. |
| 614 | Individual | Safe roads , safe speeds...110km/h. |

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| 615 | Individual | Extend the 110kmh limit as far north as possible. |
| 616 | Individual | It is absolutely appropriate to increase the speed limit as proposed in this project. The roading is more than adequate and the increase should be implemented as soon as possible. |
| 617 | Individual | The highway has been built to a standard that makes 110km/h safe. This work has been done using road user and tax payer dollars. It is therefore imperative and fair that road users be allowed to utilize the benefit of that expenditure and travel at 110km/h on the specified roads. Otherwise NZTA has just wasted tens of millions of public dollars. |
| 618 | Individual | Just extra signage or flashing sign if someone still doing 110 when coming out of 110k zones. Sometimes a reminder is needed. |
| 619 | Individual | No other factors. I am "for" the proposed 110 speed limit. |
| 620 | Individual | You've already stated that the Huntly, Rangiriri and Longswamp sections of the expressway have been designed and built to be safely driven at 110km/h. The Hamilton section, which is in construction, will also be able to be safely driven at 110km/h. With upgrades to the remaining sections at Hampton Downs, Ohinewai, Ngaruawahia and Tamahere, this will mean that, when completed, 64km of the expressway between Hampton Downs and Tamahere will meet the necessary design and safety standards for a 110km/h speed limit. If it's been designed and finished for a 110km/h speed limit, it seems like a very good idea to make it a 110km/h speed limit. |
| 621 | Individual | Great idea to move to 110km. |
| 622 | Individual | Support what NZTA is proposing for 110km/h for all of the Waikato Expressway. |
| 623 | Individual | As a frequent user of this stretch of road, upping the speed limit would be a good idea. |
| 624 | Individual | No. |
| 625 | Individual | None I know of, so I support raising speed limit. |
| 626 | Individual | No. You have it all covered. Great job. |
| 627 | Individual | I am supportive of the proposed speed limits. |
| 628 | Individual | No - do it! |
| 629 | Individual | 1. I support the proposal for the speed limit to be 110km/h. 2. I frequently travel on the existing Cambridge expressway, which is 110km/h and believe it to be safe to do so. Continuing this on further north makes sense. 3. These new sections of road, besides being built to a high safety standard, also promote better fuel efficiency and less carbon emissions by allowing vehicles to travel in a higher gear and more consistent use of cruise control. 4. I have travelled extensively on the US Interstate network where 47/50 states have an average speed limit of 70mph (113km/h), these new roads in NZ are every bit as good as those in the US. 5. These roads will keep heavy vehicles away from arterial routes, particularly in Hamilton, which not only improves productivity for the transport sector, but also improves safety in the cities through less traffic and carbon emissions. |
| 630 | Individual | I believe all factors have been appropriately documented. It has been designed very well for this proposed speed limit change. |
| 631 | Individual | I think it is a good idea to increase the speed of state highway 1, especially as many people already drive over the speed limit. As the road is new it would be expected by the public that the state highway would be constructed to a safety standard that would allow for higher speeds. I think it is important that the design speed is considered when making the changes, ie if the road was designed to a higher standard and to allow for greater speed then the speed limit is increased. Otherwise it raises the question of if the expressway was necessary to be built. |
| 632 | Individual | It seems a bit of a mass decrease to go from 110km to 80km further up the ramp. Have noticed the current Cambridge West off ramp is setup to be 110km on the expressway then decrease to 100km on the ramp leading into 80km areas once off the ramp and it makes the traffic flow nicely and avoids any backlog. Otherwise 110 along entire expressway is great. |
| 633 | Individual | Every effort must be taken to free up the nation's economy - allowing free movement on a road that has been designed for comfortable travel at 110km/h will help realise this. |
| 634 | Individual | No 110km/h the whole way. |
| 635 | Individual | The condition of the road surface between Horotiu and Taupiri requires improving as I believe that it would be dangerous to drive on it at 110km/h in the state it is in at present. |
| 636 | Individual | No. |
| 637 | Individual | Looking at the proposal it makes sense to have a section of road which has been constructed to meet safety requirements for this speed limit (110 km/h) to have this as the designated speed limit. Exit and onramp proposals also seem appropriate as proposed. As a user of the Cambridge section, I'm not aware of the 10 km/h limit increase causing an increase in traffic incidents over other sections of the completed expressway. |

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| 638 | Individual | I will be using the new expressway regularly and already use the Cambridge bypass on SH1 frequently. The 110km speed limit has proved very effective and safe and enables drivers to select a speed they're comfortable driving with. It also reduces the risk that some overtaking drivers take when frustration builds from being stuck behind slower traffic. It makes sense to have the same 110km limit the entire length of the Waikato Expressway. |
| 639 | Individual | No, change the entire length to 110 km/h. |
| 640 | Individual | I agree to the proposed 110km/h on State Highway 1, Waikato Expressway, between Hampton Downs and Tamahere. |
| 641 | Individual | I support 110km/h speed limit. |
| 642 | Individual | I agree to the proposed 110km/h speed limit on the State Highway 1, Waikato Expressway, between Hampton Downs and Tamahere. |
