

SH94 LUMSDEN SPEED REVIEW

Consultation submissions

#	SUBMITTER	LOCATION OF SPEED REVIEW	FORMAL SUBMISSIONS (Please note that in some submissions we have blanked out personal details that would identify the submitter)
1	Business	SH94 Lumsden	The AA Southland has considered the speed review for the section of SH94 on the eastern approach entering/leaving Lumsden. Based on the fact there is a level of community concern over speeds in this area (as noted in your flyer) and taking into account the undulating nature of this section of road, our consensus is that we can offer our qualified support for the proposal. While we can support the proposed 50km/h proposal we do qualify this by noting that 60km/h would be our preferred speed limit, which would be more in keeping with the road usage and still providing a graduated slow down for traffic travelling into Lumsden.
2	Individual	SH94 Lumsden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children at the two local schools on Maria Street with rolls of 250 ranging in age from 5-17 years-old. • New bike park on corner of SH94 and Maria Street where several children and adults go at all times of the day. • 70km now means they are still doing 70km/h in a residential area - not 50km. • Children crossing main highway in 70km/h area.
3	Lumsden School	SH94 Lumsden	The Lumsden Primary School strongly supports the proposal to lower the speed limit from 70km/h to 50km/h along the Eastern approach of SH 94 into Lumsden. Reducing traffic speed in this zone would lower the significant risk which exists around the safety of the children, who need to cross this road to attend school and return home. The fact there is a correlation between reduced speed and road user safety is irrefutable, and in this case, drivers driving more slowly would be more alert to pedestrian behaviour and have more time to take evasive action if necessary. Likewise, pedestrians would have more time to see traffic and make safer crossing judgements. Thank you for the opportunity to contribute as part of this consultation process, and I commend the NZ Transport Agency for identifying this stretch of road as an area for strong consideration in terms of Health and Safety risk reduction.
4	Individual	SH94 Lumsden	I think this a great idea, but I think it will still need the Slow Down Speed sign to remain. I see how fast traffic still goes coming into Lumsden from Gore.

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5	Individual	SH94 Lumsden	The limit should be moved further out and the road patrolled more by Police.
6	Individual	SH94 Lumsden	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to support this proposal.</p> <p>The unfortunate aspect of it, however, is the failure to address my main concern which is the position of the 100km/h sign at the top of the sudden dip as traffic heads east.</p> <p>The signs feature in the newspaper notification so I was very disappointed to note the omission in the consultation document of the possible cause of a potentially fatal accident. I was pleased to have been contacted by a NZ Transport Agency staff member who told me about this speed review. I sent them copies of correspondence covering the previous five years of frustrated attempts to resolve this issue. I can only assume that my correspondence has been completely ignored, and put that down to the continued failure to visit this site and see at first hand the problems faced by the households directly affected.</p> <p>.</p> <p>To address my concerns I request the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Shift the 100 km/h sign to the Lumsden township eastern Boundary at Stafford Street. (I know of no other township where 100km is permitted inside the boundary). *Extend the 50km/h speed limit to the eastern boundary. *A sign warning of a hidden entrance to the cottage at the base of the dip be placed where the 100 km/h sign is at present. * Remove the 85km/h speed signs from the corner at Stafford Street as they will be redundant. *Signs warning of a 50km/h speed limit as Traffic enters from the east to the new 50km/h speed limit need to be placed at a suitable distance from the boundary to allow for a steady reduction from 100 km/h to meet the new setting. *The extension of the 50km/h speed limit to the Lumsden town eastern boundary will slow traffic time by 29 seconds both ways. * Before any decision is made, I wish the Review Panel would visit the site, meet with all submitters, and also those who have other road safety concerns that are not addressed by this review. <p>I wish to speak to my submission.</p> <p>Second email:</p> <p>This government's emphasis on road safety is a golden opportunity to be proactive in in terms of protecting lives.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Shift the 100km/h signs to the Stafford Street, Lumsden from Boundary. 2) 50km/h signs to be placed some distance East from the Boundary warning motorists to slow down.

