

## SH30 Tikitere to Whakatāne Speed Review - Consultation Responses - February 2022

Response Type	Organisation (if applicable):	Are there any other factors that we should consider when making our decision regarding the proposed speed limit changes on State Highway 30?
Survey Response		Dont change anything. It's poor driving skills not speed that are the issue here
Survey Response		Get a life. You are taking the country back to the 50's.. All roads should be 100 or 110. Fix the roads a.
Survey Response		Yes - that people don't want these changes and that every single one undermines public trust in your cognitive abilities
Survey Response		It's not the speed It the conditions of the roads ...they disgusting state ☹️
Survey Response	BRINZ - Better Roads In New Zealand	Slower speed limits promote unsocial driving behavior and increase travel time, distractions, frustrations unsafe passing and slower speed limits won't improve driver competency or road maintenance. Reduced speed limits, reduced maintenance and a general restriction on drivers being able to travel at a safe speed of 100km/h will reduce driver engagement due to the lack of brain capacity required to travel at such a slow speed and so much slower than what feels appropriate for the human brain.
Survey Response		This is just crazy it takes to long as it is to get to rotorua with the low speed limits.i guess will just have to charge people more to do work over there. Good one
Survey Response		Yes
Survey Response		How bout the lack of maintenance of the road not the speed limit needing adjustment Driver education and roads being fit for purpose Whoever is getting the tenders to do repairs and Maintenance aren't competent in doing their job as any repairs if done don't last Potholes everywhere that cause damage to vehicles and people to swerve into oncoming traffic because the road is in such poor condition especially after rain the same patches of road blowing out Why? Because road not fixed properly in the first place From tikitere all the way through to Whakatane is absolutely shocking Your maintenance schedule for this road is poor and obviously not working Perhaps if roads were done properly in the first place and maintained to a high standard Instead of being looked after by muppets throwing a shovel full of mix in a hole every few hundred metres our roads would be in good condition and safe to drive Lowering the speed limits are only going to lead to frustrated drivers taking unnecessary risks and increasing fatalities and crashes Please spend the money on repairs and maintenance and giving your roaming Te sets to those companies that actually know how to build roads properly and maintain them
Survey Response		I believe that there is NO issue with the current speed limits, if anything it's ridiculous that most of these locations are not all 100km! If anything the issue lays in the state of those roads, the constant patch work here and there is not fixing the issue at most of these locations as they are not long lasting or sustainable fixes. Leave the speed limits alone and fix our roads properly!! Of course there are accidents on these roads but there are also accidents all through 50km speed zones in our central towns of Rotorua, Whakatane and Kawerau, it's the driver being either distracted or inexperienced but that's no reason to change the limits. People drive between town and town for work making say a 45 min to 1 hour drive between kawerau/whakatane and Rotorua even longer with these lower speeds would be a nuisance for these travellers!
Survey Response		Yes, the issue with speed on most of these roads are slow drivers with long lines of traffic behind them and people becoming frustrated and making unwise maneuvers. See this daily.
Survey Response		The danger is the difference between truck speeds and cars. If there was a 20k difference it would be easier to pass like in many overseas countries

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Survey Response		<p>I believe you should leave the speed limit as it is, it's already frustrating enough trying to drive from Kawerau/Whakatane to Rotorua and vice versa with the amount of 80km/h drivers. That's where alot of accidents etc come from in my opinion is the incompetent slow drivers because as you can imagine when you get stuck behind this type of driver it's the most frustrating thing ever which causes people to make risky overtakes etc. If people want to drive slow for whatever reason I don't mind as long as they are considerate of other drivers who are able to drive the full speed limits and pull over to the side leaving enough space for people to pass safely. On that note I believe there should be more push on slow drivers from the police as in if you go 10km/h above the speed limit you get pulled over, fined and demerit points deducted as we all know, I believe it should work for slow drivers as well, so if you're going below the speed limit say by 20 or 15km/h they should get pulled over and fined etc and told if they aren't confident to go the speed limit then don't be on the road or at least pull over into the shoulder etc creating a safe path for others to pass as it causes serious frustration amongst people who are confident, I'll say again if they pull over in the shoulder leaving room for you to pass safely then that's fine but majority of slow drivers aren't considerate and think they own the road and hold everyone else up. That's my opinion on the whole thing please don't lower the speed limit like I say it's already a struggle trying to travel on our roads as it is with slow drivers. I do believe they play a part in contributing to road accidents as I've seen people do some risky manoeuvres past them. Thank You for letting me put my 2 cents in, have a good day.</p>
Survey Response		<p>It is likely that people will simply travel the alternate route Whakatane - Paengaroa - Rotorua where they can do 100 ks and with that increased traffic including the increasing Opotiki mussel farm traffic there will be increased risk and deaths. Maybe consider reducing the speed on just the regular danger spots on the Whakatane - Rotorua highway.</p>
Survey Response		<p>Drivers fatigue, now drivers will be on the rd longer...</p>
Survey Response		<p>The speed limit should be 60 east of Lake Okatina Rd to west west of Te Uruma Rd so that it is a consistent 60 through this busy stretch of windy road and built up area round Lake Rotoiti from Curtis Rd to east of Tamatea St.</p>
Survey Response		<p>I drive this road every day as I commute to Rotorua for work and I see first hand the issues with the road. Reducing the speed will exacerbate the impatience of drivers on this journey. As it is there are minimal passing lanes, the road quality is substandard in many parts and there is poor signage for the difficult corners. Lowering the limits will increase travel time, for the logging trucks, freight trucks and commuters reducing productivity with no direct benefits. If speeds are lowered they will need to be policed to ensure compliance. If existing speed limits were policed adequately, that would encourage better road behaviour and help prevent the problems you are concerned about. 80 kmh is too slow for travel on the open roads of the Rangitaiki Plains and I don't believe will assist in reducing the accidents.</p>
Survey Response		<p>I support reducing the speed through the winding Rotoma hills, but all the other speeds as they are do not need to be changed. If speeds are lowered they will need to be policed to ensure compliance. If existing speed limits were policed adequately, that would encourage better road behaviour and help prevent the problems you are concerned about.</p>
Survey Response		<p>This will 100% cause more crashes with people getting impatient &amp; making dangerous passing maneuvers to get in front. This will cause alot more congestion on the roads as people will be taking longer to get where they are going, resulting in more cars on the road at any given time. Cars are safer than they have ever been, and if you want less road deaths, new zealand needs better driver training and testing to create safer drivers. Lowering the speeds doesn't avoid the crashes. I currently enjoy riding my motorcycle through this section of road and feel completely safe while doing so, but at the proposed speeds it just wouldn't be worth it to take that route. In conclusion I feel safe at the current speeds, and don't feel like they need to be reduced.</p>
Survey Response		<p>I believe that the current speeds are safe for capable drivers but we have serious issues on our roads with incompetent and dangerous drivers. The intersectional the Tauranga turnoff should be controlled by a roundabout and there should be more work to keep the road upgraded. I will be horrified if the speeds come down as per your review as it would seriously impact on my business effectiveness in getting to client meetings.</p>

