

# **Submission to New Zealand Transport Agency** **Speed Limit Review**

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<b>TO</b>	Thames Community Board
<b>FROM</b>	Larissa Doherty - Community Coordinator
<b>DATE</b>	19 March 2015
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>Submission to New Zealand Transport Agency Speed Limit Review</b>

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## **1 Purpose of Report**

To ascertain if the Thames Community Board wishes to provide feedback to the New Zealand Transport Agency's proposal to change the speed limit on SH26 in Puriri.

## **2 Background**

The New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) has reviewed the speed limits on various state highways in the Waikato Region and the following change is proposed:

SH26 Puriri - extend the 70km/h speed limit 150m in a south-easterly direction from 250m south-east of Puriri Valley Road to 400m south-east of Puriri Valley Road. See map in Attachment A.

## **3 Issue**

For NZTA to change a speed limit it is required to seek feedback from various parties on the proposed changes.

If the Thames Community Board wished to provide comment it would need to be received by NZTA before 17 April 2015.

## **4 Discussion**

The proposed change to the speed limit was prompted by a request from residents following a loss of control fatal crash on 30 March 2013 located at 950m south of Puriri Valley Road.

According to NZTA extending the 70km/h speed limit to the crash site was not warranted under the Setting of Speed Limits Rule, but extending the 70km/h speed limit 150m in a southerly direction is warranted because of recent residential development in this area.

A point that the Board may wish to include in any feedback to NZTA is that there is no 'Welcome to Puriri' type signage and that this could be considered as a mechanism to slow traffic down as it enters the Village both northbound and southbound on SH 26.

## **5 Suggested Resolution(s)**

That the Thames Community Board:

1. Receives the Submission to New Zealand Transport Agency Speed Limit Review report.
2. Considers whether to provide feedback to the New Zealand Transport Agency's proposed change to the speed limit at SH 26 Puriri being:

Extending the 70km/h speed limit 150m in a south-easterly direction from  
250m south-east of Puriri Valley Road to 400m south-east of Puriri Valley Road.

3. Considers whether to suggest the installation of 'Welcome to Puriri' signage at both the northbound and southbound entrances to Puriri on SH 26.

### **References-Tabled/Agenda Attachments**

**Attachment A** *Letter from New Zealand Transport Agency*

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