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			3) The new 50km/h speed limit from the Eastern boundary to extend to the present 50km/h signs near the Lumsden Primary school. There will be a reduction of travel time by 38 seconds under this new speed regime. 5) A warning sign be placed on the left side of the road, before the sudden dip, regarding the hidden entrance to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] property. 6) My concerns are shared by the wider community and we would welcome an on-site visit to discuss their many issues.
7	Individual	SH94 Lumsden	This governments emphasis on road safety is a golden opportunity to be proactive in terms of protecting lives. When you come to Lumsden remind me to tell you about Kemp's corner (resolved 34 years ago). I would like you to read his notes first as [REDACTED] is well aware of our concerns. I wish to request the following decisions be made. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Shift the 100km signs to the Stafford Street, Lumsden boundary. 2. 50km/h signs to be placed some distance east from the new 50km/h signs at the Stafford Street boundary warning motorists to slow down. 3. The new 50km speed limit from the eastern boundary to extend to the present 50km/h signs near the Lumsden Primary School. Note: There will be a reduction of travel time by 38 seconds under this new speed regime. 4. A warning sign be placed on the left side of the road, before the sudden dip, regarding the hidden entrance to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] property.
8	Individual	SH94 Lumsden	The drive into Lumsden from the east (from Gore) includes a couple of dangerous blind hills before the school zone is reached. These need to be taken into consideration when placing signage and traffic slowed. I've seen hard braking a few times in this spot. I'm happy to hear about the plans to slow traffic for the school zone and absolutely support the change. It should have been done sooner! Is there is anything else I would add? I think that you should consider a zebra crossing at the end of Maria Street to provide people (families and children) with a safe place to cross between the north end of Maria Street to the opposite side of Lumsden-Riversdale Highway. A lot of people cross here each day for school and the traffic is often coming through too quickly. There are even more children crossing this spot now that the bike trail has been opened at the north end of the school grounds. We need a safe crossing spot, which we do not have.
9	Individual	SH94 Lumsden	This proposal is inadequate and will be a waste of time. I often see vehicles, (and this includes trucks and tankers) driving past the flashing speed sign which is some 200m past the 50km/h sign. This means they are still travelling at least 60km/h an hour at this point. To expect drivers to slow sufficiently from 100km/h

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			plus, to just 50km/h will not happen. I would suggest that an 80km/h zone commence at the Stafford St intersection with a warning sign 200m (minimum) prior. This will give drivers sufficient notice and some semblance of protection to the residents in the hollow where the 70km/h zone currently is as they try to access their properties. The proposed 50km/h zone would be much more effective with this lead in buffer zone. What we really need is a police presence. No one cares because no one is ever going to be penalised for breaking the law. I have spoken to the local officers and they are not interested. "It's a traffic issue, we are in the policing department" is the bul [REDACTED] given. The fact that kids are trying to get to the two schools safely seems to be of no concern.
10	Individual	SH94 Lumsden	More enforcement needed. I have a view of SH94, the existing 50km area, and it is obvious that not many drivers observe the speed restriction. Hopefully a longer 50km/h zone will encourage them to slow down. Extend the 70km/h zone to the top of the rise adjacent to the last house on right hand side driving east. Put an additional '50km/h ahead' sign where the existing '70km/h ahead' sign is. Good luck, I hope it happens.
11	Individual	SH94 Lumsden	Extend the 50km/h zone to opposite the sub-station with a 200m 70km/h slow down zone prior.
12	Individual	SH94 Lumsden	I would like the 50km/h limit to begin on the eastern side of [REDACTED].
13	Individual	SH94 Lumsden	I don't see any reason why the 50km/h speed limit shouldn't be extended.
14	Individual	SH94 Lumsden	This is great news for the livelihood of locals and school children. However, I believe that the extension should continue further to the east to approximately the power sub-station as the blind dip just prior comes as a surprise to the driver who is accelerating to the east coast to 100km/h. Several times I have encountered vehicles slowing or stopping to enter a local residential property at the bottom of the dip or turning into the sub-station, the accelerating vehicle has limited options to be evasive, double yellow lines and no verge on the left side.
15	Individual	SH94 Lumsden	We fully support this proposal especially considering the highways close proximity to the primary school, and also giving thought to the high school students who often walk to school with ear plugs inserted.
16	Individual	SH94 Lumsden	[REDACTED], and during that time have had some very close accidents coming out of our driveway. We now stop and check to see of the road is clear. The cars can be hidden both sides and are doing 100km/h coming out of Lumsden. What we would like to see the 50km/h sign start at the 100km/h going into Lumsden and the 100km/h sign start at Stafford Road and 70km/h up to there.

