

## SH60 - Upper Tākaka to Tākaka speed review

### Speed consultation submissions

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#	SUBMITTER	FORMAL SUBMISSION
1	Individual	Increasing traffic volumes New cycleway and access to Recreation Centre Increasing number of houses - new subdivision Busy at Paines Ford Access to the Hospital
2	Individual	Consider the new cycleway, increasing number of houses on this part of the highway due to the new subdivision and access to the new Recreation Centre facility
3	Individual	My grandchildren regularly cross sh60 from where they live on dodson Road to walk or cycle to central takaka school, also to go to the rec centre. The traffic is way too fast for them to do this safely on their own. The speed limit should be at least 80k mh, preferably 60km per hour as it is leaving takaka for pohara.
4	Individual	Road passes by the Medical Centre, where elderly and frail people often leave to turn right into Takaka. This is problematic especially if the traffic doing 100 km/hr.
5	Individual	If the mean speed is only just over 80, this change fails to fully address the issue of safety. It should be a speed limit of 60km/h on this stretch to significantly reduce speeds.
6	Individual	We agree with the proposal to decrease the speed limit from Paines Ford to Takaka township from 100km to 80kmph on a permanent basis. While the process is being addressed we consider it is an opportune time to sort out the confused exits and entrances at the Recreation Park, Park Avenue and Dodsons Road. Many different sports and meetings take place at the Recreation ground and it has become very popular since the development of the Recreation Centre with at least some 26 different sporting activities. Of late the use of this entrance and exit has increased many times over. As for Park Avenue, a new subdivision of 25 sections is almost complete with 18 sections already sold off the plan. This could increase the feed of the intersection by around 200 passes a day. Also Dodsons Road feeds into this intersection. The new cycleway will also increase the busyness of the intersection. We feel this would be a golden opportunity to sort the issues at the intersection making it safer now than after there is an accident and someone is maimed. Although we are not roading engineers our suggestion would be some type of Round-about.
7	Individual	Please lower the speed limit to 80 km/h because: - it will reduce harm when accidents happen - it will make travelling on and alongside SH60 safer and more pleasant (think of cyclists, mobility scooter users, pedestrians etc) - it will reduce noise for the local residents and road users - it will reduce carbon emissions due to lower speed (maybe not very much, but everything helps) - it will be more consistent in the speed transition: from 100 km/h (SH60 south of Paines Ford) to 80km/h to 50 km/h (Takaka) instead of 100km/h - 80km/h - 100 km/h - 50km/h Please help us in reducing speed !!! As the policeman says: less speed - less harm !
8	Individual	I totally agree; the change to 80 km/h throughout will be much safer and better than the seasonal change (easy to miss!). It is also unnecessarily complicated to change back to 100 km/h for the last km into Takaka.
9	Individual	Leave it as it is. Don't you have anything better to do? Sack half of your people then.
10	Individual	Increased cycle traffic due to new shared pathways supports need for safer speed limit.
11	Individual	Keep it at 100 km/h. Responsible drivers do adjust to road conditions and not cause accidents. Use the brain rather than speeding tickets by police should be the policy. Irresponsible drivers will go past the speed limit, pay the speeding tickets and still cause accidents. All your suggestion is doing is annoy responsible drivers.
12	Individual	Thank you for the opportunity to reduce the speed limit along this road. I personally travel it several times a day for work and it is very scary. I would be keen to see it reduced to 70 with the new cycleway now running alongside. I also think that there needs to be much better road signage prior to the bridge, stating how far Takaka township. There are many large vehicles like Campervans who use the GPS and they are sent down Central Takaka road, as this shows the shortest route to Pohara. This causes a huge problem on the main road with vehicles slowing quickly and turning on this fast flowing road. These campervans do not cross the road quickly. Many people get to the beach and have no idea there is a town. I would like to see some real consideration along with this for the signage to be more relevant, showing the Community Health Centre, the Rec Park and Takaka township alongside the new 80 km speed limit. These are 3 things that visitors may be looking for and do not know where they are and having a much slower flowing part of the road would be much safer for everyone.

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13	Individual	Totally for reducing the speed limits to 80km/hour for safety reasons to ALL road users.
14	Individual	80km all year
15	Individual	I support the proposed permanent 80km speed restriction from Paines Ford through to Takaka. This area has high pedestrian and cyclist use during summer, there is the community health centre, turn off to the school and Pohara back road, popular recreation reserve, AMP show in summer, turnoff to Anatoki Salmon. Making a permanent 80k limit through this area does make sense and traffic is naturally slowing upon arrival shortly in Takaka. I do not support the proposed 80km limit from Upper Takaka to Paines Ford. There are many long safe straights and gradual corners through this area. This road is no different to many other rural highway areas and a 100km limit is appropriate. I do not support lowering the limit in Upper Takaka to 60km. This road area is very wide with large road areas and a wide grass verge, there is excellent visibility, a safe median area for any turning traffic, and in my experience little traffic from houses in the area.
16	Individual	
17	Golden Bay Community Board	The Golden Bay Community Board support the proposed speed reduction between Takaka and Paines Ford. The number of active transport users have been increasing along this section of SH60, and the establishment of a new shared path with only increase with a new subdivision in development, the Shared Recreation Facility, the Golden Bay Community Health Centre and the Paines Ford recreational area all located along this stretch of SH60. Research has shown that a reduction of speed by 20km/hr reduces the risk of serious harm or injury or death by 50%. For this reason alone the Golden Bay Community Board are firmly in support of the proposed speed reduction.
18	Individual	First of all, it is unnecessary to reduce the speed along there. I drive that part of the road at least once a week and have never had a problem as long as the other drivers are total retards. In stead of reducing the speed of the road, maybe we should be increasing the knowledge of the drivers. Giving them better understanding and know how of how to drive would make the road much safer. However, you'll never do that because that'll be expensive. You'll always do the cheap option.
