

Rural roads provide access to rural land. They are the most common and diverse roads in rural areas. There is low levels of traffic and roadside activity from local people going about their daily lives. Some rural roads are important for freight, collecting dairy and forestry and other primary produce from their source, while others, where volumes of vehicle traffic are very low, can provide safe and pleasant recreational and tourism routes.

### **Safe and appropriate speeds for rural roads**

Most rural roads will have a safe and appropriate speed of 60km/h. However, to make sure there is consistency across the transport network, some rural roads may have a safe and appropriate speed of 80km/h if they are sealed and straight, or if any curving or winding still has a satisfactory width across the road.

Rural roads with a safe and appropriate speed of 80km/h must have a centreline, edgeline markings, and edge delineation such as edge marker posts as a minimum.

