

Submitter		SH73 West Melton Submissions
Note about blocked-out text: Unless submitted by an organisation, we do not publish comments that identify individual submitters.		
1	CPR Limited	This still does not take into account the busy intersection crossing over SH73 from Weedons Ross Road and the small vehicles coming from W Melton Rd leading on to Weedons Ross Road.
2	Edendale Estate	Traffic lights at West Melton. Sandy knolls and SH37 has had 4 fatal accidents - it needs to be addressed too as well as long overdue. Please consider this request.
3	Selwyn District Council	<p>The Selwyn District Council welcomes the opportunity to comment on the current NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) proposal to lower the speed limit from 70 km/h to 60 km/h on State Highway 73 (SH73) through West Melton Township.</p> <p>Council strongly supports the reduction of speed limit from 70 km/h to 60 km/h.</p> <p>Councils advises however it has concerns that the current location of the western speed limit threshold signs are too close to the intersection of Iris Taylor Drive. Vehicles slowing down to turn left into Iris Taylor Drive, often have vehicles behind them which are not expecting vehicles in front to be slowing down to turn into the subdivision - risking crashes.</p> <p>Accordingly Council requests that the western limit of the speed zone be moved further west along SH1 for an appropriate distance. Council believes this more relevant with the increased speed differential from 100km/hr to 60km/hr and that this transition needs to occur further west of the intersection and West Melton.</p> <p>In the speed limit review media release dated 17 October 2019, Jim Harland, director of Regional Relationships for NZTA is quoted as saying "As well as undertaking this speed review, other safety initiatives in the area are being further investigated by the Transport Agency. These include installing more flush medians (wide painted lines in the centre of the road, keeping opposing traffic lanes apart), wider edge lines and making the threshold where the speed limits change at the entrance to the township more obvious to road users."</p> <p>Council agrees that the installation of roading and safety treatments/initiatives described by Mr Harland are essential to ensure the roading environment supports the proposed lower speed limit of 60 km/hr. Council draws to the attention of the NZTA the 2016 State Highway 73 West Melton Corridor Management Plan agreed between SDC, NZTA and Wilfield Developments which shows this</p>

		<p>type of outcome to be provided along SH73.</p> <p>In addition it also includes the upgrade of the Weedons Ross Rd and SH73 Intersection. The NZTA will be well aware of Council's and the West Melton Community's long standing requirement that this intersection is urgently upgraded to address mounting safety, efficiency and severance issues at this key West Melton Intersection.</p> <p>While it is welcomed the proposal to lower the speed limit as a first step, this should not be a substitute for an upgrade to this intersection in a coordinated approach for a viable long-term solution as demonstrated by the Corridor Management Plan. Council agrees with Mr Harland's opinion (also quoted in media release) "[i]n the meantime, decreasing the speed is one way we could improve safety in West Melton."</p> <p>Council would like to take this opportunity to highlight other concerns about the state highway network in the District where it is our opinion that the current speed limit should be lowered, as follows:</p> <p>1 Dunsandel township currently has a speed limit of 70 km/h along SH1 but its speed limit should be more appropriate at a lower speed limit of 60 km/h or even 50 km/h to reflect the severance created by SH1 and road environment. There will be increased pressure at the Browns Road/SH1 intersection due to the road closures that are being undertaken by KiwiRail along that corridor.</p> <p>2 The Rakaia bridge speed limit is 100 km/h. This is a very narrow bridge that also carries cyclists so it is the opinion of SDC that the speed limit should be lowered to at least 80 km/h.</p> <p>We are happy to discuss our submission further with NZTA if required. We would expect that NZTA would keep SDC informed through the speed limit review process and implementation of roading changes/treatments.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission on behalf of the Selwyn District Council</p>
4	Individual submitter	<p>The speed definitely needs to reduce and there needs to be a far safer crossing point for children. It makes me sick that for our children to get to school or to the local sport and community club they have to cross a 70km+ highway. Then you travel to Christchurch and Shirley Boys high has had a speed bump, lights, fencing and a reduced speed to 50 for them to cross safely to school. The intersections in West Melton are busy and dangerous and are a fatality waiting to happen. Something needs to be done, [REDACTED] and the roads are not safe at all</p>
5	Torlesse Travel Ltd	<p>Yes we own the school buses going through this intersection from all angles. we have 12 bus movements per day full of school children carrying around 600 children per day through there. Even a slower speed of 50 mph or traffic lights please .</p>
6	West Melton District Residents Association	<p>Thank you for the work you and your team are doing in West Melton to review the current speed zone for State Highway 73 in our town. The West Melton District Residents Association offers its support for this initiative</p>