19	Individual	I support the proposal. There are several intersections several are significant particularly the one onto Central Takaka rd, but also the Kotinga crm and the new sub division going in Park ave. I believe 100 km is too fast, and drive it at 80 km/hrs already.
20	Individual	I support the change to 80kph. Big increase in pedestrian numbers, cyclists and vehicles in recent years due to development of Paines Ford tourism and GBCH facility on Central Takaka Rd
21	Individual	We fully support your proposal. With the amount of traffic from the GB Hospital and Community Health Centre joining SH60 at a somewhat tricky intersection the speed reduction on SH60 would significantly reduce the chances of a fatal accident. Additionally, there is the Golden Bay Recreation Park Centre, the traffic from which also joins SH60 between Paynes Ford and Takaka.
22	Individual	The increased accident rate when people are in a hurry to get somewhere and the vehicles in front are traveling considerably below the speed limit. Even though they shouldn't but it does happens drivers frustration builds up and they pass the slow vehicles when it may not be safe to do so. On this piece of road it is quite safe to travel most of it at 100km/h but even with the speed limit at 100Km/h there are often vehicles traveling at 80km/h or less so if the speed limit is reduced to 80 then it is likely that there will be a number of vehicles traveling at even less than 80km/h. Golden bay has a lot of people who want to live life at a slower pace and they are trying to force their lifestyle choice on everyone but there are many people probably a majority that want to live a normal life and they are often in a hurry to get more done in a day and travelling at 80km/h on a straight piece of road in a modern vehicle which can travel safely at 100km/h is just frustrating.
23	Individual	Hospital corner intersection should be 80km or lower.
24	Individual	The hospital and its large number of patients and staff turning out of Central Takaka Road. The adjacent and new cycle/walkway to Paines Ford. The entry to the Recreation Ground/Showgrounds
25	Individual	I definitely agree with the speed limit of 80km/h between Paines Ford and Takaka. Traffic has increased considerably along this stretch of road in recent years. The Community Hospital was expanded when the Joan Whiting rest home and the Takaka medical centre both moved to the hospital. The new Recreation Centre was built, and there is an expansion of the subdivision up Park Avenue. These have all greatly increased the traffic travelling along and turning on and off this stretch of road. It makes no sense to have an 80km/h stretch followed by a 100km/h stretch going into 50km/h at the start of the township.
26	Individual	
27	Individual	Just the safety issue with trucks, hospital and school students/whanau using the hospital intersection.

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28	Individual	Submission to the NZ Transport Authority on the need for a reduction in the speed limit from Paine's Ford Bridge to Takaka, Golden Bay As residents and property owner on the stretch of road under consideration (State Highway 60 from the Paine's Ford Bridge to Takaka) I feel strongly that the current speed limit of 100kph is excessive and dangerous. I request therefore that the speed limit on this stretch be reduced to at least 70 kph, if not further. The reasons we have for this request on this section of Highway 60 are as follows – 1. The significant number of residential properties feeding onto the highway on this stretch. 2. The presence of both a busy campground and popular swimming hole, the local Community Health facility (GBCH) and an upgraded Recreation Centre all fronting onto the highway. 3. The contour of the road – significant bends, often with poor visibility. 4. 6 active subsidiary streets and roads feeding onto the highway over this stretch 5. A narrow bridge 6. Heavy traffic from Takaka going to and from the GBCH through a busy intersection. 7. We now have a cycleway from Paines Ford into Takaka. This is a valued upgrade for our community and will be well used. 8. Changes of land use over the years with proposed new subdivision needing access to the highway As a resident on this section of highway for nearly 30 years we have seen many changes to the volumes of traffic (especially tourism) and witnessed many near accidents when accessing our driveway. Several major accidents have occurred near our entrance gate, largely due to the high speed allowed on this road. This situation is past time for change. The limit should be 70 or ideally down to 60 kph on this stretch of road.
29	Individual	the changes are because of recreational activity in the area - parking etc - but now there are yellow lines everywhere to stop parking I don't think the speed needs to change at all half the cyclists don't obey road rules wherever they are biking e.g. crossing the motupipi bridge on the wrong side of the road. And the hospital close by - its not like the patients are wandering around the street. I would like it kept as is thank you
30	Individual	Support the reduction in full.
31	Individual	Consider reducing speed to 60km to accommodate for pedestrians and school children.
32	Individual	I support changing the existing 100 km/h speed limit to the proposed speed limit of 80 km from Paines Ford to Takaka
33	Individual	1. The new subdivision that is going in on Park street. 2. How close that new bike/foot path is to the highway! 3. Our new rec centre with driveway entering off highway 4. The school down Central road with children crossing that road twice a day 5. The amount of elderly coming to/from hospital onto highway with no turning lane at that main intersection on highway. 6. The amount of driveways off that highway from Payne's Ford PLEASE CONSIDER 60 KM/HR along this strip Of highway
34	Individual	
35	Individual	
36	Individual	Totally support the speed limit reduction. Only question is whether it goes far enough - should you be looking at 60 or 70km/h it is a busy congested area at times with not much in the way of hard shoulder/parking/basic infrastructure.
37	Individual	I disagree with lowering the speed limit, u are spending hundreds of thousands of dollars for shared pathways and now wanting to lower the speed limit, this is stupid. The shared pathways are a great idea and make it safer without needing to lower the speed limit. I have lived in the area for most of my life and can count on 1 hand the number of accidents. There is no need to lower it.
38	Individual	Safety
39	Individual	I would just like to say that I think this is an excellent idea and I support it
40	Individual	The speed limit is overdue. It should have been done years ago. The speed limit is only one measure to try to make the road safer: the intersection with the Community Health Centre and Hwy is still unsafe and dangerous. You can't see cars coming from Upper Takaka driving towards Takaka ( even at a speed of 80 km/h) and I would recommend a roundabout. This would slow the speed of the cars significantly to avoid crashes. A safe pedestrian crossing by Paines Ford in some sort or way ( under the bridge? ) is needed.
