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Dear Sir/Madam

Waikato District Council Submission on Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency's proposal to set new speed limits on State Highway 1 between Hampton Downs and Tamahere

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the proposed speed limit changes.

Waikato District Council is in **support** of the proposed speed limits changes.

The proposal is to change the current speed limit from 100km/h to 110km/h between Hampton Downs and Tamahere once the remaining Hamilton section and all the necessary safety upgrades to the existing sections have been completed to ensure the whole route is of a same safety standard.

Waikato District Council understand that the expressway has been designed at a much higher standard than other state highways and have features that make it safer for travelling at higher speeds, therefore the speed limit may be set to a higher limit than other state highways

Waikato District Council also considers that advanced public information on the new speed limits including advice on driving at the new speed limits would be beneficial to the overall safety and efficiency outcomes Waka Kotahi are seeking

Yours faithfully

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

26 October 2021

Tēnā koe

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency is consulting under clause 2.5 of the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2017 on permanent speed limits for **State Highway 1, Waikato Expressway, between Hampton Downs and Tamahere.**

After the remaining sections of the Waikato Expressway have been upgraded, they will meet the design and safety standards for a 110km/h speed limit.

The table below outlines the speed limit proposals for State Highway 1, the various interchanges and on/off ramps.

The consultation period runs from 26 October to 5pm 23 November 2021.

Location	Current speed limit	Proposed speed limit
SH1 southbound. From approximately 650 m north of Hampton Downs Road overbridge to approximately 1.3 km south of Tamahere interchange (Airport Road).	100 km/h	110 km/h
SH1 northbound. From approximately 1.3 km south of Tamahere Interchange (Airport Road) to approximately 650 m north of Hampton Downs Road overbridge.	100 km/h	110 km/h
1. Hampton Downs Interchange	100 km/h	Southbound off-ramp: 110 km/h until approximately 130 m before the limit line. Northbound off-ramp: 110 km/h until approximately 100 m before the limit line and 80 km/h beyond this point, for the remainder of the ramp. On-ramps: 110 km/h from approximately 100 m before the concrete nose.
2. Te Kauwhata Interchange	100 km/h	Southbound off-ramp: 110 km/h until approximately 130 m before the limit line and 80 km/h beyond this point, for the remainder of the ramp. Northbound off-ramp: 110 km/h until approximately 200 m before the limit line and 80 km/h beyond this point, for the remainder of the ramp. On-ramps: 110 km/h from approximately 100 m before the concrete nose.
3. Rangiriri Interchange	100 km/h	Off-ramps: 110 km/h until approximately 70 m before the limit line and 50 km/h beyond this point, for the remainder of the ramp. On-ramps: 110 km/h from approximately 100m before the concrete nose.
4. Armitage Road	100 km/h	Off-road slip lane: 110 km/h until approximately 20 m past concrete nose. On-road slip lane: 110km/h from approximately 20m past Paetai Road.
5. Ōhinewai Interchange	100 km/h	Off-ramps: 110 km/h until approximately 160 m before the limit line. On-ramps: 110 km/h from approximately 100 m before the concrete nose.
6. Huntly Northern Interchange	100 km/h	Off-ramps: 110 km/h until approximately 100 m past the concrete nose. On-ramps: 110 km/h from approximately 100 m before the concrete nose.
7. Taupiri Scientific Reserve	100 km/h	Proposed 30 km/h within the Scientific Reserve carpark. Off-road slip lane: 110 km/h until approximately 100 m past the concrete nose.

		On-road slip lane: 110 km/h from approximately 10 m before the concrete nose.
8. Gordonton Road (Taupiri) Interchange	100 km/h	Southbound off-ramp: 110 km/h until approximately 110 m before the limit line. Northbound off-ramp: 110 km/h until approximately 130 m before the limit line. On-ramps: 110 km/h from approximately 100 m before the concrete nose.
9. Hamilton Northern Interchange	To be constructed	Off-ramps: 110 km/h until approximately 100 m past the concrete nose On-ramps: 110 km/h from approximately 100 m before the concrete nose.
10. Resolution Drive Interchange	To be constructed	Off-ramps: 110 km/h until approximately 110 m before the limit line and 80 km/h beyond this point, for the remainder of the ramp. On-ramps: 110 km/h from approximately 100 m before the concrete nose.
11. Greenhill Interchange	To be constructed	Southbound off-ramp: 110 km/h until approximately 150 m before the limit line and 80 km/h beyond this point, for the remainder of the ramp. Northbound off-ramp: 110 km/h until approximately 130 m before the limit line and 80 km/h beyond this point, for the remainder of the ramp. On-ramps: 110 km/h from approximately 100 m before the concrete nose.
12. Ruakura Interchange	To be constructed	Off-ramps: 110 km/h until approximately 80 m before the limit line and 60 km/h beyond this point, for the remainder of the ramp. On-ramps: 110 km/h from approximately 100 m before the concrete nose.
13. Hamilton Southern Interchange	To be constructed	Northbound off-ramp: 110 km/h until approximately 200 m past the concrete nose. East-West southbound link off-ramp: 60 km/h to Bollard Road Extension. Southbound on-ramp: 110 km/h from intersection with East-West southbound link.
14. Tamahere Interchange	100 km/h	Southbound off-ramp: 110 km/h until approximately 110 m before the limit line and 80 km/h beyond this point, for the remainder of the ramp. Northbound off-ramp: 110 km/h until approximately 70m before the limit line and 80 km/h beyond this point, for the remainder of the ramp. Northbound on-ramp: 110 km/h from north of Devine Road intersection. Southbound on-ramp: 110 km/h from approximately 100 m before the concrete nose.

Concrete nose: A concrete nose is found at the exit and entry point of on and off ramps. It forms part of the area that separates the on/off ramp with expressway through traffic.

Limit line: A line marked on the surface of the road, indicating the place where traffic must stop to comply with a stop sign, give-way sign, pedestrian crossing, school crossing or traffic signal.

For more information and to make a submission please visit www.nzta.govt.nz/WEX110

Ngā mihi



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