		<p>during this consultation period.</p> <p>The Association and members of the public are very concerned about safety regarding this stretch of road, particularly the intersection of SH73 and Weedons Ross Road. We were disappointed to learn that planned improvements for this intersection were last year deferred as a result of budget changes.</p> <p>While we know this intersection might not have the severe safety record some other New Zealand intersections have, we believe our circumstances are different, with an explosion of growth in our town placing real strain on this infrastructure.</p> <p>Each day we observe drivers taking chances when turning, pedestrians running through breaks in the traffic and frustration boiling up as the new give-way rules give precedence to left turning traffic.</p> <p>While our town has grown up, this intersection has stayed the same, and we are very concerned that serious injuries or worse will occur in the near future as a result of this intersection's layout and structure.</p> <p>We expect that reducing the speed in this zone will be an important step towards improving safety and commend NZTA for taking this initiative. Thank you.</p> <p>The Association is interested in exploring alternative / short-term solutions for the benefit of the community. I'm more than willing to talk to you or a representative about options. The following have been put forward by the committee.</p> <p>Further speed reduction</p> <p>We know that for the speed limit on SH73 in our town to be 50km/h, it must look like a 50km/h zone, but West Melton is rapidly changing. In recent months new residential housing has been erected on the north side of SH73 and a large Community Sports and Recreation Centre has opened to the South. New pathways have been set down beside the highway at the East entrance to the town and new trees have been planted in several locations which will eventually grow above traffic height. A new youth recreation / skate park is set to be built to the East of the Community Centre next year.</p> <p>The committee have suggested we might improve driver's sense of being in a town by installing a large welcome artwork or similar at either SH73 entrance, creating a gateway-style effect for drivers. We are interested to know your view on whether this or other types of changes to the appearance of our town might help us towards a further speed zone reduction. We're interested to know if NZTA might assist the Association in improvements such as the welcome artwork to improve safety.</p> <p>Speed Indicator Devices</p> <p>Earlier this year, the Speed Indicator Devices which were previously positioned on SH73 at either entrance to our town were rotated to new locations where young children are more frequently</p>
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		<p>present. Given a successful outcome in this speed zone consultation, we believe having installed SID devices on SH73 to remind drivers of the new speed would be very beneficial. Would NZTA have devices available to use to this effect should the speed change review be adopted?</p> <p>Light-controlled crossing sites</p> <p>We are very concerned about pedestrian and cycle safety when crossing SH73. Our town is currently divided by SH73 traffic, with the majority of residents living in the North, and community, sports facilities and church & markets to the South. Nearly all children living in the new Wilfield Subdivision to the South drive daily to West Melton School in the North, as parents view crossing SH73 as being too unsafe on foot or cycle with children. The Association want to suggest NZTA consider a light-controlled pedestrian crossing system for this purpose, whereby traffic could be stopped to allow safe passage for pedestrians and cyclists to cross. This type of system would be of great benefit to West Melton School, who are currently unable to use the new Community Centre for sports due to the dangers of crossing SH73. We are interested to know your thoughts on this or similar solutions for our children, pedestrians and cyclists.</p> <p>You may have heard about the Association's recent petition for road safety improvements regarding the SH73 and Weedons Ross Road intersection. The purpose of this petition is to raise awareness of this increasing danger in our community to government level. The petition is set to close on November 29 and Hon Amy Adams has offered to present it at Parliament this December.</p> <p>Our community is very concerned about this stretch of road and the danger it represents to the many who use it daily. We commend NZTA for the current speed review and offer our support. We are willing to work with NZTA to improve safety further.</p>
7	Individual submitter	<p>A speed reduction would be good, but ideally the Weedons Ross Rd - SH73 intersection should be controlled by lights or perhaps a roundabout. The crossing (pedestrian) on SH73 east of the intersection is very dangerous and not suitable for children. This crossing could likewise benefit from lights; although lights at the intersection would afford more safe opportunity to use the crossing.</p>
8	Individual submitter	<p>We believe that a safer option of dealing with the issues at this intersection would be the installation of traffic lights. At peak traffic times, it is difficult to navigate across the intersection with heavy traffic from both directions. Traffic lights will make this intersection safer and less stressful to use.</p>
9	Individual submitter	<p>The issues I've experienced at the Weedons Ross road intersection are to do with difficult layout (south side WM road merging) and poor driver understanding of the rules, to the extent I avoid turning right at that intersection and use other options. In this case, I don't believe lowering speed limits solves the problem. Speed is always an issue but its equally valid to say that driver error leads to accidents. The risk has been exacerbated by the opening of the Wilfield subdivision and a new layout is required to cope with the increased traffic. This is only a small part of the larger problem of the traffic volumes on SH73 as a whole.</p>