41	Individual	
42	Individual	I work in the area of road safety, although not directly in the Tasman District Council. I totally support the proposed speed limit reduction from 100 to 80 km/h all year around on the basis of safety.
43	Individual	Please Reduce the speed limit to increase cyclist and pedestrian safety. And also to Reduce the number and severity of car crashes.
44	Individual	Hi NZTA, I've been driving Takaka valley to Takaka township twice a day for 20 years. Please don't reduce the speed limit over the winter months. The one way bridges on the takaka valley are more of a hazard. 20kms a hour less in winter months isn't going to make a difference to safety. Just annoy drivers on the main route. In the winter months the sun strike is brutal at PFSR. Causing traffic to slow down any way. Spend your money on the one way bridges. The tourists can't ever seem to get them right.
45	Individual	It is patently absurd to continue with these speed reviews. Nearby residents are ALWAYS in favor of lowered speeds in front of their community. But everywhere else the are NOT. These are major road corridors. Their purpose is to allow people and the goods they require to efficiently get where they are needed. Quit mucking with speeds and stick with a consistent and systematic approach.
46	Individual	I fully support this proposal and as part of the wider review of speed limits on SH60 would urge you to look at the part between Takaka and Collingwood. I am a regular cyclist on this stretch of road and would like to see an 80km/h speed limit introduced to it.
47	Individual	Agree with your proposal wholeheartedly. Thanks.

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48	Individual	It is not the road... it is the loose nuts behind the wheel that are the problem. There is absolutely nothing wrong with these roads and all you are doing is creating frustration when travelling to a destination of having to slow from 100 to a lower speed before coming to a crawl. Yet again NZ is dumbed down to the lowest common denominator. Self responsibility is the need here, not more rules and regulations. I have been using these roads for 30 years and it is only the morons on the road that you are catering for and not the general user. Back off and save your time and do something productive on taxpayer money ... I think the wording of your submission form is completely biased and swayed to a reduction anyway from the way it is outlined, but then in the last statement you say "we want your opinion" after you have told those who fail to be able to think for them selves how to submit so it would seem this is a done deal anyway and you have wasted my time both online and in the future while travelling....
49	Individual	
50	Individual	Does a statistical comparison of 80 km/hr and 100 km/hr crash rates support a full time change? If not, why isn't this reported?
51	Individual	Currently along that stretch of road there is a new off road cycle way under construction which is supposed to be finished before Christmas. Taking that into account, I don't think a reduction in speed is necessary as this is not a highway that has heaps of traffic on it.
52	Individual	Increase in number of dwellings in this area which is now much more built up. Increase of turning traffic to and from Recreation Centre , Huge increase in traffic turning in and out of Central Takaka Road for Golden Bay Health Centre, Feels safer when we are at 80ks on this stretch of road and would be happy if it was decreased to 70ks all year around ,
53	Individual	I believe the speed limit on this section should be 70km/h. It is a busy stretch of road, with intersections, access to the health centre, recreation park, tourist attractions, and the new cycle/pathway bringing pedestrians and mobility scooters as well as bikes. After all it is 70km/h through Upeer Takaka, which has a much lower level of activity.
54	Individual	I wholeheartedly support the proposal to make the identified portions of SH60 be an 80km/h speed limited area. This fits in with NZTA's 'Vision Zero' for road safety. The length of roading this covers is fairly short, meaning any increase to journey time (going from a maximum theoretical speed of 100km/h down to 80km/h) will be insignificant. The increase in safety for non-motor-vehicle road users will be significant.
55	Individual	No. I agree with the proposed change to 80 km/h
56	Individual	Nope that's perfect and what the majority wanted to happen. Leaving the rest of the way to upper takaka at 100km.
57	Individual	Has the speed reduction during holiday time significantly reduced crashes? If so, why change it? Why hasn't the data been available?
58	Golden Bay Community Health	Dear Council, I write to enquire the long term plan regarding the speed limit on highway 60, either side of the turn off to Golden Bay Community Health. For the safety of our patients and staff, we would very much advocate for a permanent lower of the limit in this area to 80kmph. I look forward to your input on this matter.
59	Local Police	Kia Ora S . I have been asked by S to respond to the attached as the s 9(2)(a) . The proposal has been reviewed and Police totally support the speed reduction for this stretch of State Highway. Should you require further please contact me and I will provide any additional information required. Thanks for the opportunity.
60	Individual	Giddy there, I'd like to support the proposal to permanently lower the speed limit from Paines ford to Takaka. I use that section a fair bit and know there's a lot of traffic that's quite local with the side roads , the hospital and the scenic reserve. The only proviso is that I don't think the up valley limit should be taken any further up the valley than the up valley side of the paines ford bridge. I see the proposal states that 100m but just before that side of the bridge would be heaps. I note that the map in the mailed proposal seems to show the upvalley limit almost right up to the start of hamama road which would be far too far up valley.
61	Individual	I strongly support the proposal to reduce to 80km/hr for above. May I please have confirmation for this email?
62	Key stakeholder	Support lowering to 80. Other suggestions: improve one-lane bridges, improvements at some intersections between Takaka and Collingwood.