| 643 | Individual | Time to deliver this change, the sooner the better. |
| 644 | Individual | This should definitely be 110kmh, these roads are built for moving large amounts of people quickly, and are more than capable of being safely travelled at that speed. |
| 645 | Individual | Please consider the positive impact that the other speed increases have had on traffic and the lives of people - it's made life easier and allowed me to spend more time with my family! I think its a great idea - these new roads you've built have made life so much better - and this will encourage people to use them more. |
| 646 | Individual | The road between Hampton Downs and Tamahere was designed for 110km/h and I therefore recommend that is the speed limit that should apply. |
| 647 | Individual | Hello I am in favour of making this section of SH1, Tamahere to Hampton Downs being 110. I live in Tamahere and travel to Auckland for work often (not recently with lockdowns etc...). I feel once this stretch is finished it will be a safe flow and would save time when it comes to the travel time between our two cities. I am confident those who travel this road often would agree with me as what is already finished (Huntly bypass) is already safe and beautiful! |
| 648 | Individual | Carbon emissions and fuel economy. Air and other drags largely increase with the square of the speed, so that fuel economy decreases in the order of 9% for every 10km/h of extra speed. Fuel consumption isn't mentioned in the consultation documents, which seems odd as consultation is happening at the same time as the COP26 climate summit. The latest Regional Council report to its Connections Committee says the new roads will, "undermine the attractiveness of public transport as a mode of choice for many years to come." With heavy vehicles, including buses, still limited to 90km/h, buses will carry fewer passengers, exacerbating problems with switching to more fuel efficient forms of transport. The money being spent on roads is not available for alternatives, so that, for example, Waikato District Council has recently had its request to fund more buses turned down. Although the new road designs are safer, the Crash Analysis data still shows that crashes are happening. |
| 649 | Individual | Where does it leave Mangahereke drive, Greenwood's and Kahekatie Drives? Will they still have the designation of SH1 after the new bypass route opens? What percentage of traffic currently transiting through the above mentioned roads is modelled to move to the new expressway to the east of Hamilton city once they open? |
| 650 | Individual | SH1 Waikato Expressway 110 speed consultation It is a great idea! I fully support the increase to 110. Road is safe. Look at the Cambridge section. It is 110km/h. Since it was completed 5 years ago there has not been a single death on it to my knowledge. Yet 2kms down state highway one at Karapiro, it is a killing field! Increasing and setting the speed limit to 110km/h is a no brainer. It is far safer than the majority of our roads with a 100km/h speed limit. Increasing the speed will also encourage more motorists to use the highway instead of 1B. Please do it! |
| 651 | Individual | Go ahead with proposed increase of speed limit. |
| 652 | Individual | 1/ Road Safety has two major components in which both speed is a major factor. The two factors though are independent of each other. The chances of having accident and the consequences of accident. The consequences of an accident are proportional to the energy that is dissipated coming to a stop. This is a velocity squared function. NZ is an unenviable outlier in accident rates and consequences, deaths on the roads, which is indicative that we are far from interational best practice. Higher speeds undoubtedly will cause higher accident trauma. 2/ Energy consumption is highly dependent on velocity. As our major source of road transport energy is fossil fuels higher speeds are incompatible with our international obligations to reduce emissions. 3/ Higher speeds cause more pollution, noise pollution and particulate pollution from road surface and tyre wear and fuel consumption. 4/ The journey time savings are largely illusionary and especially for recreational motoring the time saved has minimal economic value. 5/ It is fundamentally wrong to allow a popularity survey to influence what should only be a rigourous scientific and economic process to determine appropriate speed limits. |
| 653 | Individual | Agree that the road should be 110km/h all the way as that is what is designed for. |
| 654 | Individual | No. If the road is designed for 110km/h then that should be the limit. |

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| 655 | Individual | No further considerations required in my opinion, 110km/h speed limit is the best option. |
| 656 | Individual | Reduced travel times, more efficient roadways for transport. |
| 657 | Individual | I fully support the speed limit be increased to 110km/h as outlined in the above proposal. |
| 658 | Individual | I support the increase to 110 as this is a modern new road layout which will be a lot safer than older state highways. |
| 659 | Individual | No, i wholeheartedly agree with increased speed limit. |
| 660 | Individual | Overall I am happy with the proposal however a higher level of speed monitoring and lower overspeed tolerance should be employed on this section of the Expressway. This was publicised when the Cambridge section was increased to 110 but does not seem to be happening as speeds seem to be creeping up steadily. |
| 661 | Individual | I fully support the 110km/h limit and think it is important to remind motorists of the rule where one is required to move into the left lane unless passing another vehicle. People driving at speeds significantly less than the speed limit in the right hand lane when the left lane is clear is a constant frustration and in my opinion a hazard. Also recently during time living in Australia I noticed another rule they have over there (on highways with 3 or more lanes) which prohibits heavy vehicles from travelling in the right lane, allowing a freer flow of traffic for passenger vehicles. This worked very well in times of heavy traffic flow. |