10	Individual submitter	Maybe make it 50, for ease of crossing to the community centre.
11	Individual submitter	Yes agree to lower speed limit but find it confusing at the intersection of Weedons Ross Rd and main West Road. Suggestion of traffic lights or roundabout. Also main West Road and Sandyknolls road corner needs lights or roundabout - very dangerous bend causing accidents and death.
12	Individual submitter	I strongly believe this intersection needs traffic lights and a controlled pedestrian crossing along with a reduced speed limit
13	Individual submitter	(No comment)
14	Individual submitter	although a reduction in speed may reduce injury or death in the event of an accident, providing drivers adhere to the new speed limit, it will not reduce the impatience and frustration of motorists waiting at the stop sign on Weddons Ross /West Melton roads or the safety of people wanting to cross highway 73. Also with the increase in traffic not only in West Melton but also coming from further west and the expected increase once the new southern motorway opens the only way to make this intersection safe for all users is to have a fully controlled intersection with lights and ped crossings
15	Individual submitter	I think lowering the speed limit is vital as this covered very dangerous intersection which in my opinion should have traffic lights. The population is continuing to increase with new submissions and with school and sports facilities there are numerous children at risk. With the new Rec Centre there are many groups which include elderly people. This speed reduction is essential but falls short of what is required in my opinion. Thankyou for the opportunity to comment.
16	Individual submitter	The intersection of Weedons Ross and 73 is dangerous at peak times, something needs to done with that before something bad happens.
17	Individual submitter	(No comment)
18	Individual submitter	I am a concerned local resident. The area delineated on the map is now very busy . The speed limit could easily be dropped to 50kph , rather than the proposed 60kph. There is a very well attended primary school and a small shopping centre on Weedons Ross Rd , immediately north of S/Hway 73. and due to lack of more suitable traffic control measures at the intersection e.g. traffic lights, I recommend that the speed limit is dropped to 50kph. I do not patronise the new shopping centre in West Melton, due to stress involved in navigating the 5 road intersection, although it would be convenient for me to do so. The speed reductions could be started further away from the centre of West Melton, in order to be able to drop back to 50kph easily. To the west the 70kph could start at 1252 W Coast Rd and to the east at 1066 W Coast Rd. And I would like to think that the new speed limits will be policed and reinforced.
19	Individual submitter	(No comment)
20	Individual submitter	I think 60 is just acceptable however 50 would be better. Lights at the intersection of Weedons Ross Road and West Coast Road should be installed ASAP.

21	Individual submitter	(No comment)
22	Individual submitter	Support the proposed change in speed limit
23	Individual submitter	Wouldn't a roundabout at the intersections of Weedons Ross Road, West Melton Road and State Highway 73 be more practical? This would assist those of us who live in and around Wilfield, WM domain etc and have to turn right to head towards the city. Trying to get across the road and onto State Highway 73 is a lesson in frustration at various times of the day especially as the district has grown exponentially. The traffic from Rolleston, and the new motorway linking Weedons Ross Road has also increased and will continue to do so especially with traffic, using this 'corridor' to head to the West Coast. This will further put pressure on the intersection as mentioned. My other concern is that reducing the speed will slow the traffic and make it even harder for those of us wanting to cross onto the State Highway 73 due to it taking longer to drive through the speed restriction and onto open road speed especially trucks as they take longer to 'get back up to speed'. Meanwhile, those approaching the village driving at open road speeds will have caught up thus increasing the build up of traffic. Surely if the speed limit was left at 70 and a roundabout installed at the intersection mentioned, this would further reduce and lower speeds AND cause less frustration and impulsivity making safer roads.
24	Individual submitter	A major factor which would influence the decision would be the safety of school children (and the general public) crossing from the new subdivision to the south, also crossing from the main township to the north to access the new community centre and skate park.
25	Individual submitter	Yellow centre line sticks on the west side entry to Weedons Ross road , people cross cut the cnr heading west to go around traffic turning left
26	Individual submitter	This is to slow, one crash per year for 10 years and only one of them causing injury is nothing to take action over. Even with the limit reduced this will still happen.