63	Te Hauora O Mohua Trust	In Support of 80ks from Paine's Bridge to Takaka township- Te Hauora O Mohua Trust members discussed this issue at our meeting yesterday. We wholeheartedly support your group in your endeavours to seek a reduction in the speed limit to 80ks all year around. This is an issue that Trust members have previously supported and believe the 80ks should apply all year around not just for the short period over the holiday period. Also it has been of concern to many of us in the Golden Bay community for several years, and with the gradual increase in the build-up of houses and future planned development in the area, it is timely to once again seek this road safety speed measure. Golden Bay residents and visitors love to cycle, and the proliferation of cyclists and walkers make this speed reduction an essential year round safety measure for this particular stretch of road which is becoming busier every year. On behalf of Te Hauora O Mohua Trust thank you for your work to make SHW60 Paine's Ford to Takaka safer for all road users,

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64	The Central Takaka School Board of Trustees	<p>The Central Takaka School Board of Trustees is writing in support of a reduction in speed from 100km/hr to 80km/hr between Paines Ford bridge and Takaka township. Central Takaka School is located on Central Takaka Rd approx. 500m from the intersection of SH60 and Central Takaka Rd - known as "Hospital corner". Students, aged between 5 and 11 years, residents on Dobson's Rd need to cross SH60 at the above intersection twice a day. The timing of this coincides, particularly in the morning, with higher than normal traffic levels due to the number of freight companies and tradespeople arriving or leaving the area. As this traffic is primarily from outside of the Bay drivers are usually unaware of the school's location and that children may be present attempting to cross the state highway. Although, we accept the speed reduction will not completely resolve this problem, it would go some way to reducing the the risk to our students and their families.</p>
65	Individual	<p>Formal Proposal September 2020 SH 60: Paines Ford Bridge to Takaka.  Support for the proposal of NZTA to reduce the speed limit from 100km/hr to 80km/hr.  Part of this stretch of the highway has a holiday speed limit of 80 km/hr (from 21 Dec) which reverts to 100 km/hr between January-March. The reduced holiday speed limit acknowledges the risks, but fails to recognize they exist year round.  100 km/hr is too fast for this section. NZTA's mega maps modelling has the safe and appropriate speed as 80km/hr.</p> <p>Increased traffic volume due to recreation and tourism  In the last few years in Golden Bay, as elsewhere in the country, traffic due to recreation and tourism has markedly increased. Extending well beyond the summer months people are using the side of the highway just after Paines Fords Bridge for parking while they access the reserve (popular for walking and rock climbing) and swimming hole at the Takaka river, probably the most popular swimming hole in Golden Bay.</p> <p>Increased traffic volume due Land use changes  There have been several significant land use changes adjacent to this stretch of SH60 that requires the speed limit to be reduced permanently to reflect these changes.</p> <p>Golden Bay's health services are now integrated into one building; the hospital, medical centre and the rest home now exist together in the one premises at the intersection of SH60, Dodsons rd and Central Takaka rd. Having the medical centre there particularly has increased traffic turning at the intersection. As there is no footpath or cycle path to the facility from the township people riding mobility scooters creates a potentially hazardous situation.  A large multi purpose recreation centre recently built at Park Avenue is accessed from SH60. This facility has been heavily promoted and includes a huge range of community recreation from outdoor and indoor sports and activities such as Bridge. A child's playground is planned.  A new subdivision has recently been developed at Park Avenue. All of these are accessed from Sh60 with a speed limit of 100km/hr. The elderly and children are particularly vulnerable, trying to cross the road to get to school, get into the hospital, the recreation centre, all off a road with limited visibility and a speed limit of 100km/hr.</p> <p>Increased Traffic volume due to Future development  TDC's Future Development Strategy sees Park avenue as the likely area of growth.</p> <p>Support for 80km/hr  A reduction in speed for this stretch of SH 60 is supported by NZTA and providing a safer corridor is the priority for SH60 Motueka to Collinwood in the Tasman Regional Land Transport Plan 2015-2021. MOT's Road Safety Strategy 2020-2030 acknowledges "There is strong evidence that a decrease in the average travel speed on a road is associated with a decrease in the number of crashes, as well as the severity... In the event of a crash, regardless of its cause, the speed of impact is the most important factor influencing whether or not the people involved can walk away from a crash alive."  At 80 km/h we are halving the risk of a fatality and serious injury at 100 km/h.  Of the variables that influence road safety (driver behaviour, road engineering, vehicle safety &amp; safe appropriate speeds) Speed limits are the easiest to change, low cost and most effective in determining the seriousness of the outcome of the crash.  80km/hr is the appropriate, safe speed from Paines Ford Bridge to Takaka township.</p>

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66	Individual	<p>I wish to provide formal feedback on the proposal to reduce the speed limit between Paines Ford and Takaka to 80 k/h. I am firmly in favour of this proposal. I provided similar feedback to the informal consultation in November 2019 and on review I believe it is all still relevant. Please consider the following factors when making your decision.</p> <p>I have lived at Paines Ford for 25 years. In this time:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) the traffic has got heavier,</li> <li>b) there are many more people using the Paines Ford reserve (notably rock climbers),</li> <li>c) the swimming hole in Takaka River downstream of the Paines Ford bridge has become very popular,</li> <li>d) Hangdog Campground has been established,</li> <li>e) the tourist season has expanded from the traditional 'Xmas fortnight' to the 6 months from Labour Day to Easter,</li> <li>f) the doctors' surgery and old people's home have been moved to Central Takaka,</li> <li>g) the rec-park has been expanded,</li> <li>h) several new houses have been built along the highway, and another subdivision has been approved near Park Avenue.</li> </ul> <p>All these developments mean there are more people whose use of SH60 puts them at risk from high speed traffic.</p> <p>When at home, I frequently hear the signs of a near miss - engine brakes, air horns etc - and later when I am at the highway I see another set of black tyre marks. I have also witnessed several crashes and more near misses than I can count. My observation from living nearby is that the basic problem is high speed traffic does not mix well with slow local traffic, pedestrians and parking.