| 662 | Individual | A lot of support for the proposed change and beneficial for most people in Upper NI. Track record of Cambridge section shows it is sensible to have a 110km/h limit where the road is to standard. |
| 663 | Individual | No. 110km/h looks good in all proposed locations. |
| 664 | Individual | Keep the road nice and smooth. Highway will work with 110km/h. |
| 665 | Individual | I support the proposal. |
| 666 | Individual | Happy with the proposed new speed limits up to 110 km/h. |
| 667 | Individual | 110 all the way through please. |
| 668 | Individual | No, I agree with proposals. |
| 669 | Individual | Proposed 110 limits are a good idea. |
| 670 | Individual | It will be awesome and safe. |
| 671 | Individual | The road south of Taupiri heading to Hamilton needs upgrading as the surface is deteriorating fast. |
| 672 | Individual | If the roading allows the 110km/h speed limit safely, I say do it. |
| 673 | Individual | No, this is a very good proposal which has obviously been planned very thoroughly and we back it 100%. |
| 674 | Individual | I support the 110km/h speed limit. |
| 675 | Individual | I think the speed limit increase is a good idea. |
| 676 | Individual | Not that I am aware of no. |
| 677 | Individual | It is a no brainer to allow vehicles to travel at 110km/h on the entire new motorway. As a matter of fact 120km/h, as in many developed countries, the speed limit should be just that - 120km/h. |
| 678 | Individual | No. |
| 679 | Individual | Yes all good, go ahead with 110 km/h. Driving in England at motorway speeds of 70 mph is normal. |
| 680 | Individual | Yes for efficiency the speed should be 110km/h. |
| 681 | Individual | 110km an hour is the best choice as the money has been spent to provide safety barriers and more than adequate space for all and any roadside assistance. |
| 682 | Individual | Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the suggestion that 64kms of the Waikato Expressway be brought to an overall 110km/h capability. As a regular user of the Cambridge to Tamahere link I find the surface, width, visibility etc very conducive to safe driving in dry conditions at 110km/h. It is clear that NZTA are very capable of building, and where necessary, amending sections to achieve the full 64kms desired operation. I support the overall 110km/h initiative. |
| 683 | Individual | I support the increase to 110km/h for this yet to be completed section. |
| 684 | Individual | Agree with raising to 110km/h and in places like Cambridge and Rangariri straight should be 120km/h. |
| 685 | Individual | I say yes to the higher speed limit, but let's clamp down on those who feel it gives them permission to travel at 120 or 130 km/h, making it a more dangerous and uncomfortable drive. |

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| 686 | Individual | Hi - I fully support the proposed 110km/h limit on the 64km on Waikato expressway. These new to ads are better quality and safer and cars have more safety features etc than previously. 110kmph is long overdue. |
| 687 | Individual | If the motorway has been built to 110km/h standard I think it should be designated as such Modern cars easily travel at 110km/h and it makes the journey 10% faster. |
| 688 | Individual | I support 110km/h – makes the road more efficient. |
| 689 | Individual | I am very familiar with this stretch of SH1 having driven up and down between Hamilton and Auckland over a period of 40 years.The recent improvements are a great benefit and will improve travelling times without any compromise with safety if the speed limit is increased to 110km/h. |
| 690 | Individual | I notice the speed reviews don't make any mention of WK's stated aim of reducing carbon emissions. Carbon emissions will go up with higher speeds. We need to be reducing carbon emissions, not increase them. How about 110km/h for EV's and 90km/h for ICE vehicles? |
| 691 | Individual | I wish to support the raising of the speed limit on The Waikato expressway to 110 kmh. I am an occasional driver on the Waikato Expressway and the Tauranga Eastern Link in both heavy and light vehicles. I also have experience of driving light vehicles on expressways in Australia and the United States. I also have experience of driving heavy vehicles in the UK and extensively in Europe. My observation is that the behaviour of traffic on the 110 kmh sections of existing highways is very, very good. I have seen little evidence of heavy or light vehicles exceeding their speed limits. In fact the only example of poor driving I have seen on the 110 kmh sections was by a light vehicle towing a trailer, which would have been bound by a 90 kmh speed limit in any case. The vehicle was not actually exceeding 90 kmh. I feel sure that the driving would have been the same no matter whether the speed limit for light vehicles was 100 or 110 kmh. The Waikato Expressway and the Auckland Northern Gateway Road are amongst the best roads in New Zealand and absolutely world-class. They are very, very safe. I therefore support the lifting of the speed limit on The Waikato Expressway to 110 km per hour. |
| 692 | Individual | Hi the. Speed would be increased to 110 kl with the increased speed limit much safer for travelers on motorways. |
| 693 | Individual | To Whom it may concern. We fully support the speed limit od 110kmh for the entire Waikato Expressway when it opens. |
| 694 | Individual | I'd like to state that I am in 100% agreement with this new highway having a 110km speed limit. I drove the Cambridge bypass almost daily and it's proven to be well worth it. |
| 695 | Individual | I totally support the proposal to set the speed limit for the complete Waikato Expressway at 110kmh for cars & light vehicles.Truck speed limits should be lower, so as not to impede the flow of faster traffic. I do not believe a speed limit of 110 will cause increased pollution level. I personally travel on the Expressway with cruise control set at the speed limit. Travelling at a constant speed, rather than speeding up and slowing down which tends to use more fuel / creating more greenhouse gasses I will look forward to learning the result of your deliberations. |