27	Individual submitter	No
28	Individual submitter	Yes we agree the 60km proposed limit would be great. This needs to be policed as some traffic at present are travelling through the area at far greater speeds. I cross state highway 73 every morning and observe that the traffic don't really slow down (if at all) until they are almost on the intersection. The other area of concern is at the BP Station when they park their mini parallel to state highway 73 this blocks the view of traffic driving into town. Also no traffic should be allowed to exit the BP station onto highway 73 as I have witnessed some near misses through this action. A set of lights would be a good alternative.
29	Individual submitter	Urgent! Changed needed to corner main West Rd and Sandyknolls, priority lights as accidents at night and lowering of speed, my family has been a witness of 2 crashes, [REDACTED] Please with all the sincerity can this be addressed promptly as I have seen the trauma and aftermath personally.

30	Individual submitter	The layout of the intersection needs to change to either roundabout or traffics lights. Extremely dangerous trying to cross over Weedons Ross road.
31	Individual submitter	We have just moved here and the speed of traffic through this township is concerning. A roundabout would slow traffic to an acceptable speed.
32	Individual submitter	The 60km/h is a start but will not solve the problem. The problem is better design to eliminate hazards. By putting in a roundabout in everyone is dealing only with one direction of traffic. In the mornings yellow x only last 30 minutes but blue, black & red low cars cannot see past them. If blue or red are utes, trucks etc then black still cannot see. Green has best view as on a slight bend and sometimes crosses in front of black when they can't see, for waiting a long time. Roundabout will cater for growth especially when southern highway complete. Let's do it once and do it correctly.
33	Individual submitter	Am sure this is already considered but with the residential development of Wilfield there are a number of children needing to cross this road to get to school and 70kmh is just not safe for them to cross with cars doing this speed.
34	Individual submitter	██████████ strongly support the lowering of the speed limit on SH73 at West Melton from 70 to 60km/h. Watching young children try to cross the road to get to school and run the gauntlet every morning while cars zip past doing 80+ km/h is horrifying. Please lower the speed limit and consider introducing some kind of crossing or lights.
35	Individual submitter	I would like to see the speed limit dropped even lower to 50km. It is very hard to turn anyway on this intersection and a lower speed would be helpful. Also people often park right on the corner of the forecourt at the BP and it obstructs the view west when trying to cross from the BP side, so no parking there would be good.
36	Individual submitter	It should be changed particularly if no traffic light or roundabout is going in as more kids and people need to cross the road with the new subdivisions
37	Individual submitter	The layout of the intersection in West Melton is more of an issue than the speed limit. I believe that a 60 km/h speed limit will result in queues of cars on SH which makes getting out of the side roads even more difficult.
38	Individual submitter	The lack of protected crossing points on the junctions of Weedons Ross Road and the Main Highway 73. They are currently at too great a distance from the junction and not conducive to the natural crossing points required by the public
39	Individual submitter	It should be 50km/h and there should 100% be traffic light at the intersection of Weedons-Ross Rd and SH73. How are children supposed to walk to school??????? Crossing the road (car or foot) is a gamble with your life currently.
40	Individual submitter	Yes, pedestrian foot access across this busy road would be nice as it is very scary for adults & children when trying to cross it. The intersection on weedon ross/west coast road needs a dam roundabout or lights too before somebody gets killed.

41	Individual submitter	The speed limit on the northern section of Weedons Ross Rd is 50kmh and I strongly suggest that the new limit be reduced from 70 to 50 kmh.
42	Individual submitter	This proposal is an absolute no brainer. [REDACTED] When the speed limit was 80km/h through the township. I would normally travel through this area this 60km. With a busy intersection with a primary school and pre-school close by. 70km is still way too fast. For gods sake it is 60km on West Melton and Weedons Ross Rd both of these areas are more rural than SH73. There are so many discrepancies in speed limits in the Selwyn area. There is one part of Lincoln where it is 50km in a rural area. I consider that SH73 through West Melton could also be 50km. Also through Tai Tapu 50km.
43	Individual submitter	Although the reduction to 60km may help, I believe that traffic lights must be installed at the intersection of Weedons Ross Road and the West Coast Road. You can sit at the intersection at busy times for ages and I have seen many cars pulling out into the West Coast traffic due to frustration. As the traffic increases, it will become even more dangerous at that intersection and people will die! Yes, put the speed limit to 60km and place traffic lights on the intersection also.