</p> <p>As to time and economic cost, the distance from Paines Ford Bridge to the 50-sign at the start of Takaka is a little under 3km. It takes 25 seconds more to travel it at 80 k/h than at 100 k/h, even if it were possible to do 100k/h all the way. For heavy vehicles that are limited to 90 k/h it only takes 14 seconds more to travel it at 80 k/h than at 90 k/h. I consider these are trivial amounts of time. I contrast them with the hours, days and months of people's time that are used up when there is a crash: the injured; the surgeons; the rescue chopper; physiotherapists, family members and so-on.</p> <p>I have attached two photographs. The first is of a man who I often see riding his mobility scooter on the Highway near Takaka. He rides on the road because his scooter won't go over the foot bridges. It illustrates the very residential nature of the use of this stretch of road.</p> <p>The second is the result of a crash last winter opposite where I live. The young woman waiting in the car was choppered out to hospital and the driver of the diesel 4x4 that ran into it went in the ambulance. I chanced across the crash one Friday evening. It is easy to imagine the effect on these two people's lives. A car doing 100 k/h has 50% more kinetic energy than at 80 k/h and it's kinetic energy that does the damage.</p> <p>I firmly support making the speed limit 80 km/h from Paines Ford Bridge to Takaka.</p>
67	Individual	<p>I have lived here for 26 years. I have seen many near misses over the years and a reduced speed limit would reduce the risk considerably.</p> <p>I live at 1901 Takaka Valley Highway. When I want to turn out of my property towards Takaka, I have found sometimes that drivers are overtaking on my side of the road towards Paines Ford bridge at fully 100 km/h or more. Because of the bend in the road it is hard to see them in time. I think it would make it safer if this section of road would be marked as no overtaking.</p> <p>Please consider installing a speed camera.</p> <p>I strongly support the proposal to make the speed limit 80 km/h from Paines Ford Bridge to Takaka.</p>
68	Individual	<p>I would like to record my strong support for the proposal to reduce the speed to 80 km/h on SH60 from Paines Ford to 270 m south of Motupipi Street.</p> <p>This section of road is not safe and has a history of crashes—as already partially recognized by the temporary speed limit of 80 km/h over summer for part of the route.</p> <p>With the development of the hospital and the Recreation Centre the 80 km/h speed limit is more appropriate than ever.</p> <p>I hope that this can be done sooner than later.</p>
69	Individual	<p>A factor to consider is the increased traffic that now turns in and out of the medical centre. I believe it needs a speed limit of 60 not 80 for safety just before and after the medical centre turning.</p>

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70	Key stakeholder	<p>Thank you for your GB Weekly invitation to participate in your safe speed review.</p> <p>We would like to see the stretch of Highway from Paines Ford Bridge to at least White Rock Engineering 2049 Takaka Highway reduced to 60km.</p> <p>We are residents and property owners of 1909 Takaka Valley Highway which is on the stretch of road under consultation.</p> <p>My companion &amp; I each have a car which feeds directly onto SH60 and due to the high speed of the traffic, including big roaring trucks, exiting in particular is very nerve racking.</p> <p>Across the road from our place is Quarry Farm Community and neighbouring 'Hang Dog' camp grounds. Both places have a constant flow of vehicles, bicycles and walkers exiting and entering directly onto the highway.</p> <p>Although it's a Highway the width of the road is narrow and now it's being shared by the newly constructed cycle way too. This in turn makes our section of the road even more precarious because so many more people will be using it to go to and from Paines Ford and the swimming holes.</p> <p>During our nearly 20 years of residence on this section of highway there have been several major accidents largely due to the high speed allowed on this road.</p> <p>Within the area we are recommending a 60k limit, are the new local Community Health facility on Central Takaka Road, the upgraded Takaka Showgrounds Recreation Centre and the new sub division on Park Avenue.</p> <p>There is also Central Takaka Road Primary School feeding onto Takaka Valley Highway from close by.</p> <p>With the constant flow of traffic there is also the ever increasing noise factor. This I know is already a problem for the elderly residents of the Community Health Centre who really deserve a peaceful quiet environment. There are several units in close proximity of the road who in particular suffer the undesirable noise and surges from the braking trucks too.</p> <p>The gardens where hospital residents in general rest, are also affected.</p> <p>I find it incongruous that there are roads in Takaka which already have the adequate 60k speed limit such as the Motupipi end of Glenview Road. Yet in comparison they have few hazards in comparison to our Takaka Valley Highway. It certainly is time for these anomalies to be addressed.</p> <p>Due to Covid, Takaka has become an even more desirable place to live and visit so there will be further developments.</p> <p>A 60k limit would also protect our community well into the future.</p>
71	Individual	<p>I support lowering the speed limit from 100 to 80km/hour for the section from Takaka to Paines Ford bridge as outlined in the proposal. I would not support lowering the speed limit beyond this section to Upper Takaka. The small number of dwellings and cyclists would not warrant that change and it would negatively impact on commercial vehicles driving schedules.</p> <p>s 9(2)(a)</p>
72	Individual	<p>I support a permanent speed reduction from 100kmh to 80kmh for the section of SH60 from Takaka to Paines Ford.</p>
73	The New Zealand Automobile Association Nelson District Council	<p>The New Zealand Automobile Association Nelson District Council discussed the SH60 Paines Ford–Tākaka speed consultation at our September 2020 meeting.</p> <p>The AA Nelson District Council support the proposed change of speed limit to 80km/h, starting 100m southwest of Paines Ford bridge and ending 270m south of Motupipi Street. This support is based on the believe that the change in speed limit will bring positive safety benefits to all users of that stretch of road.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposal.</p> <p>Chairperson</p> <p>s 9(2)(a)</p>
74	Individual	<p>I strongly support the proposal to reduce to 80km/hr for above.</p>
75	Individual	<p>I do not see any need to change the current system which has operated well for years. Perhaps there was some small valid reason before the monumental waste of money called the cycle track, but with this comes no reason to now alter the speed limit to a year round reduction. Stop pandering to the Greenie nutters. Just saying! Same goes for any consideration to changing the Takaka Hill Road.</p>
