

SH1 BALCLUTHA SPEED REVIEW

Consultation submissions

#	SUBMITTER	LOCATION OF SPEED REVIEW	FORMAL SUBMISSION (Please note that in some submissions we have blanked out personal details that would identify the submitter)
1	NZ Police	SH1 Balclutha	<p>Sorry I have been struggling to use the consultation form so have resorted to the email response. The following is the feedback that I have received from the District in relation to the Speed Reviews: New Zealand Police strongly supports safe driving speeds and this includes the setting of safe and appropriate speed limits. The NZ Transport Agency's proposed changes to speed limits on State Highway 1 sections in Balclutha, and Taupo Airport to Turangi, and State Highway 90 Tapanui are better aligned with safe and appropriate driving speeds on these sections of roads. There is good evidence that this will improve the safety of all road users on these road sections. Police supports the NZTA in improving road safety through appropriate speed management and continues to work alongside NZTA and other road safety partners to prevent trauma on our roads. Kindest regards [REDACTED]</p>
2	Local business	SH1 Balclutha	<p>We own the property at [REDACTED] which is adjacent to the [REDACTED]. For the last 40 plus years it had operated as an iconic 100% NZ made gift shop and stand alone Cafe. The business operated 365 day of the year catering to all customer types but particularly the bus Tourist Industry. Because of its location, amenities and generous parking spaces this was the perfect place to cater for the Bus travel industry.</p> <p>Currently we are in the process of redeveloping [REDACTED] for the purpose of re-establishing this vibrant business for the local and wider communities including the Tourism trade. The entrance to the [REDACTED] sight is subject to the same road safety concerns that have been outlined for the Rosebank Industrial Park businesses, their customers and their suppliers. For the purposes of road safety, the speed limit around and beyond the entrance to [REDACTED] definitely need more consideration.</p> <p>To the west of [REDACTED] there are passing lanes that allow speeds of 100 kmph up to and over the brow of the hill. Those passing lanes converge at the top of the hill, approximately 400 metres before the entrance to [REDACTED]. We believe extending the proposed speed restriction limit of 80 kmph to the brow of the hill 400 meters west of [REDACTED] would lead to a far safer road. This would also alleviate the temptation for drivers from the Balclutha end to increase their speed before the end of the speed zone as they wont be aware the</p>

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			<p>restriction is lifted until they are approaching the brow of the hill, which would incidentally be around a slow curved corner before the brow.</p> <p>The main concern here is that there is far more reason to consider road user safety at the Peggydale end of the stretch of road in question than is needed for the Rosebank Park entrance area. The Rosebank entrance and associated problems occur on that stretch of road where there is substantially more road leading to their entrance. The Peggydale entrance is more precariously situated at the current 100kmph end of that stretch of road and by default needs to be given more weight to the question of road user safety.</p>
3	Individual	SH1 Balclutha	I would like to see it dropped to 70km/h from the current 80km/h start to past the industrial area.
4	Individual	SH1 Balclutha	Yes, agree with the proposed reduction of reducing posted speed limit to 80km/h.
5	Individual	SH1 Balclutha	I agree with the proposed change as written above.
6	Individual	SH1 Balclutha	80km/h yes
7	Individual	SH1 Balclutha	Yes should consider 60km/h instead as there are a number of houses on state highway one south of Balclutha plus the new subdivision of McKay road and majority of them have kids that bike to Balclutha. Also a footpath all the way to Industrial site would be appreciated to get the walker and cyclists off a busy highway.
8	Individual	SH1 Balclutha	It's a no brainer safer for "us" and them. Some people are just "thick". People usually have to "work" and get to "places". Mind you I'm retired but have thousands of kms I love driving.
9	Individual	SH1 Balclutha	We want Clutha Bridge painted silver and bronze please. It would so much enhance the bridge which you have to pass everyday.
10	Individual	SH1 Balclutha	Is 80km/h slow enough for the limit? I think 70 would be better in terms of the ability of large vehicles to slow to turn and pull out of the park area at speed to match oncoming traffic. Otherwise we agree this is a good idea!