44	Individual submitter	Widening the intersection on the south side by the pub so cars can turn left off the main road and left out of Weedons Ross road to head west
45	Individual submitter	I agree to your proposal of changing the existing 70km/h speed limit to 60km/h. I think that you should also consider placing traffic lights at the intersection of State Highway 73 and Weedons Ross Road to make it a safer intersection for traffic turning right and for pedestrians trying to cross from one side of the highway to the other.
46	Individual submitter	I think something needs to be done but not sure that changing the speed limit goes far enough. It is only effective if people actually follow that speed limit. Currently a lot of people still ignore the 70km zone and drive through much faster than that.
47	Individual submitter	(No comment)
48	Individual submitter	no
49	Individual submitter	Consider reducing to 50km. Have more pedestrian crossing with proper foot paths on both sides of the road, so people can get to and from school, shops etc.
50	Individual submitter	(No comment)
51	Individual submitter	Also need to look at putting lights in to control the 5 road intersection outside BP petrol station. Also need a turning lane at sh 73 and halket road 5 road intersection.
52	Individual submitter	The intersection would benefit from a round about much like Yalhurst. The speed there is similar to the change to 60km
53	Individual submitter	The actual intersection and safety crossing it and entering the main road from side roads.

54	Individual submitter	Kids crossing from wilfield across state highway 6 to the alleyway that leads into gainsborough, the 100km sign is too close cars have already speed up and kids cannot judge speed cars are travelling. This means it is too dangerous for them to bike to school
55	Individual submitter	Don't think lowering speed alone is enough this is a busy intersection also. Traffic lights or a roundabout, as well as lowering speed is required. Families with young children need a safe crossing also, which currently does not exist.
56	Individual submitter	You can change the speed but not everyone follows the rules, I suggest adding a speed camera to help reduce the risk as well.
57	Individual submitter	The dangerous right hand turn from Wilfield onto SHW73. Dangerous right hand turn from Weedons Ross Rd to SHW73 opposite side of road coming from school. Crossing that intersection at all times.
58	Individual submitter	Yes. Traffic lights are a must. Community is growing rapidly. Number of children crossing the road is increasing. All vehicles presently travel 80-90km/h, so lowering to 60km/h they will travel at 70-80km/h. Many residents avoid the intersection, so cause problems at the Preston Downs turn off. While you identify five roads at the intersection I am sure you have not considered traffic coming onto those roads from the Church car park, shopping centre, school and fuel station entry/exits. Vision when exiting and of the local car parks is very very often blocked by vehicle parking too close to them, and often blocking the exit entirely. Do you have to wait until a local is killed before you do anything just because you do not live here. Cost should not come before safety. What/where is your risk analysis report? McDonalds on the West Coast Road at Yaldhurst seemed to have no problems getting their traffic lights - why?
59	Individual submitter	1. A reduction of the speed limit to 50km/h would further increase safety of vehicles and pedestrians using this intersection ie Giving more time for traffic and pedestrian movements across the intersection. 2. Installation of speed camera and SIDs as measures to slow down traffic to the specified speed. 3. Increasing the size of the existing entry signage to large at East and West ends and to also include the speed limit and the word "village" below West Melton - wording again as a measure to slow traffic. 4. Further investigation into safer pedestrian crossings.
60	Individual submitter	I think we still need lights, people roll through the stop signs
61	Individual submitter	[REDACTED] Both of us drive confidentially and carefully. We use the West Melton shopping centre on a daily basis and frequently drive into the city. We find the corner very hazardous certainly between 7 and 9am and again 4 to 6pm. Both crossings and turning right we take our lives in our hands. When the main West Road is very busy we often choose to turn left at the Preston Downs corner to gain access to the main West Road to travel into Christchurch. We strongly support changing the speed limit to 60km that our of preference for the safety of people and children that traffic lights are installed there.

62	Individual submitter	I would like the speed limit down to 50km and can the limit go further down past the Sandyknolls corner. As that intersection has had fatality accidents there in the past two years. There is a bend on the road there that makes visibility not very good and there are a lot of vehicles using that intersection. In school hours there is a lot of vehicles using the West Melton/Weedons Ross Rd Intersection. And very dangerous to pull out onto main road. Turning left or right from West Melton Road is extremely dangerous. I thought traffic lights or roundabout. There are traffic lights down by MacDonalDs and very little traffic compared to our intersection. Your help is appreciated.