| 696 | Individual | Thank you for inviting me to make a formal submission about the speed limit on the State Highway 1 Waikato Expressway. I propose the speed limit to be 110km/h. |
| 697 | Individual | Absolutely support increased speed limits where road design permits. And 120km/h design speed would be great to see on long hauls. After all, we are in the 21st century now. |
| 698 | Individual | Dear People, I am totally opposed to an increase in speed above 100km/h on the Waikato expressway. Vehicles are one of the main polluters in the world today, have you not heard of climate change? The faster a vehicle goes the more fuel it burns, end of story. You are in fact a government department, at the moment we have the NZ government committing to reduce emissions and one of it's own departments is planning to increase emissions, what the hell. I watch Greta on the news, she says government just say blah, blah, blah and people get upset with her, but she is dead right. Here is a NZ government department planning to greatly increase emissions. Your problem is you have a very narrow over view, your job is roads and that is all you concern yourself with. Well you need to better represent the government you work for. |
| 699 | Individual | If the highway is designed and constructed to the standard intended it would be foolish and wasteful not to apply the 110km speed limit. |
| 700 | Individual | SH1 Waikato Expressway 110 speed consultation. Suggest you give urgent consideration to the contribution road transport makes to manmade global warming in NZ. Utterly shameful. ICE vehicle limit should be maximum 80 km/h everywhere. Fuel consumption increases with speed. EVs could be exempt. Could have a large (110) sign on the back. Vehicles in France do or did have "stickers" indicating speed restrictions. |
| 701 | Individual | To whom it may concern, I support increasing the speed limit to 110km on the Waikato Expressway. |
| 702 | Individual | We live in Hamilton and travel north and south of Hamilton regularly. The 110km/h south of Hamilton is an awesome piece of road with few incidents that I have seen. We totally support 110km/h speed limit on the new northern stretch 2 votes for positive. Thanks. |

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| 703 | Individual | I totally agree that the speed limit on any expressway should be 110 km. Due to congestion, traffic flow and as in the past safety. I have travelled on the expressway south of Tamahere appr 6 times in the past and found it very friendly everyone els were carefull and courteous toward other drivers. Time saving a big huge factor, my thoughts only. |
| 704 | Individual | I support the Hampton Downs-to-Hamilton speed increase to 110 kmh at least, preferably 130km/h. I have driven on roads in Europe at their legal speed of 130km/h that are inferior to our section of road and I see no problem for the legal speed here to be increased to 110-130km/h too and bring NZ out of the dark ages and in line with European standards. I regularly drive on this section of road at our legal speed of 100km/h and the road is fantastic with good visibility and well designed. |
| 705 | Waikato District Council | Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the proposed speed limit changes. Waikato District Council is in support of the proposed speed limits changes. The proposal is to change the current speed limit from 100km/h to 110km/h between Hampton Downs and Tamahere, once the remaining Hamilton section and all the necessary safety upgrades to the existing sections have been completed, including consideration of pedestrian safety at Tamahere Interchange. These safety upgrades are to ensure the whole route is of a same safety standard. Waikato District Council understand that the expressway has been designed at a much higher standard than other state highways and have features that make it safer for travelling at higher speeds, therefore the speed limit may be set to a higher limit than other state highways. Waikato District Council also considers that advanced public information on the new speed limits including advice on driving at the new speed limits would be beneficial to the overall safety and efficiency outcomes Waka Kotahi are seeking. |
| 706 | Individual | I believe this is a great idea. This will significantly reduce transport time of goods to Auckland from the regions. This has been proven and I believe this is safe. |
| 707 | Individual | Please proceed with the increase to 110km/h as proposed. |
| 708 | Individual | Go for 110km/h. |
| 709 | Individual | I totally support the idea of increasing the speed limit on the roading sections suggested to 110 km per hour. It will mean safer and faster travelling on excellent sections of road and I totally support the increased speed limit. |
| 710 | Individual | I live in the Kopuku area and use the expressway quite often, I would like my vote to go towards the 110km speed limit as i think we spend the money on these new roads so it should be up to this standard of a higher speed. I say yes to the 110km speed limit. |
| 711 | Individual | Yes, we think that would be a good idea. |
| 712 | Individual | Hi. I appove the 110 limit near Hampton downs. This would increase the productivity of my company. The road is safe to do so. |
| 713 | Individual | I am against increasing the speed to 110kmh simply because this will increase our CO2 output. Higher speed means more pollution, and on top of that it will only encourage people to use their cars more rather than less. We need to do something about our car usage and we need to do it now! |
| 714 | Individual | I support Waka Kotahi-NZ Transport Agency raising the speed limit to 110km/h on 64km of SH1-Waikato Expressway. It is very safe and designed for it! |
