

Turn safely for a safe trip



17%
of deaths and serious injuries
on high-speed rural roads
happen at intersections.

Intersections can be dangerous places, but there are things we can do to make them safer for everyone.

Removing the option to turn right, might add a little time to some trips but it can be a life saver – helping to prevent side-on crashes caused by drivers turning across a busy road. It can also help prevent drivers from crashing into the back of vehicles waiting to turn right.

Other improvements can include better signs, and changing the shape of the intersection so it's easier to see other vehicles.

Source: High-risk intersections guide, published July 2013, NZ Transport Agency.



Making Waitara to SH3A safer for everyone



Six people dead, 11 seriously injured*

*They're
whānau, mates,
neighbours
and friends.*

Something has to change.

Most of these deaths and injuries were caused by side-on and head-on crashes or by drivers running off the road and hitting trees, power poles and deep ditches.

We can help prevent more crashes like these but we need your help.

As a local you know this road better than anyone. We'll work with you to make safety improvements that fit with the way you use the road.

*Between 2007 and 2016

There are worse things to hit than a barrier



Barriers stop your vehicle before you hit something harder – like a tree, pole or ditch.

Source: High-risk rural roads guide, published September 2011, NZ Transport Agency. First Edition.

Less speed Less harm



What do you think we should do about speed limits?

Managing speed is another way to reduce risk on our roads

At a higher speed you have less of a chance to react from a mistake. And if you do crash the risk of being killed or seriously injured is much higher.

A lot of you have told us that your stretch of road is unsafe at the current speed limit. We have some ideas for fixing this, but we want to know if they're right for the road.

Source: Better Conversations on Road Risk Programme online survey (Taranaki) 2016.

There's room to recover

Wider shoulders can
reduce crashes by up to

35%

A wider sealed shoulder provides room to recover if you lose control or need to take evasive action. This can reduce crashes by up to 35 percent.

Source: High-risk rural roads guide, published September 2011, NZ Transport Agency. First Edition.