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Survey Response		<p>Whakatane Town Centre services a large rural population. We also have shoppers coming from Tauranga and Rotorua for the weekend or weekday shopping. On average a large amount of our spending comes from over an hour away. By reducing the speed limit the travel time to Whakatane is lengthened and this will influence the customers of our town centre business to instead travel closer to home or to not travel at all. Lowering the speed limit will be another negative effect that our businesses will find difficult with Whakaari and the downturn in businesses currently being seen with COVID restrictions. While road death and injury are of utmost importance, our businesses are currently suffering and this would be another blow. Additionally, we would like to know how many of the deaths reported were suspected suicide.</p>
Survey Response		<p>As the name implies, a speed limit is a limit, not a target. Even on a day with perfect visibility and good traffic flow and/or low traffic volumes you are suggesting that it is unsafe to travel at greater than 80 kmph on any section of road affected. I strongly disagree that it is never safe to travel up to 100 kmph on any part of the journey in any conditions. Please explain how on the long sections of relatively straight road differ from other 100 kmph limited SH roads in NZ that also are bordered by farmland, e.g. SH27 between the Kaimai Ranges and Auckland. I personally drive this route often enough and drive to the conditions, along with the vast majority of the public. In the right conditions, I travel up to 100 kmph on practically all straight sections of road that are limited to 100 and this is how the traffic regularly flows. To reduce the limit will artificially impede the flow (especially where 60 is suggested), increase frustration levels and increase travel times. I do not think that the driving public have all been wrong and unsafe while travelling above 60 and 80 kmph on most parts of the route. One must always drive to the conditions and the conditions do often allow travel at 100 kmph. SH 30 is the main arterial route between Whakatane and Rotorua – it is not simply a leisurely holiday route irregularly frequented by tourists. Reducing speed limits for the whole journey and significantly increasing travel times will lead to significantly increased frustration by those of us who regularly travel the route for work and commerce. Frustrated drivers are prone to take risks. Between Whakatane and Kawerau is a significant route for work commutes. Traffic flow regularly exceeds 90 kmph on all 100 kmph limited roads. Reducing the 100 kmph limits here will significantly increase travel times for thousands of trips per day.</p>
Survey Response		<p>Referring to “SH30: From approximately 905m west of Morehu Road West to 120m west of Oxford Road.” This is a section of road that currently posted as 100 kmph speed limit/LSZ. There is one suggested advisory speed sign on this section of road – 75 kmph in one direction on one bend but no advisory if travelling in the other direction for the same bend. There are of course some hazards – for example a few side roads, a small part of this 4.9 km section of road is lined by trees and there are farms along this section of road (there is also a school 150m up one of the side roads, but not on the road in question). One could accept that there will be regular times where the conditions do allow drivers to travel up to the 100 kmph limit safely. To reduce the limit to 80 kmph on this section alone will therefore increase travel time by 44 seconds from 2 mins 56 s to 3 mins 40 s. A 44 second increase across 4.9 km of a roughly 71 km journey between Tikitere and Whatane does not bode well for how long and slow the rest of the journey will become.</p>

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Survey Response		<p>You note that “Between 2010 and 2019 10 people have been killed and 73 seriously injured. Most of these crashes have been head-on, run off road and speed related.” The Ministry of Transport defines speeding as “Speeding is defined as driving too fast for the conditions.” Large parts of the journey between Whakatane and Tikitere include windy roads that can also be relatively steep where at least one bend has a 35 kmph advisory. On these windy sections of road it typically not possible to travel near 100 kmph, however there are sections where is it safe to do so in good conditions. Being limited to 60 kmph on the straight sections of road in good conditions seems like the intent is to treat all vehicles equally and to the lowest common denominator, e.g. a horse float. One would be driving too fast for the conditions in a horse float even at 60 kmph on some sections of SH 30 but the same conditions would allow the average car to travel significantly within its limits at the same speed. Should the average car be forced to travel like a horse float or motorhome and not legally be able to pass a slow vehicle even if it were deemed safe by the current NZ road code (i.e. good visibility of oncoming lane with no traffic and not breaking the speed limit)? My recommendation is to install passing lanes and slow vehicle bays where necessary. I am sure you will agree that reducing speed limits is a fix rather than a solution, with the solution more likely to include driver education, well-maintained quality vehicles, and quality roads. Fixing the problem can be acceptable in the interim; however, I highly doubt anyone has any intention in raising any speed limits if the they are reduced in the near future and then the roads are subsequently improved. What plan and timeline do you have for solutions like improving the roads?</p>
Survey Response		<p>An example of reducing the speed limit not being a helpful fix is located in “SH30: From 530m west of Matahi Road to 2460m west of SH2/SH34 Kawerau Junction West” where the proposed speed limit is 60 kmph. At State Highway 30 GPS co-ordinates -38.062992, 176.632806 there is bend with no signage that really needs corner arrows on it at the very least. I have no doubt that an advisory suggested speed would be set to less than 60 kmph so why hasn't this been installed? I can see that between 2010-2019 there have been minor and non-injury crashes on this corner so the problem is real and a lack of signage would surely be a contributing factor. Setting the speed limit to 60 kmph there is less likely than a lack of signage at the very corner in question to be a contributing factor. If you are intending on performing the lowest-effort/cheapest fixes first, why not introduce more advisory suggested speeds? You to want drivers to avoid having to accelerate and decelerate often (why?), this is unavoidable however, as on the section “SH30: From 530m west of Matahi Road to 2460m west of SH2/SH34 Kawerau Junction West” when travelling west you will be going uphill and therefore on the accelerator a lot and conversely will be almost exclusively on the brakes when travelling east. This is unavoidable at any speed, so why use it as a reason to reduce the speed limit to 60 in this section? I not seem to have access to the same crash statistics as you do as I used Crash Analysis System (CAS) Data (nzta.govt.nz) as the number of serious crashes do not quite match yours, nor does it assign a cause of crash. Could you please provide this data and analysis? I believe there is a significant difference between driving too fast for the conditions and breaking the speed limit and crashing. Both of these issues require However, if you are trying to account for the lowest common denominator driver, I suggest that your proposed speed limit reductions do not go far enough.</p>
Survey Response		<p>To quote your speed limit review webpage “People take chances to turn onto SH30, and then wait in the middle of the road for a gap in the traffic” it suggests that you want to adjust the speed limits because people do not understand the road rules surrounding turning traffic. Expanding on the above quote, I am assuming that there is a median present in the middle of the road - otherwise there would be no “middle”, only left and right side of the road. One does not take chances by using the median, as its function is indeed to aid with the merging of traffic as per NZTA “provide a refuge for vehicles turning into and out of side roads or driveways”. Personally, I do prefer to wait for a gap in the traffic in both directions when turning right from a side road as I get beeped at far too often by uneducated drivers if I opt to pull out of the side road and on to the median as they assume I am going to pull out into them. So, as implied by “taking chances” is this road rule going to be scrapped? Or are you going to accept that drivers should not need to know the road rules? And if drivers do not need to know the road rule about medians, what would lead you to believe that they would understand/follow other road rules like speed limits? To paraphrase, I feel that saying one takes chances by using a median grossly misrepresents the issue or misdescribes another undocumented issue.</p>