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			Stafford Road is the end of the town boundary now. People going in and out of the cemetery need to be very careful also.
17	Individual	SH94 Lumsden	I support this whole heartedly but only wish that the remaining piece of road before Stafford St be set at 70km/h [REDACTED]. This road is the only problem we have with our property we have had to make another driveway part way through as the blind corner makes it impossible to see and with it being 100km/h zone there would be no chance for us to move or get out of anyone's way if someone was coming. Also, myself and my children cannot walk safely across the road to walk to school or town as both ways are blind. We have lost over 15 pets in the last 9 years - this may not be an issue for some, but for children growing up in the country it's a great loss. The area of road outside our property is totally blind from both sides and the speeds of the people travelling through is very high. With a 50km/h change I would hope this slows drivers to 70km/h never bothered them so I don't see it helping our situation or our two neighbours.
18	Individual	SH94 Lumsden	[REDACTED] in Lumsden and as such have a good view of the traffic passing my house every day. A large proportion of the heavy trucks passing my house are obviously doing significantly more than the 70km/h which is currently in place. As such pulling out of my drive I (and my wife and kids) take my life in my hands every day. On several occasions I have started pulling out of my drive only to have a truck coming over the brow of the hill doing 100km/h only a few metres from my almost stationary car! I have had several close calls doing this and I shouldn't have to accelerate madly to avoid a collision. Bringing the limit down would help with this situation although I suspect many operators will still flout the law and break the new 50km/h limit. I also have 2 children who attend primary school every day Children play close to the road with no substantial barrier between them and traffic still doing close to 100 km/h. I know of at least 2 children who now cross the highway egularly to utilise the new bike park at the primary school. These children should be protected with a lower limit.
19	Individual	SH94 Lumsden	I [REDACTED] many years of my life in Lumsden, so know of the dangers with this road leading to and from the east of Lumsden. I concur with [REDACTED] concerns and I request the following in order to provide a much improved safety situation for this area of Lumsden : *Shift the 100 km sign to the Lumsden township eastern Boundary at Stafford Street.(I know of no other township where 100km is permitted inside the boundary). *Extend the 50km speed limit to the Eastern boundary. *A sign warning of a hidden entrance to the cottage at the base of the dip be placed where the 100 km sign is at present.

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			<p>* Remove the 85km speed signs from the corner at Stafford Street as they will be redundant.</p> <p>*Signs warning of a 50km speed limit as traffic enters from the east to the new 50km speed limit need to be placed at a suitable distance from the boundary to allow for a steady reduction from 100 kms to meet the new setting. This type of signage is used on the eastern approach to Mossburn and I find it very helpful as a reminder.</p> <p>*The extension of the 50km speed limit to the Lumsden town eastern boundary will slow traffic time by 29 seconds both ways.</p> <p>* Before any decision is made I wish the Review Panel to visit the site, meet with all submitters, and also those who have other road safety concerns that are not addressed by this review.</p> <p>* On several occasions I have stood and taken photos of vehicles as they entered or left the township along this stretch of road. I noticed not only that the cars follow very closely behind each other, but also that their speed does not appear to reduce or be within the bounds of the legal limits. I feel that the moving of these signs as suggested here and adding new signs with warnings would hugely reduce the likelihood of an horrific accident in this vicinity.</p> <p>I wish to speak to my submission.</p> <p>He iti he pounamu. It may be small but it is very precious.</p>
20	Individual	SH94 Lumsden	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to support this proposal in principle but several aspects have not been addressed yet in my opinion.</p> <p>My main concern is the position of the 100km sign at the top of the sudden dip as traffic heads east. This means cars and trucks in particular are not in a position to be able to stop if a car is coming out of the driveway at the bottom of the dip- with the driver not having heard vehicles coming from the west- when there is no sight able to be used to judge the situation of on-coming traffic.</p> <p>I have been anxious when visiting [REDACTED] so I park opposite by the sub- station as I consider it too dangerous to park in their driveway and then have to take my life in my hands to get out of the driveway safely when I want to leave.</p>
21	Individual	SH94 Lumsden	<p>In response to the SH94 Speed Review submission form re the Lumsden - Gore road, we agree that this work be carried out.</p> <p>However, we would like to point out that the traffic coming and going along SH6 Lumsden to Queenstown and Te Anau, along Flora Road North, is worthy of having the same speed restrictions.</p> <p>There are very few vehicles using this road, who are obeying the 50km/h speed sign which is too close to the town. There are a lot more trucks using it now, and we often see speeding drivers using their phones as they pass our property.</p>

