



# Christchurch to Akaroa

## HAVE YOUR SAY ON SAFER SPEEDS

from 23 June to 4 August 2021



**We're working towards a future where no one is killed or seriously injured on New Zealand roads.**

We know that speed is the single biggest factor that determines if you or someone you love dies in or survives a crash.

Lots of change is needed to get us there but there is one thing we can do that will make a huge difference immediately – ensure speed limits are safe and right for the road.

That's why we're reviewing speeds on SH73 and SH75 between Christchurch and Akaroa.

Locals know their roads best, so we're talking to communities about current speeds on this state highway corridor.

You can find out more and share your thoughts by:

- visiting [www.nzta.govt.nz/chctoakaroa](http://www.nzta.govt.nz/chctoakaroa)
- emailing us on [chctoakaroaspeeds@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:chctoakaroaspeeds@nzta.govt.nz)
- picking up a feedback form **contact us for locations**
- speaking to the team at one of our pop-up events:

### Te Hapua Halswell Centre

Thursday 1 July  
3–6pm

### Little River School

Tuesday 6 July  
3–6pm

### Tai Tapu Hotel

Tuesday 6 July  
10am–1pm

### The Gaiety Hall, Akaroa

Saturday 10 July  
11am–2pm

[nzta.govt.nz](http://nzta.govt.nz)

## We know speed is just one part of the road safety puzzle

Along with reviewing speeds this year, we'll be undertaking nearly 30km of surfacing renewals over the next three years – approximately 30% of the corridor – plus maintenance activities such as environmental and drainage work. (Subject to funding.)

But making sure the speed limit is right for the road is still one of the best ways we can save lives on New Zealand roads.

You can read more about how we are working with the NZ Police, Ministry of Transport, local government, WorkSafe and others to deliver Road to Zero, New Zealand's road safety strategy at [nzta.govt.nz/road-to-zero](https://nzta.govt.nz/road-to-zero)



## Why we're reviewing speed limits on SH73 and SH75

This section of highway is prioritised because:

- it's high risk and we know that safer speeds save lives
- locals are already calling for speeds to be lowered in some places
- even if speed doesn't cause the crash, it's what most likely determines whether someone is killed, injured or walks away
- a small change in speed on this route will make a big difference to the outcome of a crash
- we know making changes like reducing speed will result in fewer deaths and serious injuries quickly
- anyone who's made the trip knows that it requires care, concentration and safe speeds behind the wheel
- stretches of straight road end in sharp bends and this is where fatal and serious vehicle crashes are happening
- the scenic winding sections have steep drop-offs and reduced visibility, and this is where increasing numbers of motorcyclists are being killed and injured

- cyclists and pedestrians use the road in close proximity to passing vehicles. Unforgiving roadside conditions and narrow shoulders mean there's little margin for error if simple mistakes are made
- between 2011 and 2020, 75 people were killed or suffered serious injuries in crashes on this road\*, leaving families grieving and victims dealing with potentially life-long injuries.

\*in a 10-year period from 2011 to 2020, data from CAS.

### Halswell Road bus lanes

Planning is underway to provide bus lanes along SH75 Halswell Road between Dunbars and Curletts Roads, to help improve bus reliability and travel times.

For this speed review, we are asking people to give feedback on current speeds, including on Halswell Road (see map), so any changes can be made as soon as possible.

Once bus lanes are up and running, we will revisit speeds in this area to check they are still appropriate.

## Speed review process

We'll use the feedback we get during engagement to recommend what speed limits are best for these roads and then formally consult with you. The stages of the speed review are:

SPEED REVIEW STARTS	A technical assessment of the road is carried out to find out about crash history, average vehicle speeds, volume of vehicles and development of surrounding areas. This helps to determine what safe and appropriate speeds should be.
<b>ENGAGEMENT</b>	We talk to local communities and stakeholders to understand how the road is being used, any safety concerns and get feedback on current speeds.
FORMAL CONSULTATION	Changing a speed limit is a legal process, so this stage involves sharing a detailed proposal with people and asking for any additional information that might have an impact on the final decision.
NOTIFICATION OF SPEED LIMIT CHANGE	Feedback is considered and final decision is published on our website and the public is notified.
NEW SPEED LIMIT ON THE ROAD	New speed limit signs installed on the road.

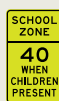


## What are school speed zones?

There are two types of school speed zone, 'variable' and 'advisory'.



**Electronic variable school zone signs** are an enforceable speed limit that can be activated during peak school traffic times.