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Survey Response		On a similar topic, where medians currently do not exist at side roads, I do recommend them and educating drivers on their use. You do recommend improving safety at side roads, but not educating drivers on your speed review webpage so I suggest including that as a recommendation.
Survey Response		I do agree with reducing the speed limit at the Rotoma lakefront where there are sandy beaches and vehicles regularly park along the sides of the road. This is a seasonal hazard that only occurs in summer so maybe a variable speed limit is appropriate? Likewise, introduce a variable speed limit near Lake Rotoma school if that will help.
Survey Response		I fully support the proposed SL changes. However, it is absurd that the Okataina-Te Urumahue sector remain unchanged at 80. This is a dangerous stretch of road with no pedestrian protection and blind exits and speed should be reduced to 60 in line with the rest.
Survey Response		Repairing the roads to prevent accidents first before deciding to lower speed limits. These changes will severely impact times travelling to airports, etc. we rely on road transport as no rail in this area so trucks need to be able to travel at a speed that is reasonable to deliver loads. Lowering the limits will create frustration which in turn causes accidents and road rage.
Survey Response		Hi there I agree with most of the proposals made. I understand changing speeds is a cost effective solution, so would encourage this be done in conjunction with longer term strategies, such as slow vehicle bays, medians to separate side of the road particularly within Rotoma hill itself.
Survey Response		Instead of 80kph between the two Kawerau turns off, I recommend that stay 100. This is one of the few passing opportunities with very straight roads (past Surtees). There are no slow vehicle bays going Rot>Whk direction (there is a short one going Whk>Rot just after the second Kawerau turn off). An alternative would be variable speed signs ranging from 100 to 80, and more slow vehicle bays. Travelling Whk>Kawerau each day at 6am the traffic often sits around 95-100kph. I acknowledge as traffic increases in both directions the average speed slows and passing opportunities decrease. I recommend variable speed between Awakeri to first Kawerau turn off (traveling Whk>Kawerau direction) with peak hours (8am-6pm) being 80kph, and 100kph out of that.
Survey Response		In the Rotomas (the hill), I recommend variable speed here. In winter 60kph would still be too fast. Some of the corners are poorly sign posted, with one not sign posted at all and the acceptable speed would be 80kph max. I recommend lake rotoma be variable speed, with 60 kph in winter, and 50 kpa in summer. There are a lot of people who park along the side of that road and with children everyone. It is scary how fast some people drive through there with people around.
Survey Response		Through lake rotoiti by te puna whakareia marae/rugby club straight, please double yellow line that straight (1269 SH30 is along that straight). We spend time there and it can be difficult to pull out of the driveway given how fast cars travel, but they see it as a passing opportunity. It does not feel safe to run along that stretch of road.
Survey Response		Our high fuel tax and RUC should be used solely on improving our road and not siphon off for any other purpose. Using safety as an excuse to lower the speed limit and not improving the road is unacceptable. I feel the speed limits are adequate and by lowering them it will cause more frustration and more risk taking.
Survey Response		I actually think those places that you have suggested 100 would be more appropriate at 90 kph. Otherwise I agree fully with the proposed speed limits. PLEASE, PLEASE, please put up speed camera's where you are making these changes. The fines are very low here compared to other countries and if we truly want to stop speeding we have to hit where it is most felt to get. the message across. I am a retired ED nurse and I feel very strongly about this.
Survey Response		Speeds this slow will create the problem of people taking unnecessary risk. Instead improved road maintenance would be a better option.
Survey Response		Fix the roads! I live on sh30 and the roads are terrible and have not been addressed. There have been minimal crashes cause by speed on this road it is other factor (under the influence) I feel that reducing the speed will only make it worse to drive on and take longer to get places. If you can't drive at 100km safely you should not have a license.

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Survey Response		<p>The state of the road itself, the lack of maintenance, barriers in poor condition and exactly how many people cross the road in certain areas. I drive this stretch of road during the week and on the weekend and at times covering both night and day. Apart from Lake Rotoma in summer, it is only on the rare occasion that I see people trying to cross the road elsewhere. Barriers such as the one by the Emery Store are in poor condition and have been this way for some time. There is also a driveway by this store which when it rains has dirt encroaching on the road and causing a hazard. Our property at Lake Rotoiti has a dip in the road which when trucks go over it causing a huge bang and shakes the ground at our property – over time this is getting worse. I have also noticed that the Lake Rotoiti Community Board has been pushing its members – us included, to support reduced speed limits in certain areas. This is a joke as the board is primarily made up of out of towners who spend only a nominal time at the lake. We spend time there throughout the year and are well aware of road users – both vehicular and pedestrian. The road is poorly maintained and this needs to be addressed by maintenance work and in places a new roading surface installed. I drive to the conditions and see no reason to change the speed limit and see this as a pen pushing exercise to meet an unrealistic target of zero road deaths. No thought has gone into this and other areas where speed limits have been lowered. The lower speed limits will only increase frustration and therefore the chance of an accident happening. NZTA does not listen to drivers and if they really cared about lowering the road toll they would improve the state of roads and provide more driver education. I guess the next thing NZTA will find all the straight pieces of road on this stretch and install barriers – that's the mentality of safety in its eyes. How about fixing the roads where the road has fallen away ie 3 places just after Waiotapu heading towards Taupo that have been like that for years or putting a wider bridge on SH 30 heading into Whakatane where multiple people have been killed or hurt. I guess this does not meet the KPI's given where as new road signs with lower limits does. Also gauge feedback on Facebook - this must tell you that people are unhappy or are you restricting feedback to those of us who have time and the ability to complete a submission. Get with the times</p>
Survey Response	FENZ	<p>Fix the road surface. I am an emergency responder and lived in Whakatane for thirty five years travelling this road daily to work in Kawerau and the road condition over the past 10 years has steadily declined. Very limited resurfacing over those years and cold patching of holes that lift as soon as it rains. I am not against the reducing of the speed limit for safety's sake but the condition of the road needs to be addressed as soon as possible.</p>
Survey Response		<p>I have been travelling this highway for many years. I gained fulltime employment working as a Patient Transfer Officer for St John in Rotorua August 2021. I travel from Otakiri to Rotorua Monday - Friday. I have no issue with the current speed limits. The problem is with the conditions of the roads (all NZ Roads). With my job I drive an Ambulance and drive from Rotorua to Auckland, Waikato, Tokorua, Putaruru, Whakatane, Tauranga, Taupo. Before gaining fulltime employment I was based in Whakatane travelling to Auckland, Waikato, Tauranga. Since Covid 19 Level 4 lockdown in 2020 drivers have become noticeable shocking drivers. It's not the speed limits that are the issue it's NZ drivers, slow traffic don't pull over, drivers pass in dangerous areas, towing vehicles forget the width of what their towing and cross centre line, drivers have become more impatient, or driving to road conditions. There has always been only one passing lane and that is heading up Tikitere hill, NO passing lanes for traffic heading to Whakatane. With this from home to Rotorua in 6 months I've not seen 1 Police out on roads ticketing these drivers. Lowering the speed limits will make no difference other than cause more accidents. Totally Ridiculous Proposal</p>
Survey Response		<p>The proposed speed limit reductions will have a severe impact on productivity for businesses and individuals that travel this section of road and I am concerned that the cost benefit ratio may not turn out to be favorable. You make the case that the proposition to lower limits is due to public feedback. I have read the public feedback from September 2021 and yes it does seem to advocate for the lowering of speed limits IN TARGETED AREAS, mostly near major intersections, schools, or areas with higher residential populations. You however propose to lower the speed limit of the entire section of SH30 from Tikitere to Whakatane, to me this is like using a sledge hammer to crack a nut, why not only reduce limits in targeted areas as your previous feedback suggested should happen.</p>