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			A 70km/h sign would be much appreciated on this stretch of road, plus the 50km/h shifted back from where it is. What is being proposed for the Lumsden-Gore highway would be ideal on this road also.
22	Individual	SH94 Lumsden	Extend the 50km/h out to the power substation, and move the 70km zone out past that
23	Individual	SH94 Lumsden	It's a great idea to reduce the speed limit to 50km/h, as this is an area that is regularly used by children to get to and from school, and to the popular bike park which is being used more and more as the days are getting longer. Seeing kids crossing the road when there are trucks speeding into town is scary and I feel we are just waiting for a serious accident to occur. Can I also suggest you consider adding a pedestrian crossing, with lights, to reinforce the idea and make sure that children can safely get to and from school and the new bike park.
24	Individual	SH94 Lumsden	<p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>The dip in the road has been filled in slightly. It was a very foggy morning, and I was lucky to escape with only a broken femur. However, since then, I have suffered back and pelvis trouble/pain. I am all for lowering the speed limit and consider it a necessity that is well overdue.</p>
25	Individual	SH94 Lumsden	I think that this decision is the wrong thing to do. The 50km/h limit should be extended to the substation, then from a 70km zone for a further 200 metres.
26	Individual	SH94 Lumsden	<p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>Can I ask why there isn't anything done about the speed at the northern end of the town? We have witnessed several accidents where traffic travels way too fast even a gas bottle delivery truck lost his load because he was travelling way too fast. Often the farm fencing is needing repaired because of cars not taking the bend at a safe speed. This end of town is just as busy as the Gore end where once again all the fuss is about. They already have a automated sign advising people of their speed we have nothing on our entrance to town. We get all the school buses and trucks heading down the road to the river. We have a lovely green space opposite our houses where children cross the road to walk across to school or to simply have a play on the grass reserve. Please can something be done about the high-speed traffic at this end of town too. My little granddaughter walks to school and back and crosses this crazy busy road every day. Thanks for your attention to our concern. I have spoken to police on several occasions after each accident.</p>

