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Manawatū-Whanganui region speed reviews
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Tēnā koutou

Feedback from the Rangitikei District Council on the Manawatū-Whanganui region speed reviews

The Rangitikei District Council (RDC) thanks New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Manawatū-Whanganui region speed reviews.

RDC is a rural council with a large land area of approximately 4,900km².
Across our large district, we have an extensive local and state highway road network.

Two of the locations feedback is being sought are found within the northern part of the Rangitikei District; SH1 Taihape South, and SH1 Winiata Marae VSL. RDC has previously held conversations with St Joseph's Catholic School and Winiata Marae, and has supported their advocacy for the reduction of the speed limit along State Highway 1, near the location of these affected parties.

SH1 Taihape South

RDC supports the proposed reduction of the speed limit from 100km/h to 80km/h along this stretch of road, south of Taihape. This stretch of road is often busy at peak times, particularly due to the location of St Joseph's Primary School. This means there are large amounts of traffic slowing and turning, creating hazards for other road users. RDC believes that reducing this speed limit is an important action that will improve the safety of the Taihape community.

SH1 Winiata Marae VSL

RDC supports the proposed 60km/h variable speed limit on either side of Winiata Marae, South of Taihape. This stretch of road can get busy as it makes up part of State Highway 1, and sees large amounts of heavy vehicles every day. The type of traffic this road sees, combined with the lack of visibility along this road, makes it difficult to safely turn into and

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out of the Marae. A reduction in speed when the Marae is experiencing traffic provides a good balance of improving safety, while acknowledging that the Marare does not always generate significant traffic.

Ngā mihi



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