| 715 | Individual | Does travelling faster produce more CO2 or less? Although built for safety what about the damage / medical costs of higher speeds? |
| 716 | Individual | I am writing to support a speed limit of 110 on the new Hamilton section of the Waikato Expressway. |
| 717 | Individual | After living in the UK for I think going a little bit faster on good road is fine and on the section that are finished I think 110 will be safe. I now live in Tamahere and have travelled on the existing 110 section and it is great and show the benefits of this good investment to NZ roads. |
| 718 | Individual | Most people overtake me now while I'm doing 100ks! |

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| 719 | Individual | <p>I support the proposed increase in speed limits along the Waikato Expressway and note the following matters which in my view support this as being safe: 1) Most countries have different default speed limits for motorway/expressway standard roads than conventional rural roads. This is in recognition of the fact that a road which features four or more lanes, a central median and good shoulders is far safer than a road which does not. 2) As a guide, the following limits apply in a selection of different countries: a. Germany – the “recommended” speed on the autobahn is 130 km/h; limits of 60 km/h, 80 km/h, 100 km/h, 120 km/h and 130 km/h apply to stretches that feature recognised hazards, for example, tunnels, interchanges and bridges, or which are near congested urban areas, and about half the network has no limit at all. There are also some conditional restrictions, for example “100 bei Nasse” [100km/h when wet] or for noise control near urban areas overnight or by overhead gantry signs in bad weather condition”. Maximum speeds on undivided rural roads is 100 km/h. b. Italy – the autostrade has a maximum speed limit of 130 km/h, rural roads 90 km/h. c. France – most autoroutes have a speed limit of 130 km/h, reduced to 110km/h in bad weather. Some stretches have a limit of 110 km/h. d. United Kingdom – motorways have a speed limit of 112 km/h. Some, for instance, the M25, have overhead gantries and limits are reduced in heavy traffic congestion. e. Austria – maximum speed on autobahns is 130 km/h. f. Spain – maximum speed on autopistas and autovias is 120 km/h. g. United States – limits vary, 106 km/h, 120 km/h and in some cases 137 km/h are common limits on Interstates. h. Argentina – maximum speeds on autopistas is 130 km/h, 100km/h on ordinary rural roads. 3) In general, the well-graded, well-constructed motorway or expressway surface is suitable for higher speeds. 110km/h is reasonable, the traffic is flowing smoothly and consistently, without the surges and hold-ups encountered on undivided two lane rural roads and without the side entrances and other potential hazards. 4) In such circumstances, an increased speed is not hazardous. It must be noted that German autobahns have very high traffic densities, and considerable differences in vehicle speeds. For example, I recall one time coming over the brow of a hill on the A96 between Lindau and München, doing about 190 km/h. I saw ahead on me, in the right lane (this was a four lane autobahn, with no speed restriction), a line of trucks. I realised these would be travelling at around 100km/h and contemplated the prospect that a car was between some of the trucks and that car might pull out. Indeed this is precisely what did happen. That is a far greater speed differential than would exist on the Waikato Expressway if the speed limit were 110 km/h, and potentially a source of danger, although in practice it did not seem to create huge problems. 5) My overall view is that it is more hazardous to drive on a standard rural road at 100km/h than it is a motorway at 110 km/h.</p> |
| 720 | New Zealand Police | <p>I refer to your correspondence of 26 October 2021 to Director: National Road Policing in relation to the proposed speed limit changes for the Waikato Expressway between Hampton Downs and Tamahere. I have consulted the District Road Policing Manager for his operational knowledge of the stretch of roads in question. Police are aware of the significant engineering that has been, and is being, undertaken to improve safety standards on these roads and they will be capable of accommodating the 110km/h limit. We note that the 110km/h limit on the Cambridge expressway has not proved problematic for Police. One of New Zealand Police’s goals is Safe Roads – preventing death and injury with our partners. Police supports the setting of speed limits in alignment with safe system principles and the need for our transport system to be forgiving in the event that a mistake is made, and a crash should occur. With these principles in mind, Police fully supports the increased speed limit proposed to be enacted on the Waikato Expressway.</p> |
| 721 | Individual | <p>I am totally opposed to increase any speed to 110km/h. We get told every week slow drive don’t speed. What your about to do is the opposite of what your telling the public. High speed more risk, do not increase the speed. Councils are lowering speeds this year to bring down accidents.</p> |
| 722 | Individual | <p>On the proposed SH1 speed change, I think this wrong, as my family was stuck in behind an accident just before Rangiriri, and we were stuck for four hours one night, and I was late for dinner, and the place closed on us cause I had go to my exhibition first and we were an hour late too, so increasing the speed is I think he's a big mistake, and will make more people die on our roads, and you are just making things worse than it should be!</p> |
| 723 | Individual | <p>I support the proposed speed limit proposals to increase to 110 km/h.</p> |