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Survey Response		<p>I am also concerned that the lowering of speed limits on good straight sections of rural highway in areas of low population may even result in more accidents and deaths. On the Rangitaiki plains for example a driver may decide to leave the state highway and travel on the adjacent rural roads where the speed limit remains at 100km per hour, and if the police don't patrol them as much as the SH the driver will likely end up travelling even faster than the 100km limit and on roads that are much rougher, narrower and without many of the safety features of the SH. I also wonder if an impatient driver who doesn't obey speed limits anyway may be more likely to want to pass others once the speed limits are reduced and traffic is travelling slower, increasing the risk of head on collisions, which you mention as being the major concern along with being run off the road. I would strongly advocate for some new passing lanes to be established. I feel that if a driver knows there is a passing lane coming up then they are likely to wait for that opportunity to pass rather than passing in a silly place or with oncoming traffic potentially resulting in a serious accident. I note that even with the many millions of dollars spent on safety improvements on this section of highway over recent years there is still only one passing lane between the hub at Whakatane and the intersection at Tikitere. So to sum up, please consider what the unintended consequences of lower limits might be and start planning some more passing lanes.</p>
Survey Response		<p>Maintain the road surfaces and damage better , Educate drivers on how to drive to conditions , More police patrols ( clamp down on slow drivers who cause driver frustration leading to dangerous passing ) . JUST LEARN HOW TO DRIVE PEOPLE..... , I have been driving these roads frequently for 35 years and consider myself to be a good driver and have not been in nor caused nor witnessed any accidents or incidents . Don't let the minority ruin it for the majority of good responsible drivers.</p>
Survey Response		<p>The current limits are fine as they are and should not be changed. The type of road dictates to the driving speed (lots of corners, cliffs and not many passing lanes). If anything the roads should be updated to enable more passing lanes or slow driving bays. This is a heavy truck route. Lowering the speed limit will likely cause more accidents as people will take more risk to overtake heavy trucks.</p>
Survey Response		<p>I agree with reducing the speeds in areas where there are major intersections, houses and school buses, however I feel that these should be variable speed limits based on the busiest times of the day. For example, the section of road from the Whakatane bridge to the Tga turnout I believe should have reduced speeds during the hours of 7.30am - 9.30am and 2.30pm - 5.30pm. However there is no need for the speed to be reduced outside of these busy times.</p>
Survey Response		<p>More money should be spent on improving the roads, fixing potholes, poor camber and poor intersection layout. Many accidents occur due to frustration of slow vehicles not pulling over and a lack of passing lanes. Reducing the speed will only serve to further frustrate drivers, as slower vehicles will still not pull over to allow others to pass (and there is a belief that only trucks are slower vehicles which is untrue). There are also a few impacts that I believe have not been factored into reducing the speed, and that is loss of productivity for drivers who commute regularly to Rotorua (commercial and personal) who will now lose working time (personal) as their travel time has increased, and/or will lose revenue in lost trips (commercial) being able to occur in a driving day. Also that the reduced speed limit and increased travel time will mean that people (like us) will choose not to travel to Rotorua for shopping/activities, instead travelling to Tauranga, which will mean an increase of traffic on those roads, and a loss of income for businesses in Rotorua. I believe that the focus should be on improving the roads and providing safe passing lanes to reduce frustration and accidents.</p>
Survey Response		<p>I live in Tikitere and drive to Kawerau/ Whakatane often. I can tell you already this is going to backfire! 99% of us a responsible and independent, we're not all 80+. Driving at speed is not the problem when one can assess the risk correctly. ( it comes down to education and training) I don't see a problem with the current speed settings. Changing the speed is not going to prevent accidents or deaths. It's the incompetence and inattention of some drivers. Maybe you should change the focus to driver education on how to prevent accidents.</p>

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Survey Response		<p>However, I agree to changing the speed limit in areas with lots of housing, around Lake Rotoiti, Lake Rotoma etc. The limit there is already 80 or 70, but could be 70/60. I do not agree to go lower on outside of these areas. It's a state highway after all, ment for people who travel from one city to another, not for people who live in big cities and take the bus to work. In all my years of driving this road, I have never had any problems. Considering the amount of cars/ trucks on that road, the accident rate is minimal. You're more likely to die of influenza than a car crash. You might want to cut down all the tress and move the powerpoles along the roads too, it's simply too dangerous! They could be in the way! And get rid of playgrounds, fence the beaches and lakes.... I guess you get my point. Life is a risk, getting up every morning could be dangerous, yet here we are enjoying all of these things. Driving is a part of life for most (often a necessity), but should also be enjoyable and not frustrating, as that can cause accidents too. Everyone I spoke to feels the same but didn't bother sending anything in as it's obviously a done deal already, as it's happening up and down the country! Sadly we're turning into a nanny state where everything is too risky, even driving on state highways. By the way, I also think the speed limit between Rotokawa and Whakatane turn off by the passing lane should be 100. Seems crazy to have a big wide road and not to be able to use it and it's not a highly populated area at all! If you really that worried about safer roads, maybe you should fix the roads first and have the roads in top condition, otherwise you might as well only import 50k/h cars! Thanks :)</p>
Survey Response		<p>Yes you should consider that two fatalities in rotoma were from 1. Suicide and 2. Medical ... You shouldn't lower the limit you should police the state highway 30. Dropping the limit to what you are proposing is rediculous, that's far too slow for the amount of housing on this stretch of highway.</p>
Survey Response		<p>Yes in agreement please lower those speeds for now accordingly as they are subject to change</p>
Survey Response		<p>Firstly I would like to have a grizzle about your communication process. I live on State Highway 30 and only found out about this review through a friend in Kawerau who received a letter in the mail, My neighbour was informed about this review from his barber in Rotorua. My work colleague who lives on the Main Rd Awakeri was informed from his brother who works at the Whakatane Council. Another associate who lives on Downward Rd Whakatane only just received a letter a few days ago, If this is as good as your communication process is then maybe you should have a good look at this first. As far as the speed limits go, I travel this Rd daily and I don't see anything wrong with the limits apart from reducing these around schools.</p>
Survey Response		<p>The road conditions are nothing but PATHETIC. There are pot holes everywhere, the road will get a patch job that is rough and generally the seal will lift in no time after resealing or repairing, The camber on a lot of corners is not ideal I have a motorcycle and our roads do not cater for motorcyclists yet our registration is the highest. (Maybe you trying to slow everyone down so they can dodge the pot holes safely) It seems like you always put speed as the top factor with regards to accidents, it seems like this is the easiest answer for you. We have a lot of unconfident and incompetent drivers and people who think it's ok to hold up traffic on the road, yet we don't deal with these issues instead we are going to slow everyone else down. We seem to accommodate incompetence, arrogance and stupidity and penalise all the competent drivers who just want to get where they are going. I suggest focusing on bad driving habits and incompetent drivers and better road conditions as I don't think speed is the issue. People will always speed regardless of speed limits so reducing speed limits on this main highway will only put more \$ into the Police infringements bank acc. It will not make our roads safer or in better condition. I would suggest your team that assesses the road conditions do it on a motorbike and then you will have a better understanding of how terrible our roads really are. I am self employed in the engineering industry and it is law for me to ensure myself and my employees are trained in heights, confined space and any other skills we need to do our job safely and have a current first aid. A refresher course is required every 2 yrs to keep this current. I would suggest this for driving as I see more people on our roads doing stupid things more often than speeding.</p>
Survey Response		<p>The number of logging trucks on this road which keep people at a crawl causing frustration. Need for more passing lanes to stop this. Remove road side barriers and create wider roads. The Thornton area is far more dangerous and no roadside barriers have been installed on those bad corners. Frustration on SH30 is just going to cause more accidents.</p>



