

# Have your say

## PUBLIC CONSULTATION

### 10 August - 10 September 2021

## Safe Speed Review - State Highway 8 (SH8) Tekapo

We want everyone who uses our roads to get to where they're going safely. To save lives and prevent serious injuries one of the best things we can do is to ensure speed limits are safe and right for the road.

Speed increases both the likelihood and severity of crashes when they happen. Most crashes are caused by a number of factors, but even when it's not the cause of a crash, speed is most likely to determine whether anyone is killed, injured or walks away unharmed.

Tekapo is located halfway along the popular tourist route from Christchurch to Queenstown. Tekapo is growing and is now a destination in its own right. More housing, commercial and tourist developments have been constructed in recent years and more are anticipated.

As a result, more people are visiting Tekapo and locals

are becoming increasingly concerned about safety along State Highway 8. Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency is aware the Tekapo community has been calling for reduced speeds in their township, to keep everyone who uses this stretch of road safe.

We have carried out a technical assessment and we are now proposing new speed limits along the road.

Formal consultation on the new speed limit proposals is required under the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits (2017). Before we make a decision, we want to hear from you.

### Have your say

Your feedback is important. It will help us understand your needs and if you think we have appropriately considered the transport needs for SH8 Tekapo.

**Feedback is due by 10 September 2021.**

### Here's how to get involved:

Complete our feedback form either online at [nzta.govt.nz/projects/sh8-tekapo](https://nzta.govt.nz/projects/sh8-tekapo) or

- use the paper form and mail in or
- email it to [sh8tekapo@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:sh8tekapo@nzta.govt.nz)

### Contact Details:

SH 8 Tekapo Team  
phone **03 964 2869**  
email [sh8tekapo@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:sh8tekapo@nzta.govt.nz)



## What we have heard:

We have talked to the community, council, the local police, AA and local businesses about the current speed limits in Tekapo. Concerns have been raised about the current speeds feeling too high to be safe. We have also listened to concerns about other safety improvements that would make this township safer for all.

## What we know:

Tekapo is experiencing rapid growth with further housing and business development underway and planned. Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency is aware the Tekapo community has been calling for changes to speed limits in their township as a result of the increase in traffic: including campers, caravans, pedestrians and cyclists.

In the ten-year period between 2011 and 2020, there were 41 crashes on SH8 in Tekapo. Five people were seriously injured as a result, and four incurred minor injuries.

## SH8 Tekapo proposed speed changes

The main changes we are proposing for Tekapo are to drop the speed limit through the central township area to 50km/h and to add an 80km/h zone to the west of the Tekapo township. Details of this proposal are outlined below.



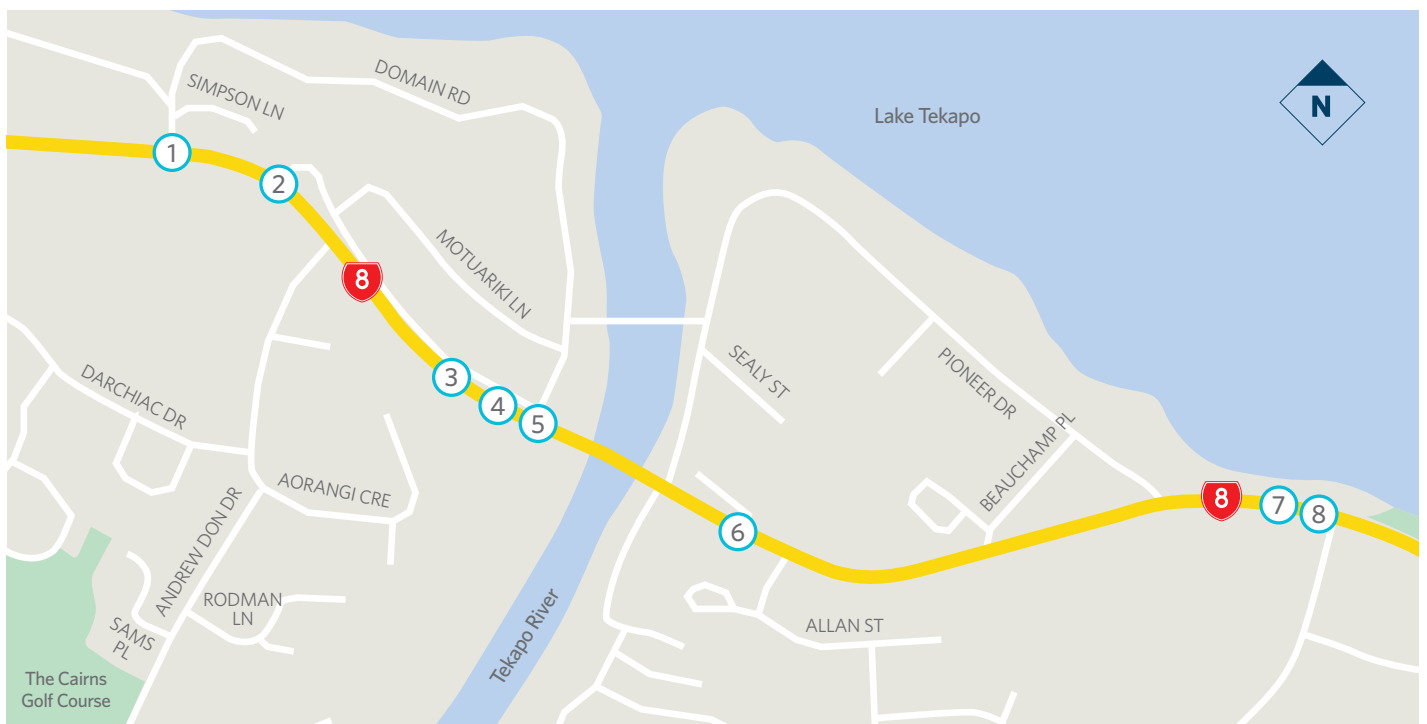
LOCATION	CURRENT SPEED LIMIT (KM/H)	PROPOSED NEW SPEED LIMIT (KM/H)
What we are proposing on SH8		
From 152m southeast of Lilybank Road to 31m east of Greig Street	80	No speed limit change
From 31m east of Greig Street to 170m west of Lakeside Drive	60	50
From 170m west of Lakeside Drive, to 84m west of Tekapo Powerhouse Road	100	80