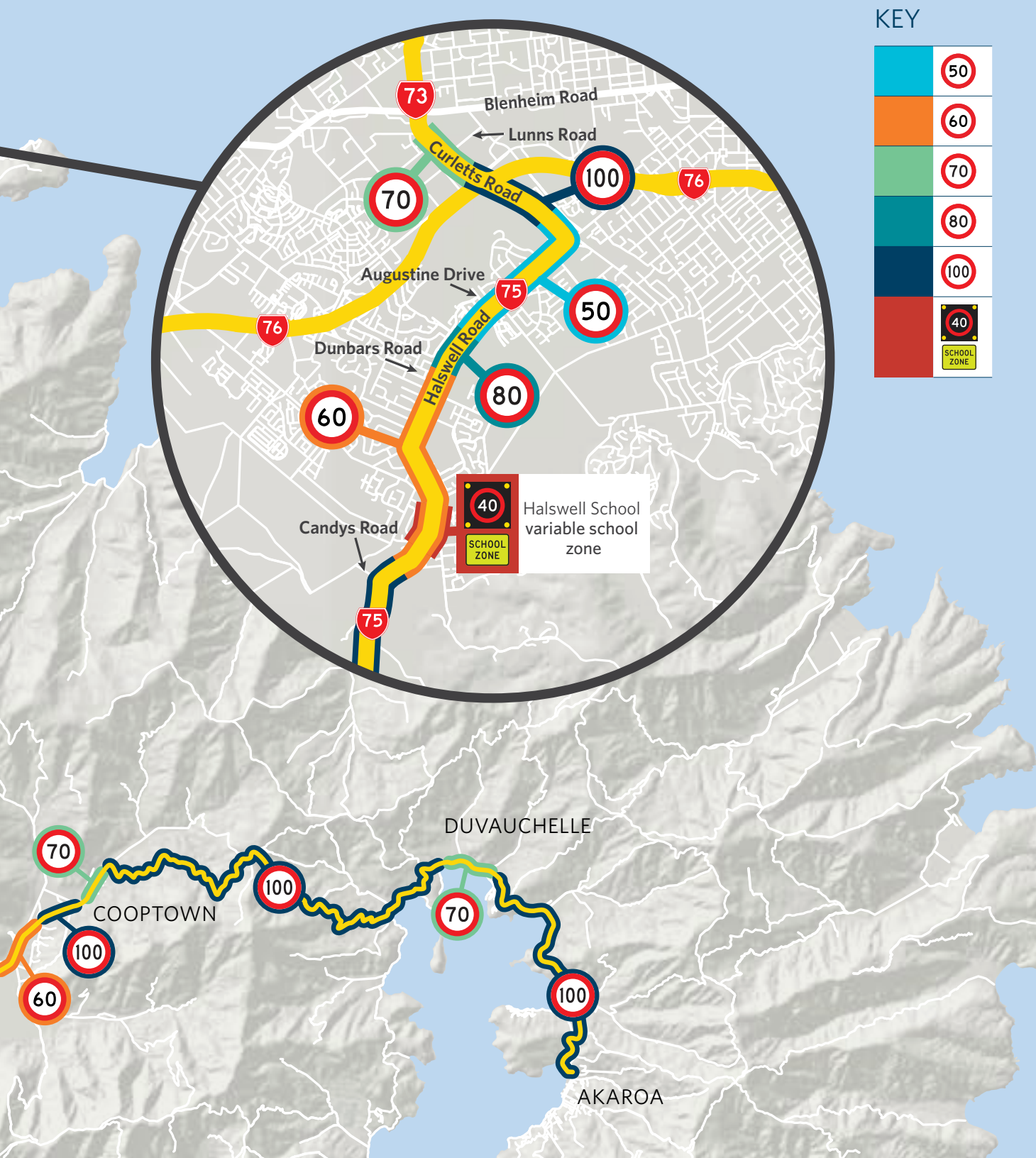


An **advisory school zone** is where a static speed sign is in place near a school, advising motorists to slow when children are present. The speed on these signs is not enforceable.

## Share your insights

Think about speed limits between Christchurch and Akaroa and in your community. Do they feel safe and right for the road, or are there areas where there have been near misses because it is hard to turn onto or off the highway? Are there places where lower speeds could mean people can cycle or walk more safely? How about speeds outside your local school, marae or business?

Map showing current speed limits from the intersection of Blenheim Road and SH73 (at Curletts Road overbridge), to the entrance to Akaroa township.



The new closing date for feedback is now Wednesday 4 August at 5.00pm.

The feedback we get during engagement will be combined with the technical information we are gathering, to help recommend which speed limits are best for these roads. The next step is to formally consult with you on our recommendations later in the year.



Have you noticed locations on the highway where improvements could be made? Make notes on the map on the reverse side if you need to.

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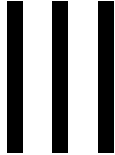
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**PRIVACY STATEMENT**

The information requested in this consultation/survey is being collected by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency for the purpose of seeking feedback on speed limits on State Highways 73 and 75, Christchurch to Akaroa, from the intersection of Blenheim Road (Curletts Road overbridge), to the entrance to Akaroa township, in accordance with the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2017. Any personal information you submit as part of this process will be stored and processed by Waka Kotahi (who will use the information for analysis and reporting purposes), in accordance with the Privacy Act 1993. Please note that any feedback you provide is public information, and Waka Kotahi may identify you as the submitter should it publish your feedback or provide it to a third party if requested under the Official Information Act 1982. Please clearly indicate, therefore, if your feedback is commercially sensitive, or if for some other reason your feedback should not be disclosed and/or you should not be identified as the submitter. Any other personal information that you provide, however, will not be made public. Under the Privacy Act 1993 you have the right to request access to and correction of any personal information you supply as part of this process. If you wish to do so, please email [chctoakaroaspeeds@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:chctoakaroaspeeds@nzta.govt.nz)

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