76	Individual	<p>Leave it as it is. Too many restrictions in Golden Bay.</p>

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77	Nelson Marlborough Health Board	<p><b>Introduction</b> 1. Nelson Marlborough Health (Nelson Marlborough Health Board) (NMH) is a key organisation involved in the health and wellbeing of the people within Te Tau Ihu. NMH appreciates the opportunity to comment from a public health perspective on the Waka Kotahi's consultation on SH6 Upper Takaka to Takaka. 2. NMH makes this submission in recognition of its responsibilities to improve, promote and protect the health of people and communities under the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000 and the Health Act 1956. <b>General Support</b> 3. NMH continues to advocate that the legal speed limit is based on the road type rather than having the same open road speed limit for all roads. 4. Road crashes and injuries have major impact on people and communities. The average 2018 social cost is estimated at \$5.07 million per fatal crash, \$525,600 per serious crash, \$29,900 per minor crash, this includes estimated cost of loss of life and life quality, loss of output, medical cost, property damage costs and legal and court costs incurred. 5. Speed affects the likelihood and the severity of its consequences. Small reductions in impact speeds greatly increase the chances of surviving a crash. World Health Organisation states that an increase of 1 km/h in mean vehicle speed results in an increase of 4-5% of fatal crashes. The Ministry of Transport's Safer Journey report states that there is a 10% probability of death for car drivers in frontal impact collisions travelling at 70km limit compared with 30% probability for car drivers travelling at 95km/h and 50% probability for drivers travelling at 105km/h. 6. NMH is supportive of the objectives of the Ministry of Transport's Safer Journey Strategy to improve the roads so that ease type of road has recognisable and distinctive set of self-explaining features such as signage, lane width, road markings and speed limits. This will encourage people to travel at speeds that best fit the design and function of the road. 7. Speed also has adverse on levels of environmental and noise pollution. Lower vehicle speeds and volumes lead to reduced noise, vibration and emissions in the environment. Residents in neighbourhoods with good street environments tend to walk and cycle more, take public transport more and drive less than comparable households in other areas which has environmental impacts. 8. NZ is the third worst OECD country for road deaths of those aged 0-14 years. Maori children showed a disproportionately high rate of injury from motor vehicle traffic crashes, and Pacific Island children had the highest rate of non-fatal injuries as pedestrians. In order to make your streets safer for those who are the most vulnerable in our communities, we must reduce road speeds. <b>Specific Comments</b> 9. Safe and appropriate speed limits needs to be applied to roads in Nelson/ Tasman. Waka Kotahi's Speed management guidelines state that speeds of 100km/h should only be applicable to roads that have good alignment, central and roadside protection and have a 4 Star KiwiRAP rating. Given that the SH6 between Upper Takaka and Takaka does not meet the 4 Star rating, then NMH would support a reduction of speed from 100km/hour to 80km/hour. 10. As noted in the proposal, this area has regular pedestrian and cyclist activity to and from Takaka. NMH would like speeds reduced to 80km to reduce the risk of fatalities and serious injuries. <b>Conclusion</b> 11. NMH strongly supports Waka Kotahi's goal of improving safety on State Highway 6 near Takaka and thanks Waka Kotahi for the opportunity to comment. Yours sincerely Eric Sinclair <b>Acting Chief Executive</b></p>
78	Individual	Your proposals aren't ambitious enough and will achieve little. One way streets/roads have been proven internationally to significantly improve safety and reduce accidents. Propose vehicles departing Takaka Township turn at hospital corner and take East Takaka route out of Golden Bay. This is a very scenic route through beautiful farm land and attractive bush. Unsealed part of route would require sealing and some minor widening of road. Large semi and trailer units have successfully negotiated this route in the past. With no traffic coming in the opposite direction and some minor road widening, trucks would have no more difficulty that they do on Takaka Hill. Speed limits as determined by NZ Transport Agency. Vehicles arriving into Golden would continue to use current route with speed limit reducing to 80km/h at Paines Ford Bridge. I acknowledge this plan would have same impact on the people living along these routes, but the numbers involved are small and the benefits massive. Peoples lives matter. Be brave and make the right decision. I'm sure Jacinda will print some more money to fund this proposal if you promote the merits of this plan adequately.
79	Individual	Please consider the following: 1. Potential for elderly to use the pathway beside the road. 2. Possible increased traffic onto this stretch of road from Greenways subdivision. 3. Potential for children to use the pathway beside the road. Perhaps a 60km/h speed limit would be a better option.
80	Individual	None for this decision. (Only for catching the people doing over up to 120 Paines Ford to Upper Takaka. Don't change that speed, just have speed camera's and fine the speedsters)
81	Individual	We support the proposal to reduce the speed limit from the existing 100km/h down to 50km/h from Paines Ford to Takaka, but think it should be extended to include the SH60 junction with the Hamama Road. This corner is very dangerous - when turning from Hamama Road onto SH60. Traffic come from the "Burnt Section" at a speed of 100km/h ++ - even keeping well to the left when turning - there is not enough time to get safely onto the road before vehicles are hard up behind - travelling at speed. There is also a lot of rural activity on this section of road.
82	Individual	Yes it's a great decision as the elderly leaving Central Takaka Road from the hospital are endangered by the speed the traffic approaches from Paines Ford to Takaka.
83	Individual	That particular part of the road encompasses residential, Recreation Centre & medical centre traffic. We think the proposed reduction in the speed limit is both a safe and sensible measure.
84	Individual	Yes the speed limit should be 80kph from the Paines Ford Bridge all the way to Takaka town.
85	Individual	Yes I agree with the change considering the following factors. Cycleway / walkway to sportsground, hospital and to Paines Ford. Intersection with lots of traffic to Salmon Farm etc. and on other side traffic to the Rocks Chalets. Sportsground / recreation park and Dodson Road intersection. Health centre. Climbing / swimming etc. at Paines Ford Bridge. All good but please leave the rest of the highway to Upper Takaka as is.