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Survey Response		That is absolutely ridiculous this is not necessary one bit. All it will do is increase traffic and crashes as people will become more and more impatient. The crash rate is low. Instead of reduces speeds have more options to learn how to be a safer driver. I completed one with greg murphy something like that is much more beneficial then decreasing speeds. That is just the lazy option to a solution
Survey Response		We OPPOSE the no change proposed speed limit of 80kph Line 4 of the table. WE Support that this be reduced to 60kph due to the safety features listed below Our submission will be based on the substantial safety risks of: traffic which has increased in speed to 80kph continuing at that speed once they should return to the lower limit, over eager motorists will take the increase speed 80kph sign as a signal that they can overtake where it would be extremely dangerous to do so residents on this section joining and exiting the highway with limited vision and pedestrians sharing the road where there is no footpath or verge. we are a small community of Ruato Bay, but we can HIGHLIGHT that we at Ruato Bay LIVE right on the main road, we can assure that we are NOT holiday makers we LIVE HERE..... therefore have witnessed all the accidents in our small Village
Survey Response		The issue is around drivers who drive way too slow and dangerous. I commute between Otakiri and Whakatane every day, traffic is constantly held up by people doing 70kph or driving dangerous. This causes 98% of drivers getting VERY frustrated and forced to overtake. Reducing the speeds will not work and only cause more accidents.
Survey Response		The quality of the roads is terrible, potholes that have not been seen to for months. Better policing of drivers causing a danger to others by driving too slow is the issue. It does not take a rocket scientist to tell that most of these drivers are probably not licensed to drive legally, nor would the vehicles have up to date WOFs or Registrations.
Survey Response		I travel this highway frequently and my observations are: Too many trucks do not obey the 90km road rule. More passing lanes are required. More policing of the road and speed cameras are required. The majority of accidents have been caused due to drivers NOT obeying the current speed limits, lowering the speed is not going to change any of this. If drivers travelled at the current speed limits (including trucks on the open road) there would be far less accidents. The barriers that have been erected between Te Teko and Awakeri are a hazard for drivers wanting to enter properties along this stretch of highway and I would hope you are not installing more of them from Awakeri to Whakatane as this will cause further accidents.
Survey Response		Yes. The proposed limits are ludicrous. The parts of the road which are 100 are safe and largely straight. The extra congestion on the roads from trucks now having to go slower will cause way more accidents than the current limits as there are not many places to pass as it is.
Survey Response		I believe the speeds you have set out would be great, recently, driving around the Franklin district, a majority of the roads are 80ks and it seems to work well, sadly we will always get the idiots who drive recklessly
Survey Response		The road between the Tauranga turn off and awakeri should remain at 100. It is open, mostly straight, and has good visibility. Can you imagine trying to drive that road outside peak times at 80. Take a drive on it and think about it for yourself. 80 is just silly. How ever the 80km speed limit from Whakatane should extend out to the Tauranga turn off.
Survey Response		the road from Awakeri to the turn off to the Tauranga is very deceptive. It seems straight and flat but there are some slight dips in the road causing the driver to believe they have a clear road when overtaking, only to discover they are just about on top of on coming traffic so that road needs to be flattened. Also the intersection at Awakeri and the road coming from Edgumbe is diabolical to see any traffic coming from Edgumbe because there's a slight bend and dip in the road... these sorts of problems with the roads NEED to be dealt to regardless of the speed limit
Survey Response		You should focus on the state of the roads rather than the speed limits. Speed limits only help the honest, they make no difference if the roads are trash
Survey Response		there are far to many speed changes - alot of frustration at the moment is people traveling UNDER the speed limit and not being courteous enough to pull over and allow banked but traffic behind them go - this causes silly decisions to pass - perhaps more police presence to control these drivers - all i can see this many speed changes are going to escalate the problem. All I can see is abiding drivers getting tickets for not knowing what speed limits are as there are so many changes.
Survey Response		You need to look at bad drivers and not punish every body by lowering the speed limit.

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Survey Response		Frequent users already drive according to speed restrictions. More restrictions are unnecessary and to use 'safety' as an excuse to further restrict speed is grasping for straws. Put in speed cameras - job done.
Survey Response		Focus on drivers training. No licenses. Make roads safer. These reduced speed limits will make way for more unsafe overtaking and bad driving. 🙄
Survey Response		People already get frustrated with slow drivers in this area. Bringing the speed limits down is not going to prevent crashes. Fixing the roads as they are in VERY poor condition would be a better solution. Cars over the years have been made to be safer for us to travel in yet our NZ roads are appalling. Reducing speed limits through this area is going to cause a lot of frustrated drivers. Especially on the straight areas.
Survey Response		The speed limit are fine as they are now the problem is people can't drive to the conditions or stick to the speed limit
Survey Response		I travel part of state highway 30 each day and lowering it to 80ks i think will just cause more accidents, as it is there is hardly any accidents in my section i travel so don't see why it needs to change! I really hope it doesn't change just stupid!!!
Survey Response		Personally, I don't believe speed limits are going to solve this problem. Whilst a reduction might help it is more likely to cause frustration leading to unwanted or dangerous behaviours by motorists. The biggest PROBLEM is the condition of the road. It is appalling to say the least. There is no consistency in surfaces, repairs are only ever temporary (a waste of tax payer money) and the camber of the road is not consistent. Sort the road material and contractors and this will go a long way to reducing risk of accidents. Reducing speed limits is not the ambulance at the bottom of the cliff solution.
Survey Response		No don't change the speed limit the reason why there is crashes is because people get impatient following slower cars then boost it where they can it's a long ride as it is but travelling there daily will be torture at the proposed speed limits
Survey Response		1) Improve maintenance of road 2) Improve education of drivers - eg TV ads lights on when raining
Survey Response		3) stats of deaths include likely suicide 4) improve traffic police numbers 5) pilot survey which I was random participant was heavily weighted to speed differences and did not readily include any other factors
Survey Response		6) provide suitable places for vehicles to pull over to enable passing & education about use 7) change speed limit during heavy usage eg summer around lakeside rather than all year when low usage by people
Survey Response		Do not reduce the current speed limits. Continue to educate people on the dangers of speeding and being careful considerate drivers
Survey Response		I personally travel from the Onepu Bike Park end of Braemar Road to Whakatane 5 days a week. I leave at 8am from home and return from town at 5pm. I accept that sensible changes could be made to the speed limit without going to the extreme of having the maximum speed of 80km per hour. The road at these times leading up to the Tauranga turnoff at the Berry Farm is mostly quiet with low numbers of cars. Most times at the weekend the roads are empty, except for a few peak times like holiday periods. An 80km maximum speed seems very unreasonable for us travelling frequently and also in the weekends. At the times I travel, from the Tauranga turnoff by the Berry farm into town is congested and dangerous. I see sense here in moving the speed limit down to 80km/hour from say the Kope Drain Road. I agree with having the speed limit at 60km/hour approaching and through the Hub roundabouts.
Survey Response		Another place that can be dangerous is approaching the turnoff to Awakeri, at the stop sign opposite the fruit shop. Often there is a queue of cars which can build up for a few hundred meters. Also, just before this are a number of 75km corners. That part of the road beginning just before the Latham Hill track could benefit from being even 70km/hour. The road before and through the 3 intersections leading to Tauranga and Kawerau I think should also be 80km/hour. This is a spot where people take risks constantly. I always slow to that speed going through here. Apart from these areas, I feel that the speed limit should remain at 100 km/hour.
Survey Response		I travel from home to Rotorua once every 6-8 weeks. Again, I feel decreasing the speed to 80 km/hour is unreasonable and again there are places the speed should change. I don't understand why the road from 380m west of Lake Okataina Road to 650m east of Curtis Road is 100 km /hour at the present time. You get the 100km/hour sign and straight away, slow down to 75km/hour corners and a 45km hairpin. I think it should continue to be the same speed as around all of Lake Rotoiti. I also don't understand why the short section in the 4th section down on your list would be higher than the rest of Lake Rotoiti.