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11	Individual	SH1 Balclutha	My concern is the proximity of the end of a passing lane that ends on the brow of a hill and potentially a hidden cue as the 80km/hr zones is extended towards the south. Signage at the beginning of the passing lane notifying x metres until 80km/hr zone begins may help?
12	Individual	SH1 Balclutha	I welcome the 80km/h speed limit
13	Individual	SH1 Balclutha	But now, seems stupid to accelerate for such a short distance. Am happy to do 80km/h to our turnoff. But I feel in considerate if other are heading south behind me - vehicles.
14	Individual	SH1 Balclutha	No. It is a sensible idea to reduce from 100 down to 80.
15	Individual	SH1 Balclutha	Reducing the speed to 80km/h will also make it safer for traffic turning in/out of Kakaouaka road. It can be difficult at times, especially turning right from Kakapuaka reoad onto the state highway. Hollows Timber on Kakapuaka road is main reason many people drive on this road. Make it safer for everyone!
16	Individual	SH1 Balclutha	100km/h equally ridiculous when school children aren't allowed to access school bus services because they're too close to school. Expected to walk along SH1 with a 100km/h speed limit. 80km/h won't be much better!
17	Individual	SH1 Balclutha	Happy for this to go ahead. Would there be an exit lane for park traffic?
18	Individual	SH1 Balclutha	Yes, totally agree to extend speed limit to 80km/h further south past the Rosebank industrial park. 100km/h is way to fast near a industrial entrance and the residential homes along there too.
19	Individual	SH1 Balclutha	I think that the speed limit should remain at 100km/h. What's changed? Nothing. Why don't you do something useful and put no parking signs on the main road opposite Ayr street and fix a problem that is real.
20	Individual	SH1 Balclutha	Rosebank Industrial Park - We are residents of the above area and feel by extending the existing 80km speed limit zone from where it currently ends, will be a waste of time. The 80km speed limit where it starts is completely ignored apart from a few and when the police are about, when they all stuck to the speed limit. Whatever way they travel by the time they get to the Industrial Park they will be doing a 100km/h or more. We think you should change the 80km to a 60km where it starts then you may get the slowing down you need. Other than that, a speed camera!

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21	Individual	SH1 Balclutha	Support the 80km/h speed limit from McKay road to past the industrial park. After speaking to people who actually live along the road from Kakapuaka Road to McKay road. I support a speed limit of 70km/h
22	Individual	SH1 Balclutha	Good idea. Should save accidents but the speed most cars do going up the Rosebank Hill South would indicate perhaps that the extensions of the 80k speed would be ignored. How about a speed bump x2 at the exit of the Industrial area. Perhaps do both!
23	Individual	SH1 Balclutha	We do not wish for the extension of the speed limit.
24	Individual	SH1 Balclutha	Great idea.
25	Individual	SH1 Balclutha	I am definitely in favour of this change. We live at [REDACTED] which is supposed to be a 50km zone - it definitely is not the speed traffic travels on this stretch. This area could be better policed. I would hope by making the intended change traffic would already be going 80km if much longer, hopefully increasing the likelihood of traffic in my past 50km. With young children that want to be active and bike to school it's a really dangerous spot. I would also like to see signs up that show/measure your actual speed (similar to Matura) as cars possibly don't realise how fast they are going. This area of Balclutha has become much more busy with industrial and residential premises. I would also like to see the 50km area extended if this comes into effect. Planning also should be made for a cycle/footpath alongside the road to the industrial site now that this has become so busy with residential and industrial premises. It really is an unsafe stretch of road.
26	Individual	SH1 Balclutha	The 80km/h speed limit would be better to end at Te Houka corner rather than Rosebank Industrial Park. Lots of drivers speed up when they get to this corner to go through Industrial Park site.
27	Individual	SH1 Balclutha	Yes, we definitely agree that the 80km/h speed limit zone should be extended.
28	Individual	SH1 Balclutha	I support the extension of the existing 80km/h speed limit zone past the Rosebank Industrial Park.
29	Individual	SH1 Balclutha	Proposed new speed limit is still too high. Should be only 40-50kph at most. Not related but the speed limit (from boundary) down Essex street is too high - max should be 30kph down to bridge. Also there needs to be (and Rosebank road) a speed limit along James street on Heavy Vehicles. These have been calculated at high speed on some trucks etc. Essex street and Rosebank road have a sign (for heavy vehicles) saying no exhaust brakes for next 6ks. This is not being adhered to by drivers! I live on Essex street and late at night and early hours of the mornings trucks are not adhering to this. The speed sign needs to be moved down to the Balclutha sign!