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| 724 | Individual | My recommendation: no speed limits over 100 km/h. The information provided says that the road "will be able to be safely operated at 110km/h." It doesn't say that the road will be safely operated at 110 km/h. The consultation information does not discuss the relevant factors. It suggests that this is not a genuine consultation and that NZTA has no intention of taking any of the responses into account. The information provided says, "the higher speed limit is considered both safe and appropriate". 110km/h is clearly less safe than 100km/h. You should have provided data on how much less safe it is. One EU study I consulted concludes that each 10% increase in speed limit is associated with a 40% increase in fatalities. What is the expected number of additional deaths and serious injuries, and how does this relate to "Road to Zero"? (Which, by the way, doesn't seem to be working.) How does this compare to strict enforcement of 100 km/h? You should have provided information on how the dual speed limit (90 for some vehicles, 110 for others) would interact with the road's safety compared to 90/100. If the road becomes congested at times, at 110km/h speeds will be fluctuating over a larger range - how does this affect safety? Your document "Toitū te Taiao: Our Sustainability Action Plan" says that your emissions plan is based on an Avoid/Shift/Improve framework. Your 110km/h proposal has a NEGATIVE effect on all three of these. Avoid/Shift: Your goal is to let people drive faster, presumably because they want to. This will tend to encourage new trips and to prevent mode shift to more sustainable modes. Improve: Higher speeds = more emissions. In your FAQ, to the question "Do vehicles that travel at faster speeds increase fuel consumption and therefore create more emissions?" you could have simply answered "Yes", followed by the expected increased emissions of 110 vs 100, rather than going on to enumerate other factors unrelated to the question. Again, this sends the message that you don't really care about or respect the public. Effectively you are requiring New Zealanders who don't use this motorway to make higher emission cuts as a result. Your proposal is not consistent with your stated goals and policies. This road should be accompanied by complementary measures that ensure that driving and emissions do not increase in the region. |
| 725 | Individual | It's what it was designed for - good move and all looks brilliant. |
| 726 | Individual | I wish to go on record as being in favour of the speed limit being increased to 110 on the parts of SH1 Waikato Expressway in this proposal. |
| 727 | Individual | I opposed the increase of the speed from 100 kms to 110 kms on Taupiri to Ohinewai section of the SH1 Waikato Expressway period. Its fast enough now I ride this section during Covid 19 - lockdown since it was officially opened, I also ride this section on most weekends. |
| 728 | Individual | Yes expressways should all be 110k to allow traffic to flow accordingly. |
| 729 | Individual | I am writing to state I do NOT support the increase in speed for the Hamilton section of the Waikato expressway to 110km/h. My concerns are: 1) Rototuna high school backs directly onto this section of the highway 2) the new Rototuna north subdivision and green hill subdivisions back on to this section and have a large number of small children as it is marketed towards the family/whanau These only increase risk to having accidents. I'm Auckland where high schools back onto motorway it is a 80km/he speed limit. We wish to keep our community safe and a reduced speed helps achieve this. |
| 730 | Individual | I am emailing to say I support the speed limit increase to 110km/h on the Expressway, from Hampton Downs to Tamahere. |
| 731 | Individual | Yes definitely should be 110km/h. Where this has already been increased how many accidents if any have happened since increasing those limits? 110km/h definitely in favour. |
| 732 | Individual | I fully support the proposed 110km/h speed limit for the entirety of the Waikato Expressway for both northbound and southbound lanes from Hampton Downs to the proposed point south of the Tamahere interchange as stated in the Discussion Document. I also support all of the proposed speed limits relating to the interchanges and connecting roads as outlined in Points 1 to 14 of the document. Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback through this submission. |
| 733 | Individual | This is by way of brief submission is support of a 110km/h speed limit for the entire Waikato Expressway. I am a frequent user of existing Expressway links with homes in Auckland and Taupo. I look greatly forward to completion of the project. This is world class roadway of sufficient quality that in many foreign jurisdiction it would attract a maximum speed limit substantially in excess of 110 km/h. It is a road which is demonstrably safe at that speed and any lower limit is simply an artificial constraint on its potential to move New Zealanders around a geographically attenuated country with the efficiency it is capable of doing. Congratulations on conclusion of this essential project and may its full potential be realised. |
| 734 | Individual | I drive this section of road weekly. It is a safe well constructed road clearly capable of a 110km speed limit. I give it my support. I have driven extensively in Europe and similar road configurations would see speed limits of 130km/h. |

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| 735 | Individual | Thank you for the opportunity to offer an opinion on the proposed speed limit for sections of the Expressway. I oppose the increase from 100km/h to 110km/h for the following reasons 1. Very little time is saved - a few minutes at most assuming there are no hindrances to the full 110km/h for the whole distance 2. Increased traffic hazards for a. the increased speed difference between vehicles at 110km/h and vehicles legally required to remain at 90 km/h e.g. cars with trailers, trucks b. significant increase in crash damage should one occur c. greater variation between road speeds and exiting/entry traffic 3. Increased fuel use, tyre wear and noise. At a time when we are increasing committed to reducing pollution and the hazards of climate change a higher speed limit contradicts both The difference between fuel use at 100km/h and at 110km/h can be as much as 20% 4. The hazard to Waka Kotahi and other road maintenance staff is increased significantly 5. It cannot be necessary or purposeful. The benefits are minimal, the dangers increased, additional pollution assured and crashes increased in severity. |