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Survey Response		I acknowledge that the road at Lake Rotoma is busy with people crossing the road from vehicles and homes to the lake front on hot summer days, so think this could be 60 km/hour or even remain at 70. However, Lake Rotoiti has far less people on the side of roads and crossing the road, so I think should have a speed limit 10 km fast than Rotoma, like it does now. In relation to the Rotomas, sensible and/or cautious drivers would not get much past a maximum of 70 Km/hour even at an open road speed limit but I do feel that a maximum of 60km/hour is again, unreasonable. I imagine people taking risks, people ignoring the new speed – also, how is that going to be policed? As I have already said, I think there are a number of changes that should be made and a number of changes that seem over the top. If drivers continue to drive defensively, the proposed change of moving 100km/hour speeds to 80km/hour will restrict and frustrate many people, increasing their travel times, which in my case is a 70km roundtrip commute per weekday. People who don't drive defensively and don't care about the people in cars around them will never change, that is the kind of people they will always be. Think about the lesser number of changes I have mentioned and I know a number of people including my family members who will be satisfied.
Survey Response		The changes on the open stretches especially are absolutely ridiculous. Are you trying to raque up sensible motorists by inflicting such draconian limits to cover up LTSA inefficiencies in making the road physically safe. I travel over this stretch very frequently and cover about 90,000km annually and I am alarmed that this is the only way LTSA tries to solve safety issues.
Survey Response		Too low, too many different speed limits. Just repair the damaged pieces of road.
Survey Response	Ngati Pikiao	OKATAINA RD TO TE URUMAHUE ROAD SHOULD BE 60.Should be 60km. PUNAWHAKAREIA MARAE IS INCLUDED IN THIS AREA AND HIGH SPEED PAST MARAE CAN BE AN ISSUE WHEN THE MARAE IS IN USE WITH A LOT OF TRAFFIC COMING AND GOING. It is also a bit stupid to speed up and slam on anchors at the corner to comply.
Survey Response		The average speed on this road is 59.1km per hour at present, refer google maps. The new proposed speed limits will increase costs 20% and reduced income by 20%. that a 40% different. This proposal will bankrupt the people trying to live and work using this transport systems. The extra costs will have to be paid for by everyone if they can find the food and good they need. This road is already a low speed section with more pothole than i can count. The last five years has seen the road surface become unfit for safe driving. You need to reconsider this proposed speed change.
Survey Response		Leave speed limits as they are Drivers have to start reading the road and conditions
Survey Response		I believe there only need change around schools, new built up areas for example Awakeri and Shaw Road (Whakatane)
Survey Response		Car are now have a lot more safety feature than they did when the speed were originally set eg air bags, ABS braking Travelling times will be increased significantly which will add to driver fatigue and driver irritation. There is also a lot more significant costs to transport companies which will add to the cost of living to the nz population.
Survey Response		I challenge the "What we know" part of this presentation, and find it uninspiring that lowering the speed is seen as the solution to create a safer road. It sounds as bad as a proposal, as saying that you'll have one side of the traffic drive backwards, to avoid head-on crashes. Please think about what the future should look like, how not only cars but also bicyclists might feel safe on that road and what needs to get introduced to make that a reality.
Survey Response		The turn off into and out of Shaw Road is particularly hazardous as the bridge over the canal causes the road to narrow so no filter lane in place when turning left into Shaw Road. Traffic too fast and too close when you are sitting in the middle of the road when turning right. This is now a residential area with a park, lots of parents with babies or young kids in cars making that turn into Shaw road. One fatality in the last year. Slowing cars to 80kmph is simply not enough.
Survey Response		Fix our roads they are thrid world conditions. How cars are getting safer and roofs are getting shitter
Survey Response		I am opposed to reducing speed limits as this will further delay transport, increase costs to operators, and have a flow-on effect on the cost of goods. Road improvement should be the aim.

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Survey Response		There is no easy solution to this problem, but lowering the speed limit is not the answer. Speed is obviously a factor, but the wider issue is aggressive and dangerous driving and I feel strongly (and there is some evidence to back this up) that reducing the speed limit only frustrates people prone to dangerous driving and exacerbates the problem. I think a concerted advertising campaign on the importance of defensive driving, better instruction for those learning to drive and even, counterintuitively, the removal of speed limits altogether would be more effective than the obvious yet misguided restrictions proposed. Regarding the removal of speed limits: it has been demonstrated that this encourages people to drive to the conditions rather than at the speed limit, promoting safer driving.
Survey Response		Absolutely. This road has been treated as one entity. In reality there are two very distinct parts. It is quite inappropriate to treat the whole road as a single entity. 1/ From Tokitere to the Western Kawerau turn-off is generally narrow and winding. Current speed limits vary widely and are quite inconsistent with normal standards or levels of development. here there is a need for greater rationalisation. While the 60 and 80 kph changes are a better rationalisation I do believe 60 is too low for most of these areas and 70 is more appropriate.
Survey Response		2/ The West Kawerau turn-off to almost Whakatane is generally straight with gentle bends and long straights. It is as open as any state highway in NZ. There is no justification for lowering the limits in this section. Other engineering solutions such as passing or slow vehicle lanes to avoid build-up behind slow vehicles would be much better solutions. From Awakeri to Whakatane There is also 11km which have a previous railway line adjacent to the highway. This railway reserve could easily be utilised to incorporate passing lanes or similar.
Survey Response		3/ I do agree that the section of Road from Whakatane Bridge to Gateway Drive should have the speed reduced from 80 to 60kph. It has always been quite ridiculous to have a speed limit of 80 KPH for 400metre between two round-a-bouts. I would even extend this restricted zone out to beyond Mill Rd as the SH30/Mill Rd intersection is horrific. I suggest that NZTA engineers closely observe the weird antics that occur every minute during morning peak at this intersection. In summary please do not repeat the Mistakes of Napier-Taupo or Northland and treat the entire route/region as one entity. Some deeper analysis is critical to recognise that one simple "cut the speed" option is not a realistic solution.
Survey Response		I believe the 10 people killed in these areas did not crash due to speed. Other factors such as reckless driving, drunk, distracted (from phones and people) and tired driving are contributing factors. Changing these speed zones is unnecessary and unwarranted. It will ultimately not change the death toll.
Survey Response		I think the proposed changes are far too slow. Many accidents are caused by people getting impatient with slow traffic and decide to pass. Having the traffic flowing at a reasonable speed seems far better than slowing the traffic down further.
Survey Response		There are a number of locations on SH30 Whakatane to Tikitere that should stay at 100kms. Approx 500m past Braemar Rd through to after the Kawerau intersection past the last straight before the Rotomas. The straight by Morehu Rd, Rotoehu. The Tikitere passing lane. These are some of the obvious ones. Similar situation with the lower limits. I don't believe this is realistic but I do support initiatives to lower the road toll. I observe most of the dangerous driving on this route from frustrated drivers stuck behind slow vehicles. There should be more passing lanes and slow vehicle bays. Perhaps seasonal conditions could be taken into account. For example, Lake Rotoma traffic is more congested over the Christmas/New Year period.
Survey Response		Road surfaces are in poor state of repair, vehicles are now veering into oncoming traffic because of large potholes on SH30, SH34 and SH2. Lowering the speed limit over the entire route will add cost to our freight companies which will be passed on to the consumer who is struggling as it is. I would prefer to see more focus on texting and people on their phones while driving as well as drunk drivers. I feel more at risk from them than from people driving at the current speed limits. I am strongly opposed to lowering the speed limits on this route other than around the schools. By the way we only received your pamphlet on this speed review by post today. Submissions closing tomorrow. That seems unfortunate. Thank you.