86	Individual	I agree with this proposal
87	Individual	We totally agree!
88	Individual	Totally in support of this proposal, for 80km/hour speed limit Paines Ford to Takaka year round and not just over summer.



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89	Individual	I am often walking with my son (8 years old) on the routes described: from Takaka to the recreation centre and/or to Paines Ford for a swim. Slower traffic would be much, much safer. Even 80km/h is too fast for safety. Please consider lowering the speed limit(s) even more. Thank you
90	Individual	We submit our support for your proposal. We also submit to reducing the speed limit to 40km/hr from the commencement of Commercial Street to 100 metres past the intersection with Reilly Street. We also note from your presentation of "what we have heard" that your emphasis of concern about speed limits on the balance of SH60 Upper Takaka to Takaka other than over what you propose is not borne out by our review of the comments posted on your map at the road. The vast majority of comments were for maintaining the current situation with the majority requesting improvements to the infrastructure - ONE LANE BRIDGES being a focus.
91	Individual	I think that is a good idea. When coming out of the Central Takaka Road onto the main highway by the hospital, cars travelling at 100mph appear very quickly from around the bend. I think the speed limit should be 90kmp.
92	Individual	NOT NECESSARY OVER THIS DISTANCE. 80 from Paines Ford to bridge past hospital. 100 from there to town. 80 in Paines Hospital area all year because of hospital traffic, school etc. but now there is an "expensive" bike, walk path all the way to town the lower speed all the way is not necessary. 80k from Upper Takaka & all round GB is absolutely ludicrous.
93	Individual	You say there were 47 accidents from Upper Takaka to Takaka in 9 years. How many in the area you are considering please? I think the lowering of that section to 80km/h during the summer season is sufficient.
94	Individual	Excellent idea, should have been done some years ago - as there is more traffic around the area plus Kotinga traffic.
95	Individual	At the hospital crossroads it needs to be 60km or a roundabout, 80 km is still too fast for that area. It's 60 on the East Takaka Road almost to the main road. There is a ridiculous sign a few yards from the crossroads on the hospital side which changes from 60 to 100, just drop it all to 60.
96	Individual	We're happy to see you're considering lowering the speed limit here. Could you also consider lowering the 80km speed limit from Scott Rd to the Rototai Road on Abel Tasman Drive. The 80km limit is generally not needed, and there are a number of homes in this area. 60km would be fine. Thanks <b>s 9(2)(a)</b>
97	Individual	I do <u>not</u> support changing the existing speed limit. Please leave it at 100 km/h. It is completely unnecessary.
98	Individual	New cycle & walkway will make it safer anyway so no need to reduce speed limit. The temporary 80km/h limit over summer works well and outside of these times the spot is <u>a lot</u> quieter and lowering the speed limit wouldn't make a difference.
99	Individual	Very pleased with outcome as a regular user of this area.
100	Individual	The issue as I see it is that many exceed the present speed limit, by how much I'm not sure but if all drove at 100 or less there wouldn't be the accidents that you claim there are at the moment and who am I to doubt your information. If the speed limit is reduced speeders will still remain. I regularly drive a tractor and the inconsiderate and dangerous driving that I observe is very worrying and I'm surprised that there hasn't been an accident to date! My tractor travels at 35 km/h and motorists overtake on blind corners, blind crests and yellow lines regularly. Is not always tourists but often locals that know the road. Any reduction in the speed limit won't deal with these issues which are all too common and a much bigger problem than the speed. I realise more speed more damage but if my tractor is involved in an accident as I have described a 30km/h tractor wheel coming in the door or up the bonnet won't be pretty either.
101	Individual	I agree with you that the speed limit should be 80 kph all the way from Paines Ford to Takaka township.
102	Individual	
103	Individual	Agree with that proposal, however do not agree with lower speed limit beyond Paines Ford.
104	Individual	1. It is not nice to see anyone injured in any situation. 2. The road from Takaka township had a 100km to Wainui and is now 80km, and now we have a cycle lane from Pohara to Takaka, so the danger to cyclists and walkers has been taken out of the factor, so the cycle lane from Paines Ford Bridge to Takaka should take the cyclist and walkers out of the equation. 3. The roads in Golden Bay are shocking and are not nice to drive on in an older vehicle or a car with low profile tyres. An upgrade on our roads would be a lot more beneficial for the Bay. 4. By the wording of this question/statement your decision has already been made. Than you. <b>S</b>
105	Individual	As a resident with property on SH60 between Paines Ford and Takaka I fully support the proposed speed limits. The present limits are clearly too high and present dangers for all users.
106	Individual	Agreed
107	Individual	<u>Proposal is correct one</u>
108	Individual	I would be quite happy for the section from Paines Ford to town to be lowered. I commute this road daily & always slow down between the bridge & Dodson Rd anyway. Reducing the limit here would not affect travel times. I would be less keen to reduce the rest of the Takaka Valley as this would impede the sensible local drivers significantly. Thanks for the consultation.

