

Submission by

Hamilton City Council Staff

PROPOSED 2019 AMENDMENTS TO THE WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCIL SPEED LIMITS BYLAW 2011

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It should be noted that the following submission is from staff at Hamilton City Council and does not necessarily represent the views of the Council itself.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Hamilton City Council (HCC) staff welcome the opportunity to make a submission to the Proposed 2019 Amendments to the Waikato District Council Speed Limits Bylaw 2011.
- 1.2 HCC staff are supportive of the approach being taken by Waikato District Council in reviewing its speed limits in accordance with the New Zealand Transport Agency's Speed Management Guide over a three-year period.
- 1.3 The proposed changes have good alignment with the Hamilton City Speed Management Plan and are a positive step towards consistent and safe speed limits in the greater Waikato Region.
- 1.4 It is recognised that Waikato District Council has had significant growth in many urban and country living zones.
- 1.5 HCC staff are keen to see reviews of speed limits in these areas alongside the top 10 percent high-risk routes and intersections being implemented in order to reduce the deaths and serious injuries being currently suffered on the Waikato and Hamilton networks.

2.0 SPEED LIMITS BEING REVIEWED ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF HAMILTON CITY

- 2.1 HCC staff are therefore very pleased to support the proposed changes to speed limits in this area, which ties into the recent change made within the city to lower the speed limit to 60km/h:
 - River Road – Kay Road to 300m north of Kay Road – reduced from 80km/h to 60km/h.
- 2.2 Further to HCC's 9 November 2018 submission (refer [here](#)) requesting that the speed limit on Onion Road to be lowered, HCC staff are also very pleased to support the following proposed change:
 - Onion Road – from Horotiu Road to the district boundary (with HCC) a reduction from 100km/h to 80km/h.

3.0 REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF FURTHER ROADS IN NEXT REVIEW

- 3.1 While the proposed speed limit reviews being considered this year are fully supported, HCC staff would also request that the following roads be considered in the next round of reviews:
 - Gordonton Road – request a reduction to 80km/h. It is noted that there is a short section of 80km/h being introduced just south of State Highway 1B intersection. We would like to see this lower limit extended to the HCC boundary.

- Ruakura Road – request a reduction to 80km/h.

4.0 FURTHER INFORMATION AND HEARINGS

- 4.1. Should Waikato District Council require clarification of the above, or additional information, please contact Robyn Denton (Operations Team Leader, City Transportation) on 07 838 6910, email robyn.denton@hcc.govt.nz in the first instance.
- 4.2. HCC staff **do wish to speak** at the Waikato District Council hearing in support of this written submission.

Yours faithfully



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