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Survey Response		Is lowering the speed limit going to cause people more anger and frustration about the length of time it now takes people to get from A to B and in turn will this embolden them to overtake more vehicles hence making our roads more dangerous to drive on? Is your goal to make roads safer to drive on or increase the dangers on our roads? The barriers that have been added in the last few years were supposed to make our roads safer, when in fact it has increased the dangers, I am a regular driver of these roads and there are more hazards to watch out for now that the barriers have been added
Survey Response		consider making driving licence tests harder to get..make it compulsory to use a trained driving instructor, bring back L plates for new drivers.. the roads just fine as they are, it's the driving that is the problem.
Survey Response		I have been driving these roads for over 30 years, and in that time the traffic volume has increased dramatically. The population has also increased, and a lot more people have opted to commute further for work. In that time, the roads have basically stayed the same, or actually deteriorated. Every time we have a decent amount of rain, the roads fall apart, littered with pot holes, and loose stones/gravel. When the temperature gets to 25 degrees, the roads melt, and fall apart, with people swerving to miss pot holes and gravel. Can't we make decent roads in this country anymore. We have roads made of patches, on patches, and when they are repaired, we get potholes, or stones peeling off even before the signs are removed. Pay peanuts, get a poor quality job ! ! More likely the government won't spend the money to build the roads up to the required safe standard, so lower the speed limits instead ! What a cop out by the bandaaid brigade. Leave the speed limits as they are, ( except around schools ) and bring our roading up to a standard that can accommodate the traffic volume, put in more passing lanes, so people can safely get passed slower traffic. People get frustrated following really slow traffic, then take risks to overtake, lowering the speed limit won't change that, more passing lanes will. That applies to the roads throughout the North Island. Tourists, and friends come to NZ, and say, "Wow, the roads over here are SH*T " They are correct, we are just used to putting up with sh*t roads.
Survey Response		I believe the proposal is warranted and hope it comes about. The roads are used by a variety of vehicles at various differing speeds due to the size of the vehicle and loads. Currently, through experience, I constantly witness cars overtaking other vehicles in dangerous maneuvers on blind corners and without adequate space ahead. Hopefully, with slower legal speeds, some of this would reduce, as it has elsewhere.
Survey Response		1. Lowering the speed limits will not slow down the idiot drivers that break the speed limits or drive dangerously currently! 2. The police presence monitoring and enforcing of the current speed limits and other road rules is totally insufficient to control the poor driving that is seen regularly on this stretch of roading. We see the odd police car at Lake Rotoma usually early in the morning for 1-2 hrs every now and then.....it appears they are they are there for a "ticket quota only" then they're are gone. There is no daily or long hours of police presence on this stretch of road ....
Survey Response		3. Lowering the speed limit will add to the frustrations many drivers have with passing trucks and slower than the speed limit drivers....ie drivers that wont drive close to the speed limits will not drive close to the proposed speed limits 4. Lowering the speed limits will not off set incompetent driving or poor driving skills or poor decision making in regards to passing on yellow lines, blind corners, built up areas, etc
Survey Response		5. Multiple Speed cameras should be placed instead of lowering the speed limits. 6. Lowering the speed limits at Lake Rotoma in the past has a proven record of not fixing the speeding problems 7. Poor roading and roading repairs need to be addressed before any attempt to lower the speed limits is instigated...in other words fix the roading! 8. In my opinion 95% cars are not the problem, nor 75% of the motorbikes or 80% of the trucks, so why lower the speed limits to try slow down the minority which have no regard now for speed limits, noise, good sensible driving. 9. Lowering the speed limits will add travelling time which will cause more frustrations
Survey Response		I agree with the speeds you have selected but how can you police them???
Survey Response	Whakatane Hiabs limited	Yes I propose you look into the condition of the roads before looking at reducing speeds. All the accidents were caused by speed yes but not at the legal speed limit all were because of speeding and a lower speed limit will not fix people's impatience or ignorance. The state of the roads is the biggest problem and there seems to be nothing happening about fixing the roads both SH and Council.

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Survey Response		I have no issue with lowering the speed limit around the built up areas of the lake. Awakeri and the teko, but the areas in between I do not see the need to lower the limit I or my colleagues have attended many of the incidents on these roads, of those I know about, being on the wrong side of the centre line, reading phones, and alcohol have been involved, at the lakes multiple suicides and attempts. If you remove these causes and excessive speed the incidents and deaths would be much lower
Survey Response		Yes The road is getting increasingly busy, would be a good idea to have a few slow vehicle bays particularly between Edgecumbe to Awakeri and Awakeri to Whakatane. There are big trucks, caravans and a exceptionally large amount of farm trackers that use this road. Also the intersection intercepting from the state highway and western drain road is extremely dangerous there is no space while waiting to turn other than sitting in the middle of the road. I agree the area at the Tauranga turn off is terrible and speed limit needs to be reduced unfortunately cars feel like this is a merging lane not a give way, they are always pulling out dangerously i must have a near miss on a weekly basis, perhaps making a merging lane or a stop sign could help? Quality of the roads are getting worse each year, one day of heavy rain and pot holes appear
Survey Response		I dont agree with lowering the speed limits as i think all that will do is make drivers impatient and lead to more accidents. Instead the road's safety should be improved by repairing the road surface properly and removing the dangerous wire barriers. I also would like to see more road safety education as i think the leading reason of accidents is drivers not paying attention.
Survey Response		The proposed reductions will increase traveling time to Rotorua considerably, with flow on effects for commerce and the general public. I am a motorcyclist and the state of the roads in this area are dangerous. Large potholes, bleeding tar, shiny patches and general poor road surface. If the same amount of money was invested in fixing the poor state of the roads speed reductions wouldn't need to be so drastic. I have lived in 3rd world countries with roads better than ours and reducing speed limits is just an easy way to address the problem. Stifle this country with changes like this and watch us go backwards. Fix our Roads before these limits. PLEASE. regards a concerned ratepayer and citizen of New Zealand
Survey Response		I received in today's mail, delivered at 10am your brochure regarding the above, I am dismayed that the close off time/date for feedback CLOSES tomorrow the 18th Feb, why are you giving many of the public just a 24hr window to respond
Survey Response		Yes there are quite a few you need to consider before reducing the speed limit. They are quality of the road surface, infrastructure of the actual road network and overall safety of the road. Impatient people will kill more people on the road, speed limits do nothing for this. You need to upgrade the current infrastructure, provide more safe passing places and crossing platforms. This is basic common sense than a quick option to reduce speeds that no one will follow. You are providing more strain on the police force to enforce your option here. No this is not a good long term solution you will cause more crashes.
Survey Response		Parts of the road are safe at 100 k. I have lived on this for 30 years and have never felt it was unsafe. Agricultural vehicles now are difficult to pass due to safety barriers. Now it will be difficult to pass them if drivers have to remain under 80 kms. 100 kms should only be driven if safe. Drivers should be allowed to use judgment. Were accidents caused by speeding by people over the limit and breaking the law? Changing the speed limit will not stop illegal drivers but instead cause congestion and frustration. Some slow vehicle passing lanes would help.