63	Individual submitter	I travel through this section of State Highway 73 at least twice everyday, and am in favour of a speed reduction as proposed. However reducing the speed will not improve the visibility problem for the traffic turning right into WM and Weedons Ross Rd at busy times of the day. When traffic coming from the direction of Christchurch is turning right into WM (shopping, town, school) they block the view of right turners and the WM/Weedons Ross Rd corner, (who are travelling from Darfield) who are unable to see traffic coming towards them in the left hand lane travelling west. Reducing the speed alone will not elevate this daily challenge, so please continue to look at the safety of this intersection as it is particularly dangerous at certain times of the day. Many parents of preschoolers use this intersection at busy times and regularly comment to me [REDACTED] about their concerns about this portion of the road.
64	Individual submitter	You extend the slower speed a few more metres past Iris Taylor
65	Individual submitter	Firstly the speed should be reduced to 50km per hour not 60km. This reduced speed should commence further towards Tech at the beginning of the Wilfield Subdivision. There are residential properties which border this this road with a simple post and rail fence in place. This is a risk for occupants in the area. At present there is no safe place for children (and adults) to cross this main road. In addition traffic lights should be put in place at the Weedons Road Road intersection. It is very difficult to turn right toward Tech at this intersection. This needs to be a controlled intersection with lights and to ensure that residents can cross the road safely. This intersection is a hazard with truck and trailer units coming from West Melton Road trying to enter West Coast Road or continue down Weedons Ross Road towards the alps. The straddle all lanes - can't turn right due to the traffic on West Coast Road coming from both directions. They block all lanes which mean that you can't even drive down beside them to turn left onto West Coast Road. For a town of this population (and growing) road safety is paramount and safety controls need to be put in place urgently in this area before someone is seriously hurt or killed.
66	Individual submitter	It needs to be considered if there are safer options for this intersection at Weedons Ross Rd/Main West Coast Rd. I believe the safest option is the installation of traffic lights. Due to the volume of traffic on these roads (which will continue to increase), a decrease in speed limit will not make it any safer to use the intersection. As a regular user of the intersection, I now at peak traffic times turn left off Weedons Ross Rd (heading north) onto the Main West Coast Rd and then go through Preston Downs subdivision to access the West Melton shops and I

		am aware that others do the same to avoid dealing with traffic from both directions. I also fear for the safety of pedestrians crossing from the West Melton township to the Community Hall, particularly school children and teachers/helpers. Reducing the speed limit to 60km/h will still make using this intersection feel like a game of russian roulette.
67	Individual submitter	In my opinion, speed isn't going to have any change on the rash decision making being made at the Weedons Ross - West Coast Rd intersection. And the rash decision making is what is causing the accidents, not speed. Changing the speed will only change the damage caused. There is often simply no gaps whatsoever and people get frantic trying to get across. Or in the case of turning right from Weedons Ross onto West Coast, people get frustrated with every gap they get, left turners from the Settlement get to take due to give way rules. Also the Give Way from West Melton Rd to join that intersection is going to be what kills someone, most people coming down West Melton Road don't even pause to check Weedons Ross is clear before continuing, they just bowl right through
68	Individual submitter	Yes, a re-design of the intersection (roundabout or lights) should be considered as a longer term solution, due to greatly increased volume of traffic. Residential development on south side now means much more traffic turning right across the main road to head into Chch. In the meantime, this is one of the few speed reduction proposals that I support.
69	Individual submitter	I agree with lowering the speed limit, but this does not address the difficulty in crossing the Main Rd, from Weedons Rd and West Melton Rds, maybe lights could be the answer, as the traffic is increasing daily. Also I suggest at Sandyknolls and SH73 cnr a change should be made after a recent death, another a few years ago at the same site and another many years before 3 houses before the corner travelling from Darfield. The 2 near the corner seemingly were affected by the curve in the road, as they carried straight on into the fence on their right coming from Christchurch. I heard the sound of both crashes, both were midnight or later. A very sudden thud and silence. One went to sleep while driving, the other a motorbike, seemingly, went out of control after hail and rain. This corner is very dangerous if people aren't aware and needs to be seriously considered. Double yellow central lines may help, more road lights around the bend, not just one, and a lower speed limit. A change to be made by widening the cnr was considered many years ago, please readdress this.
70	Individual submitter	The changes are appropriate and possibly overdue. They should be implemented ASAP.
71	Individual submitter	Speed reduction zone not long enough. Drivers tend to only start to slowly reduce speed at the sign. As a result traffic is dense at the intersection.
72	Individual submitter	The bend in the road at the intersection restricts the view of crossing traffic. Especially during sunset.
73	Individual submitter	Make it 50km/h it will allow a safer speed around the main intersection and help cars to get in and out of Weedens Ross road safer with more time able to judge car distance better.