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109	Kitchen Garden for GBCH	Submission to the NZ Transport Authority on the need for a reduction in the speed limit from Paine's Ford Bridge to Takaka, Golden Bay. Dear NZTA. The Gardeners and Volunteers who work within a few metres of the stretch of highway under consideration (being workers in the vegetable gardens supplying the Golden Bay Hospital Kitchens) feel strongly that the current speed limit of 100kph is excessive and dangerous. Our workplace runs close against the highway and day to day we are constantly witness to reckless driving behaviour due to excessive speed. We have had a car crash through our garden fence onto our gardens. This would probably not have happened if the speed limit had been more reasonable. The Hospital intersection is a busy one and feeds direct onto the 100kph highway - as do a number of other small roads between the Paine's Ford Bridge and Takaka Township. The built-up infrastructure along this stretch of highway has changed over the years - the new Golden Bay Community Health, Recreation Grounds, Campground and popular swimming hole - and now many more cars than in the past feed onto the highway from private properties or subsidiary roads. We request therefore that the speed limit on this stretch be significantly reduced. For the GBCH Kitchen Staff and Volunteers. Sue Shotton, Katrina Thoma/Koch
110	Individual	I live next to s 9(2)(a), in the summer months 40 cars a night park up, that is many entries & exits. Then the D.O.C reserve 'once again' many cars using Paines Ford in summer. Two neighbours away is a contracting business with haymaking, silage, cultivating equipment in and out spring, summer, autumn plus the up to 10 vehicles of employees and next is the hospital which also has a lot of traffic everywhere. I hear the squeal of tyres and a good friend has had an accident at the hospital corner due to the speed needed to cross the intersection if a car is coming at 100kph when you commence. My neighbour no longer brings a cattle truck & freight onto the property for same reason, it's dangerous. please lower the limit to 60kph like Central Takaka. More reasons to lower the speed limit to 60kph, noise and vibration. I live 300 metres from the road, sometimes my house shudders when large truck and trailer units go by and there are many, it wakes me in the night along with noise with clinking and banging from the bridge to the hospital from the condition of the road, speed of trucks and the corner. It all adds up to an interrupted life from passing vehicles noise. Please lower the speed for every ones safety. So happy the bike lane will make it possible to ride without fear of being knocked off in future. Thanks for the opportunity to write. s 9(2)(a)
111	Individual	I find it very noisy with the traffic passing by at 100km/h. The road past the hospital to Paines Ford and the swimming hole to me is very unsafe. s 9(2)(a)
112	Individual	I am writing as a resident of the Golden Bay Hospital. The NOISE of traffic is such that to have visitors or listen to news, one has to close doors. The screech of brakes from articulated lorries is particularly nerve racking. Yes, the speed limit should definitely be reduced. Dare to suggest even leaving it at 50km/h - as it is through town - & continue to Paines Ford? Up & down speeds in short distances ask to be broken. This is a dangerous stretch of road but noise is my big concern. s 9(2)(a)
113	Individual	We agree that the proposed speed limit from Paines Ford to Takaka township should be 80km/h. It is a busy stretch of road with children, cyclists & huge heavy trucks, hospital traffic & cars constantly using it s 9(2)(a)
114	Individual	I fully endorse the lowering of the speed limit from Paines Ford to Takaka to 80km/h. Some signage with a message about looking out for children as well would be advisable especially for visitors to the Bay. This is all about keeping children safe. The walkway means children are now safe to bike & walk to the Rec Centre, to school (from Park Ave.) and to Paines Ford to swim in the summer, and having trucks etc. roaring along past them at 100km/h the walkway, is not viable.
115	Individual	Unfortunately I believe the speed limit should be dropped to 60mph before the Paines Ford Bridge and continued at 60mph until the township of Takaka at 50mph. As you have noted, this is a very vulnerable area with many people crossing and recrossing this particular area. Also after Paines Ford traffic tends to speed up again as they head towards town. Given this opportunity I want to stress the concern as to the speed limit of 50 from the Takaka Milk Factory along to the Takaka High School. This limit of 50 is not being observed, this street is very busy, children going to the school and trucks, lorries etc. except I should not include the Milk Trucks, which are very aware. The intersection at the school also meets the main road. s 9(2)(a)
116	Individual	As residents and property owners on the stretch of road under consideration (State Highway 60 from the Paines Ford Bridge to Takaka) we feel strongly that the current speed limit of 100kph is excessive and dangerous. We request therefore that the speed limit on this stretch be reduced to at least 80kph, if not further. The reasons we have for this request on this section of Highway 60 are as follows - 1. The significant number of residential properties feeding onto the highway on this stretch. 2. The presence of both a busy campground, the local hospital and an upgraded Recreation Centre all fronting onto the highway. 3. The contour of the road - significant bends, often with poor visibility. 4. 6 active subsidiary streets and roads feeding onto the highway over this stretch. 5. A narrow bridge 6. Heavy traffic from Takaka going only to the hospital through a busy intersection 7. Lack of suitable footpath for most of the way 8. Changes of land use over the years with proposed new subdivision needing access to the highway. As residents on this section of highway for nearly 30 years we have seen many changes to the volumes of traffic (especially tourism) and witnessed many near accidents when accessing our driveway. Several major accidents have occurred near our entrance gate, largely due to the high speed allowed on this road, This situation is past time for change. The limit should be 70 or 80kph on the road between the Paines Ford Bridge and the Takaka township.
117	Individual	You forgot to mention the Long Plain Road intersection SH60. Also in the proposed speed change. This can quickly become very busy and would benefit 80km. Please also consider putting marking for the Left hand turning traffic off SH60. This down hill run into the turn there is room to move over. But, sadly some people even stop or park here not realising they add to the danger of this intersection. Even if the Left hand lane turn could be a bit narrow it would be far safer having the turning traffic moving off the main road thoroughfare especially when a car is in the right hand turning lane, with 2 cars waiting to exit Long Plain Road. So you can have 6 vehicles waiting or travelling on this intersection at one time. We can only try to avoid one drivers careless manoeuvre, and the chaos it could cause. Thanks if you read this far. Kind regards Gerald. Sorry I couldn't get the email online thingy to work for me.

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118	Individual	I am happy to support this proposal. After visiting the Medical Centre I always drive straight ahead onto Dodson Road & join the main road further towards Takaka. As an s 9(2)(a) that gives me peace of mind.
119	Individual	I support the proposed change to 80km/h between the Takaka 50km/h zone and to 100m southwest of Paines Ford bridge, permanently. I would like it to become effective as soon as possible.
120	Individual	I agree, changing to 80km/h is definitely needed.
121	Individual	We support the permanent reduction in speed, from 100km/h to 80km/h, on the highway between Takaka township and Paines Ford