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30	Individual	SH1 Balclutha	Yes
31	Individual	SH1 Balclutha	It sounds a very sensible idea to me.
32	Individual	SH1 Balclutha	Sign would go a long way to reducing speed (both ways) this could be alternated both ways on a regular basis. These signs do work. After 50 years with our own Transport Business, they catch your eyes, and have an immediate effect. Waihola Township also.
33	Individual	SH1 Balclutha	All state highways must be resealed as it is too patchy from all the road works.
34	Individual	SH1 Balclutha	More pull off areas on the side of the road, as we notice a lot of people pull over up here, to talk on the phone which is great! But there are not many areas to safely do this, without interrupting the traffic.
35	Individual	SH1 Balclutha	80km/h tick.
36	Individual	SH1 Balclutha	It doesn't matter what speed limit is imposed; the locals down here will continue to drive like complete idiots and speed, fail to indicate, tailgate and generally drive like a**holes! More police and speed cameras are what should be put in place!!
37	Individual	SH1 Balclutha	An excellent suggestion!
38	Individual	SH1 Balclutha	This speed reduction proposal is on a state highway which is intended and designed for rapid efficient transport of goods and travellers. councils are often allowing and encouraging ribbon like development of residential areas and industrial parks along our highway network, then the residents and industrial tenants press for speed limits past their premises to be reduced. if this is allowed to carry on, longer and longer stretches of our highways will come under scrutiny to have speed limits reduced, thus reducing the efficiency of our transport system, the proposed stretch of highway in question is a relatively modern section of highway designed and built for motorway speeds.
39	Individual	SH1 Balclutha	The fact that the Te Houka Road turnoff is so close to the south end of the proposed speed reduction so why not extend it to that intersection?? That might make it a bit safer for people turning into to Te Houka with the passing lanes coming north up 4 Mile Creek Hill.

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40	Individual	SH1 Balclutha	No, but think proposal very important & agree with it
41	Individual	SH1 Balclutha	I disagree with the assessment of the highway having undulations and curves and being a danger to cycle and pedestrian traffic. There is good visibility in both directions unlike the Te Houka intersection a few hundred metres along that highway that exits at the end of a passing lane with poor visibility. The highway runs almost due West so extending it South would not be viable.
42	Individual	SH1 Balclutha	The road is fine, the biggest issue facing NZ roads is Flushing. You are spending millions on guard rails and the road surface is flushed. You have now increased chances of head on collisions
43	Individual	SH1 Balclutha	As there is plenty of visibility at the entrance to this industrial estate when pulling out onto the main road, I don't believe that lowering the limit along this stretch of road will be of any benefit at all. Also the claim that there are new residential buildings along this stretch of road are false and definitely misleading
44	Individual	SH1 Balclutha	Leave the speed limit alone
45	Individual	SH1 Balclutha	I think the restriction should extend to the top of the hill where the Te Houka rd joins state highway one. I live on Hillcrest rd and its my observation that as vehicles crest the hill with its passing lanes and head down the slope to balclutha they carry too much speed as a result of not backing off after trying to maintain speed up the hill. As most drivers dont seem to slow for speed restrictions until they actually reach the sign, having the restriction close to the area that needs protection will result in most traffic still doing a 100km plus as they pass the industrial park thus negating the benefits of the restriction. On a more personal level it would make my life a lot less exciting, thankfully, when entering or exiting Hillcrest rd if traffic was travelling closer to 80km rather than the 100-120 km that currently is the case. Thank you.
46	Individual	SH1 Balclutha	I agree with the decision to lower the speed limit in the area as defined