| 736 | Individual | Waikato expressway 110km/h please, I will be doing that anyway! |
| 737 | Individual | The speed limit for the entire Waikato Expressway should be 110km/h. The Tamahere to Cambridge section has proved to be very safe at the 110 Km limit. When compared to stretches of 100km/h roads in NZ like State Highway 1B Taupiri through Gordonton to Matangi. Or from Piarere to the Kaimai's the expressway is many times safer so should be 110km/h. |
| 738 | Individual | I would like to say yes to the proposal to increase speed to 110km/h. We travel that road regularly and have often said it is so safe and should have an increased speed put in place...like Australian highways of the same type. |
| 739 | Individual | Yes to 110 km per hour. |
| 740 | Automobile Association | Generally supports the speed limit increase to 110k/h. Increase should only be instated once all median/side barriers and other physical works are completed for safe travel. Safety risks that will need to be dealt with in advance at Ohinewai (many open entrances to the expressway) and sub-standard section of road at northern end of section between Huntly and Rangariri. This latter area has many farmgate entrances and Armitage Rd entrance and exit will also need to be addressed before 110k/h limit applies, and all road surfaces along this section need to be brought up to a high standard. Speed enforcement needs to be routinely carried out by Police; feel many motorists already greatly exceed 110k/h on this expressway. Wants the use of speed cameras at strategic points to assist with enforcement/safety. |
| 741 | Individual | I travel the existing 110km/h section of expressway in Cambridge regularly and see far too many close calls. The 40kmph difference between the maximum speed of the slowest road users, motorcyclists on a learners and a private car doesn't make for safe roads. This is especially true for the motorcyclists. To qualify for 110km/h barriers have to be in place and while the wire ropes currently installed do an excellent job stopping trucks and cars crossing the center section into oncoming traffic the are lethal for bikers. I witnessed the aftermath of a stock truck driver falling a sleep at the wheel and taking out over 200m of wire rope only to drive off, but his cattle dog in the under slung carrier was decapitated. Secondly, more speed means more fuel used and that goes against global warming targets the government is try to achieve. I have heard the message "speed kills" since I got my license in 1978. People already exceed the current limits so if you increase the limit they will increase their speed. These are mixed messages being sent by government agencies. If anything you should be working to unify the speed limit to improve safety. If trucks are safe with 50ton loads at 90km, put their weights back to 44ton and increase speed to 100km/h. Mandate trailer brakes for light trailers over a certain weight and increase towing speed to 100km. Change the process for motorcyclists to get to restricted without having to share the road at a different speed to their fellow users. I don't think it is safe, wise or good for the planet increasing the speed on any of NZ roads to 110km/h. The roads are a mess and cannot be maintained for such speed, especially this section which has stability issues. |

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| 742 | Hamilton City Council | <p>1. Hamilton City Council is generally supportive of the proposal to raise the speed limit on 64km of the Waikato Expressway to 110km/h. 2. Hamilton City Council strongly encourages Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency to urgently progress lowering the speed limits on other state highways where the infrastructure is such that the current speed limit of 100km/h is not safe and appropriate. 3. Hamilton City Council note that in late 2017, following consultation, the speed limit on the Cambridge section of the Waikato Expressway was increased to 110km/h. This has appeared to work well and while there have been crashes, the infrastructure in place has prevented these being death or serious injury crashes. 4. We note that the Huntly, Longswamp and Rangiriri sections of the Waikato Expressway have been designed and built to be safely operated at 110km/h. The Hamilton section, which is due to open in 2022, will also be able to be safely operated at 110km/h and Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency has undertaken to upgrade the remaining sections so that when finished, from Hampton Downs to south of Cambridge, the Waikato Expressway will meet the necessary design and safety standards for a 110km/h speed limit. 5. Hamilton City Council is in support of the proposed 110km/h on the Waikato Expressway section of State Highway One on the basis that a safe systems approach has been undertaken to ensure that the appropriate infrastructure is in place for this higher speed limit to be considered a Safe and Appropriate Speed. 6. We would however, request that urgency be provided to ensuring that appropriate mechanisms/legislative changes are progressed to enable more appropriate speed enforcement such as point-to-point cameras to be operational on the section of proposed 110km/h speed limit. 7. Some extreme speeds have been reported on the Cambridge section and while the infrastructure such as central wire ropes is very effective at preventing head on crashes, it does also mean that effective enforcement on this road is very hard for the New Zealand Police to complete safely. 8. Hamilton City Council also notes that there are a large number of state highways where the infrastructure is such that the current speed limit of 100km/h is not safe and appropriate. 9. Hamilton City Council strongly encourages Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency to urgently progress lowering the speed limits on these routes.</p> |