74	Individual submitter	It is a good idea to reduce the speed down to 60km/h. But the corner needs a roundabout or straighten the road up so there is no bend in it. I for one would not use the stop I drive through Pretons downs on to Weedons Ross Rd.
75	Individual submitter	It's not just the accidents to consider, it's pedestrian safety and in particular children. There are large subdivisions on both sides of SH73 which require children to cross both ways every day to get to school. The community centre is also on the opposite side to the school , more crossings, with children being one of the biggest users.
76	Individual submitter	Please put lights on the intersection of Weedons Ross road and SH73. This will reduce the risk of accidents far more than reducing the speed Down SH73 by 10kmh. Anything else is negligent.
77	Individual submitter	I think it needs to be a wider area. There is an increase in people crossing the road from Wilfield to the village side of SH73. Just reducing the speed will help but a slightly wider area would make this safer as well
78	Individual submitter	Changing the speed limit from 70 to 60 is not enough. A start maybe but it does not change the fact that 5 roads converge and with that the uncertainties for all except those on SH73. My suggestion - Melton Road be CLOSED. Traffic light installed. If Rolleston can have 2 sets on SH1 which carries a lot more traffic, we need 1 set. Because of all the redevelopment of the motorway on SH1 there will be a lot more traffic on Weedon Ross Road. Our corner will be a bigger nightmare!
79	Individual submitter	Please make it longer, in the east where the wilfield subdivision starts and in the west past the end of pretons. This would mean people are actually going 60 by the community centre
80	Individual submitter	██████████ support the lowering of the speed limit on SH73 at West Melton from 70 to 60km/h. Watching young children try to cross the road to get to school and run the gauntlet every morning while cars zip past doing 80+ km/h is horrifying. Please lower the speed limit and consider introducing some kind of crossing or lights.
81	Individual submitter	(No comment)
82	Individual submitter	Reduce speed to 50kmh as INTERIM measure until traffic lights installed - 60 kmh helps, 50kmh is even better as lower speed allows opportunity for safer right turns & pedestrian/bike access. Install oversize triple "posts" either side of road at East/West entry points creating "gate" effect with psychological cue to SLOW down in this area (cf entry to Ngatea & Te Puke). Install signs on "gates" saying West Melton Village... "village" implies people live in/around the area. Position permanent SIDs at intersection & all entry points. Install traffic lights at intersection with at least one set of pedestrian activated lights.
83	Individual submitter	Rigidly enforce new 60km. I would prefer 50km. ██████████ to have 76 speed reduced by bulbous plantings both sides of the village etc and asking the traffic police to do more speed camera work. I say reduction would be helpful however: After regular observations over 20 or 50 years I observe not one in ten actually stop at the compulsory stops.

		<p>They roll through! - very dangerous!</p> <p>The traffic department have let us down by not monitoring those compulsory stops. All you need is an observer in the chavel carpark radioing to a police patrol car down the road. Parking a marked car nearby is useless.</p> <p>The main fear I have is of many deaths if an out of control vehicle plunges through the churel carpark when it is full of people (or BP carpark etc). Remember a heavy truck and trailer unit if out of control.</p>
84	Individual submitter	<p>Speed is also an issue but also: Increased volume of traffic from. 1. population growth. 2. Access to motorway extn. Installation of traffic lights at the intersection of SH73 @ Weedons Ross Rd is an obvious solution. And a necessary one. This could include pedestrian/cycle ways. Thus increasing safety for all in the community. Long overdue.</p>
85	Individual submitter	<p>This is an increasingly busy area/junction, I'd be very happy to see the speed limit reduced.</p>
86	Individual submitter	<p>Speed limit reduction is a good idea but more is needed. Because of the slight bend in SH73 visibility is difficult when crossing SH73 driving from the north. Cars and especially bigger vehicles parked at the south side of the BP block the view to the west. School buses stopping on the north east side of the intersection block the view of traffic approaching from the east. There are also issues on the south side of the intersection where vehicles trying to cross SH73 or turn right block the space needed for vehicles trying to cross SH73 or turn right block the space needed for vehicles trying to turn left. My recommendation is to take a wider look at the safety needs at this intersection. It is busy and getting busier and difficult to negotiate with lots of children in the area.</p>
87	Individual submitter	<p>I am happy that the speed limit will reduce from 70km/h to 60km/h, however it is enforcement of this speed limit that is needed. Almost all the trucks and most cars don't abide by the current 70km/h limit, so I can't see them dropping another 10km/h unless there is a real deterrent. [REDACTED] Weedons Ross Rd that is supposed to be 60km/h, but very few vehicles do this. Unfortunately the biggest obstacle to safer roads are arrogant drivers. The proposed 60km/h speed limit on state highway 73 does nothing to address the increasingly dangerous intersection of the state highway, West Melton Rd and Weedons Ross Rd. There is more and more traffic piling up at this intersection because of the explosion of subdivisions in the area, and a real solution needs to be found, instead of solely relying on drivers to slow down.</p>
88	Individual submitter	<p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED] Reducing the speed will only make minor improvement and increase my travel time getting across the intersection. The real issue is driver behaviour and huge volumes of traffic. The only significantly improve the safety of this intersection is to put traffic lights in - which the community has been campaigning for a few years. Lights would also make it safer for kids in Wilfield subdivision to cross SH73 to walk/bike to school. It is disappointing lights still aren't being put in.</p>
89	Individual submitter	<p>Extend the zone further west towards Darfield. The speed zone change from 100KMH is too close to Iris Taylor ave and it makes it dangerous to pull out, reduce to the in and accidents happen there.</p>