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27	Individual	SH94 Lumsden	There are two schools on Maria Street, and between 8.15am - 9.00am. There are many children crossing the main road (SH94) some as young as 6 years old. Vehicles are still travelling at 70km/h (plus) at the intersection of Maria Street and SH94. It is too fast for many of the younger children to judge a safe distance for them to cross.
28	Individual	SH94 Lumsden	Move the 50km/h sign to opposite the substation, (past the blind dip out of town). Make a 70km zone 200m past that point into the open road.
29	Individual	SH94 Lumsden	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Driver education, many do not appear to be able to read road signage. 2. Speed limits painted on road surface. 3. Extend 50km to sign at present saying 70km/h 250 metres ahead. 4. One death on present 50-70 area in last 20 years.
30	Individual	SH94 Lumsden	I fully agree to the proposed changes. Further proposal: SH6 approach to Lumsden from Queenstown extend to 50km/h zone out to Albion Street. At the southern end of Lumsden on SH6 extend the 50km/h zone out to Lanark Street. Vehicles travelling south accelerate to over 50km/h before they get to the threshold gardens.
31	School	SH94 Lumsden	Both primary and secondary school students cross this road. With the small hill on the way into Lumsden the sightlines are poor, and vehicles can appear very suddenly and travelling at 70km/h is too fast. We are fully in support of this proposed reduction for the sake of our community.
32	Individual	SH94 Lumsden	Extend 50km/h zone to substation. Extend 70km/h zone 250m east of the power sub-station.
33	Individual	SH94 Lumsden	████████████████████ I have never heard of an accident on that stretch of highway or even a near miss. In my opinion it will not make any difference to the safety of people/motorists. I have never seen an elderly person walking along that stretch of road let alone cross it. The speed limit into Lumsden from the south is 50km/h just before the truck company yard and I have seen numerous vehicles driving into Lumsden well over 50km/h until they reach Hero Street. Lowering the speed limit will not make people slow down. In my opinion it is a waste of time just like the no engine brake signs that are in place and read no engine brakes for 4 kms. what a joke, it should only be 1 km.
34	Individual	SH94 Lumsden	This is great. Other factors: How about extending 50km/h' speed limit on SH north of Lumsden about 300m out at the same time.

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35	Individual	SH94 Lumsden	There are several parents and young children who have to cross this road to get to the school.
36	Individual	SH94 Lumsden	Keep it status quo
38	Individual	SH94 Lumsden	Yes, we would like to see the speed limit extended. [REDACTED] A lot of traffic especially trucks do not abide with the speed limit. Another factor is when we are turning right off the main road onto Plantation Street coming from the Gore end towards Lumsden there is no shoulder to pull over on the left to let the traffic pass.
39	Individual	SH94 Lumsden	<p>Your suggestion does not in any way fix the problem. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] When driving home from Lumsden we abruptly disappear from following cars as we go down the dip. They are often accelerating hard so that by the fence they encounter almost stationary turning drivers. They then either brake heavily or do what they usually do – cross the double yellow line to swing past turning traffic. In winter this situation is made more dangerous by black ice caused by the shade of a line, of very tall pines on the northern side of the road. This ice often causes wheel spin when we leave to drive up the dip toward Lumsden. We have complained that the trees need to be topped to no avail. The only way to make this situation safe is to extend the 50km/h zone to the east. It needs to go at least to our property with a further 200metres slow down zone running east. [REDACTED]</p> <p>Again a 70km/h slow down zone should extend east from that.</p> <p>It is clear that whoever came up with the current suggestion has not visited the site. If they had, they would know better than to suggest this ineffective solution. The substation at the bottom of the dip is the site of massive electrical equipment. In the event a heavy vehicle is involved in a head-on collision the potential for a catastrophic explosion is more than concerning.</p> <p>My own tests show me that accelerating from the end of your proposed 50km/h zone toward the dip can easily result in 100km/h speeds before the brow, so!... no good is achieved by this proposal.</p>
40	Individual	SH94 Lumsden	To appropriately sign post further out from the slower speed zones that they are coming up. Question - does that mean the 70km/h will be pushed back further too?

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41	Individual	SH94 Lumsden	<p>Air brakes can be heard all over Lumsden especially at night from this stretch of road, very noisy and disturbing, something needs to be done about it. Signage perhaps. There needs to be proper pedestrian access from the corner carpark of the Lumsden toilet area across SH94. It is dangerous trying to walk across that road to the Memorial Hall side especially for the older people who live in the town. Great idea to extend the 50km limit on the eastern approach. The NZ Transport Agency might like to pay attention to our road through Lumsden town sooner rather than later as traffic constantly speeds through it. Night time specialties: tankers of all types fully loaded that shake our house foundations as well. Pedestrian access across our main street around the middle of the town needs addressing too. There is none! It is only a matter of time before someone is skittled on our main street.</p>
42	Individual	SH94 Lumsden	<p>I agree with the extension of the 50km/h zone. But would also like the 70km/h zone extended from the proposed 50km/h a further 250m down the road towards Gore.</p>