| 743 | Ia Ara Aotearoa Transporting New Zealand | <p>3.1 Transporting New Zealand strongly supports the proposal. 3.2 We are strong advocates for designing and building roads appropriate for the travelling speed that meet the typical contemporary expectations of the public here and overseas. 3.3 We also appreciate the increased safety outcomes that a well-designed road should deliver, particularly in terms of the speed of 110km/h increasing the differential between light and heavy vehicles thereby, making passing manoeuvres safer; and the roads side environment and infrastructure mitigating risks in the event that mistakes are made. 3.4 We believe providing good quality sections of road like this is a much better solution to reducing harm on our roads than simply reducing speed on poorly designed and maintained roads and we urge Waka Kotahi to apply this approach much more widely across the New Zealand road network.</p> |
| 744 | Individual | <p>I hereby have my say on the matter of the speed limit for the Waikato Expressway. I've driven the entire section that is currently open, i.e. from Bombay Hills to beyond Huntly, and the Cambridge section. The Huntly Bypass is an impressive piece of work. The entire open parts are very comfortable to drive and they feel safe to drive, even at night and in poor visibility due to rain. I would suggest to have electronic speed limits applicable, much like there are on SH1 between Johnsonville and Porirua in Wellington, and along the SH16 and SH20 around the Waterview Tunnel in Auckland. I further propose to have these default to 110km/h, and reduced to, say, 80km/h if the weather produces really bad visibility (thick fog, heavy rain, etc.). If no electronic signs, then just keep to 110km/h and apply the "drive to the conditions" rule.</p> |
| 745 | Individual | <p>I am writing to you in support of raising the speed limit to 110 km/h. I support this because I feel the road is of high enough quality for the new speed proposed. Another reason for me is that at lower speeds I tend to get fatigued on long straight roads much quicker than at a higher speed which tends to keep me more focused and awake. I would also suggest keeping the right hand lane for the maximum speed limit and the left lanes for slower vehicles as they do in Europe. This would alleviate the frustration caused by slow drivers creating traffic jams and potential accidents.</p> |
| 746 | Individual | <p>110km/h is a good idea, 120kph even better.</p> |
| 747 | Individual | <p>We would like to see the limit set at 110km/h.</p> |
| 748 | Individual | <p>I live in Cambridge and regularly use the expressway section to Hamilton. 110km/h is safe and efficient. I would oppose anything but this speed for the new expressway section. I support a 110km/h speed limit. Furthermore, the section of expressway recently opened between Huntly and Taupiri should also be increased to 110km/h limit. I believe the speed limit there should be reviewed and increased.</p> |
| 749 | Individual | <p>Yes I think the speed should rise too 110km/h for the Waikato Expressway. Move so it's in place now.</p> |
| 750 | Individual | <p>I drive the expressway almost daily to my work in Auckland (essential worker). I have been impressed by the standard of surface/ camber/ gentle curves/ safety zones of the roading in the new sections, when compared to that between Hampton Downs and Bombay. My conclusions as an ex Police officer (some time in road policing duties) is that the road is quite suitable and safe for vehicles to travel up to the increased limit speed of 110km/h. Many already do! This would certainly reduced time spent on the road and have a beneficial effect on my commute and lifestyle. Perhaps also my fuel burn.</p> |

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| 751 | Individual | The section of expressway south from Taupiri is not and has never been of a suitable standard for an increase in speed limit. If this section is improved then yes I would recommend an increase in the speed limit to 110km/h. |
| 752 | Individual | I wish to have noted my strong support for increasing speed limits to at least 110km/h on the appropriate parts of the motorway from Cambridge to Auckland. My evidence is the high standards of the motorway and the many safety features of vehicles built in the last two decades. |
| 753 | Individual | No. |
| 754 | Individual | They are already doing over 110 km/h so what's the problem? When I travel down this road at 100km/h even trucks and trailers past me, and once I stopped at a traffic officer and he said "have I got a problem with that?". |
| 755 | Individual | I strongly support 110km/h speed limit on this section of expressway. We have a 110km/h limit on our local expressway which works very well. Would be mad to make limit 100km/h, same as windy country roads. |
| 756 | Individual | I am responding to an Waka Kotahi NZTA email today regarding feedback for raising of speed limit to 110km/h on a completed Waikato Expressway. My Response is overwhelmingly YES. Please raise speed limit to 110km/h. |
| 757 | Individual | We live in Cambridge and have appreciated the 110km/h speed limit in place. We support the whole length of the Waikato Expressway having a 110km/h speed limit. |
| 758 | Individual | Why muck around at 110km/h? This is a safe road with divided north and south bound lanes. How about 120km/h for cars and 100km/h for all trucks. Modern vehicles are designed to safely travel these speeds. We frequently encounter B trains at night travelling over 100km/h, especially NZ Post as I am sure NZTA is well aware (Taupo to Tokoroa especially). This section of road does not have a divided carriageway so if it is safe there, logic would indicate it is safe on the expressway. |
| 759 | Individual | Raise the speed limit to 120km/h, it is safe. |