90	Individual submitter	Automated traffic signals to improve safety would be preferable.
91	Individual submitter	(No comment)
92	Individual submitter	Excellent idea as long as that is as far as it goes and no further
93	Individual submitter	Right turning traffic turning onto SH73 will not be effected by the speed limit. NZTA needs to install lights or similar to manage traffic turning right onto SH73 and traffic on Weedons Ross Road crossing over SH73. This is a significant hazard and will only get worse with completion of the motorway including Weedons Ross Rd interchange. There are many residents north of SH73 trying to get to the motorway clashing with east/west SH73 traffic.
94	Individual submitter	I am definitely in favor of dropping the existing 70km to 60km however I am very critical of a single step drop in speed from 100km to anything less than 70km, a 30 km change. I believe there should be two steps with a 100km to 80km 500m further out. This allows drivers to see the speed change and slow down safely without having to brake heavily.
95	Individual submitter	As Weedons-Ross Rd (south of SH73) and West Melton Rd are already sign posted at 60km, making SH73 at this intersection would make for consistent speed limits apart from the northern section of Weedons-Ross Rd (BP School and shops section) which is appropriately 50km.
96	Individual submitter	I support reducing the speed limit as proposed. However, am concerned at how this will be enforced and monitored. Suggest rumble strips to slow traffic. The SH73/Weedons Ross intersection remains busy and dangerous. It requires a managed traffic solution i.e. traffic lights to reduce risk. There also needs to be safe pedestrian crossing on SH73 which could be implemented in conjunction with traffic lights. Otherwise there should be an underpass for pedestrians under SH73
97	Individual submitter	(No comment)
98	Individual submitter	Consideration should also be given to: 1) The poor visibility for drivers approaching the Weedons Ross Rd/SH73 intersection from the West Melton School. Vehicles parked on the BP forecourt can prevent drivers seeing traffic approaching from the West on SH73. Parked vehicles on the roadside west of the BP entrance on SH73 can also cause visibility issues. The 'no stopping' yellow lines could be extended west from the BP entrance perhaps? 2) Preventing school buses picking up children on SH73 outside the church. This is a very dangerous practice being on a the State Highway and at a busy intersection with enough visibility issues already 3) Installation of a pedestrian crossing - although I realise this may mean the installation of traffic lights at the intersection. This would, however, solve the speed issue at same time.
99	Individual submitter	Commercial or public areas with pedestrians relatively high density residential. To me this looks like s suburban density area that justifies a 50km speed limit. 50km alerts drivers to pedestrians 60km does not. 60km simply is not really a change from 70km. West Melton is expanding with proposed development that will double the residential area. This is a complex junction that needs pedestrian safety across SH73 from Wilfield to the

		commercial area and primary school already, never mind the future. Traffic signs with pedestrian crossings are needed. There is a lot of right turning vehicles at this junction.
100	Individual submitter	Very happy for the speed limit to be lowered to 60km/h as our children cross SH73 to get to West Melton School
101	Individual submitter	Improve the control at the Weedons Ross intersection with sh73. 60k speed limit won't make the intersection any easier to use especially with increased traffic from expanding subdivision and exit/entry from new southern motorway.
102	Individual submitter	The western limit should in my view be extended at least 600 metres from Weedons Ross Rd. Living in [REDACTED] I see that 470 meters is insufficient slowing distance before the Iris Taylor St exit is reached. Too many vehicles are still travelling at speed when reaching this point. Vehicle braking noise is also quite intrusive.