## Safety improvements we are planning to put in place on SH8 at the same time are:

1. A new right turn bay into Lakeside Drive.
2. Extend the existing right turn bay into Rapuwai Lane.
3. A new pedestrian refuge (central crossing island) opposite Tekapo Adventures.
4. A new right turn bay into the Challenge Service Station.
5. Extend the existing right turn bay into Domain Road.
6. A new pedestrian refuge (central crossing island) and kerb buildout on the south side of the road opposite the school bus stop near Greig Street.
7. A new pedestrian refuge (central crossing island) and kerb buildouts on both sides of the road opposite the look out and parking area (midway between Pioneer Drive and Hamilton Drive).
8. A new right turn bay into Hamilton Drive.

As part of these improvements we will also be adding three new streetlights to compliment the pedestrian refuges and upgrading five street lights to create an appropriate lighting balance. All lighting will be designed to operate in accordance with the Dark Sky criteria for Tekapo.

Details of these changes can be viewed on the Tekapo Speed Review webpages [nzta.govt.nz/projects/sh8-tekapo](https://nzta.govt.nz/projects/sh8-tekapo)



### Drop-in and see us

If you would like to speak to someone from our team in person about the safety improvements proposed, **please come along to the Tekapo Community Hall at 8 Aorangi Crescent on Monday 30 August from 3.30 to 6pm**





**OUR VISION IS AN AOTEAROA WHERE NO ONE IS KILLED OR SERIOUSLY INJURED ON OUR ROADS.**

Everyone should get where they're going safely whether they're walking, cycling, driving, motorcycling or using public transport.

We need to create a safe transport system; one that recognises humans make mistakes and is designed so that these mistakes do not need to cost us our lives.

This requires a fundamental shift in how we think about, design, build and use our transport system – and every person using our transport system will have a part to play in this.

**The initial action plan includes further investment in roading improvements like median and side safety barriers, improving vehicle safety, a greater focus on road policing and a new approach to speed management, which will see us reviewing speeds around New Zealand.**

More than 3,200 people have died in road crashes in New Zealand, and an estimated 23,000 have been seriously injured over the past 10 years.

Those are staggering figures. They should horrify us. But people dying on our roads is not inevitable. We have the opportunity to collectively make New Zealand's roads safer.

Find out more about New Zealand's Road Safety Strategy here: [www.nzta.govt.nz/safety/what-waka-kotahi-isdoing/nz-road-safety-strategy](http://www.nzta.govt.nz/safety/what-waka-kotahi-isdoing/nz-road-safety-strategy)

## Speed review process

SPEED REVIEW STARTS

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.

ENGAGEMENT

We talk to local communities and stakeholders to understand how the road is being used, any safety concerns and get feedback on speed limits.

**→ 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

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.

**To find out more about this project visit:**

[www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/sh8-tekapo](http://www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/sh8-tekapo) or email [sh8tekapo@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:sh8tekapo@nzta.govt.nz)