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Survey Response		<p>First some observations: 1. Where are the statistics about accidents and deaths on this stretch of road? 2. This is an extension of the side barriers that appeared a few years ago on the Te Teko – Awakeri stretch which made some areas more dangerous? We used to “do the Latham’s” which means walking the track and return to the car along the road from Awakeri springs 1.6km in the direction of Awakeri, since these barriers are there we stopped that, TOO DANGEROUS! Now we go halfway the track and then back and we are not the only ones, that second half is getting overgrown. 3. Your map is very confusing, you are referring to side roads that are not on the map what means you need another map to work out what you are on about. A lot of people will give up reacting to this survey. Why don’t you number the stretches and do this questionnaire again? On your website, can you define a “road” in a simple few words instead of an A4 page with a link? Some general questions: 1. Why do you want to limit the speed on a passing lane? To render them obsolete? 2. If the accident figures do not improve over the next 5 or 10 years, do you go back to the previous speeds and try something else, like improving the roads maybe, more passing lanes with the request to “let them pass” like in the old days? Or will you still be convinced that the dumb drivers are the bad ones, so we need to reduce the speed even more?</p>
Survey Response		SH30 -I numbered them L - R 1. Keep both overtake lanes on to Tikitere at 100km/h, up to Moose lodge.
Survey Response		2-4. Make Ruato bay all the way to the wishing tree 70km/h, don't jump up and down with the speed and create another 'Te Ngae road Rotorua' scenario, please.
Survey Response		5. Keep this 100 please, the only chance to overtake when there is no traffic.
Survey Response		6. Rotoma 60 is slow, good in the summer months but boring and making you sleepy most of the time, how about warning lights at busy times like those lights for school at Te Teko? That would be great!
Survey Response		7. I am confused why you call this Rotoma, we call it the Braemar stretch. Keep this 100 please, this road is easy to oversee and has again a passing lane, although it is labelled a “nothing” by the police.
Survey Response		9. Te Mapou, 60, fine.
Survey Response		10 + 12 A lot of people already drive 85 – 90 km/h and are setting the pace thanks to oncoming traffic, not a problem. I am afraid that with the 80 restriction they will end up going 70 or less and turn into moving obstacles.
Survey Response		11 + 13. Awakeri and The Hub at 60 is an improvement.
Survey Response		<p>When years ago Denmark increased the speed on the motorway from 110 to 130 km/h they expected an increase in accidents but the opposite happened, people were happy to drive 120 and hardly anyone was overtaking and that’s where the problem lies, all traffic at the same and constant speed is safer. Make sure it’s an acceptable speed and the roads are up to it first. In Drachten in the Netherlands the city centre had a high accident rate and restrictions would not solve it, so they simply removed them all; gone were the traffic signs, lights, zebra crossings and even the curbs, so no side walks either and people were paying attention to each other instead of the restrictions and the accident rate plummeted. I’ve been there, my sister lives there, and it is magic! A lot of European cities are copying it now. Suggestion: watch “Not just bikes” on Youtube.</p>
Survey Response		<p>My parents who live above the cutting and are over 70 and their friends who visit around the same age will be hugely impacted if the speeds out of or into Ruato Bay remain at 80. The 60 needs to be held in this area as it is already very dangerous for them to enter and exit their property and a lift in speed from the rest of the area will result in more dangerous conditions for them to live with. We want them to be able to live in the safe lower speeds as the rest of the area hopefully will change to. When we’re enjoying time visiting them with grandkids we’re also find ourselves 1) worried about safety being so close to roads with fast speeding traffic, 2) experience near misses when pulling out of the property into the blindspot up the hill from Ruato Bay, 3) we like to go for walks such as up to the bull ring and have close calls with speeding traffic as we walk along to the track or the dairy. The decrease in speed would be incredibly meaningful to keeping everyone safe and allowing the maximum enjoyment of the beautiful environment for our family and the community at large.</p>

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Survey Response		1 death per year on these roads is not a high number when you consider how many people drive in these roads per day. NZ transport agency needs to review the camber of the roads around these roads. They are very poorly tilted and in particular the roads at Gateway Drive coming up to the WHAKATANE bridge .
Survey Response		Along the straights around Te Teko and Awakeri these straights need to be two lanes, reducing frustration.
Survey Response		Reduction of speed limits mostly needed though there are a couple of spots that 100 would be ok. More importantly maybe consideration could be given to a roundabout. Thornton Road intersection with State Highway 30 one that I use frequently and regularly see near misses. Don't travel further out often enough to have a recommendation. Also State Highway 30 and Shaw Road is problematic with increasing traffic in and out of the new subdivision. Lowering the speed great but will also compound the problem for turning vehicles as there will be less turning opportunities. The area is likely to grow with future plans for likely four times more houses.
Survey Response		I have been driving this route for 52 years and I don't agree with the proposed speed restrictions. Yes, there have been deaths but if you look closely at the traffic movement, you will see that motorists, (often locals), don't abide by the speed limits anyhow. You only have to sit on the side of the road at Rotoma to observe this. What is needed on that section of the road are more passing lanes so that the slower drivers CAN PULL OVER AND LET TRAFFIC BEHIND THEM PASS! Then, the secret to getting the toll down is to police the road and traffic movements and apprehend drivers who crawl around the corners going up the Rotomas, then speed up and either pass you or sit on your tail when you are doing the speed limit around the lakes. In summary, I am 100% opposed to the speed restrictions proposed.
Survey Response		I travel along SH30 most days and the biggest issue I see is drivers getting frustrated at slow drivers. I don't know what the statistical data shows, I but I would guess a lot of the crashes are when people are over taking.
Survey Response		The other issue I see is the appalling state of the road. There are a huge number of pot holes and rough surfaces along this stretch of road and drivers swerve to miss these patches of road.
Survey Response		Yes don't do it
Survey Response		Speed limits are lesser the problem - the substandard condition of the road is where NZTA should be focusing - particularly at Awakeri. Constant potholes and half-assed repairs.
Survey Response		There are also very few passing opportunities along the Rotoma stretch, that causes driver frustration particularly when stuck behind large trucks. Create more passing lanes along this stretch - that will yeild better driver safety.
Survey Response		The stretch of road between Morehu Loop Road to Waitangi Soda Springs turn off MUST be kept at 100 as this is a straight stretch and often the only opportunity to overtake.
Survey Response		Yes, I think the proposal to reduce the speed limit in all areas will only make more drivers angry. A lot of near misses I've seen are to do with dangerously slow drivers (some driving as slow as 60) on a 100k road. If we were to Target the 'over cautious' I believe this could make a difference.
Survey Response		Think lowering the speed limit in pedestrian areas of great especially around the school in Awakeri but feel that reducing all of the roads speed limits will only create more problems not solve them.
Survey Response		Yes. From matahi road to Whakatane does not need to be 80km or less besides Te Teko. Should stay at 100. I am happy with the current speed limits that are set. I do not think they need to decrease as it is not going to stop the ones who want to speed
Survey Response		Please listen to the submissions and not just continue because you've already decided and are just consulting more as part of the process. The conditions of the road and the main type of traffic that uses the roads are bigger concerns than speed. I believe the road would be safer if there were more safe spaces to pull over or overtake. Lowering the speed limits may mean more risky manoeuvres and much longer drive times. A lot of people commute between the area and changing the speed limit will heavily increase drive time. In the summer, the increase in traffic would mean the drive time would at least double due to the change in speed limit.
Survey Response		I believe it's reasonable to change the speed limits in some places like by the schools or through Rotoiti and Rotoma because of homes and businesses. but not the entire distance. Please consider timed speed limits. I understand the speed limits have already changed in some places over the years and this has been not well adjusted yet.



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Survey Response		Agree Speed Limits be at proposed Changes..Also traffic Patrol cars made visible to enforce until Drivers adhere.
Survey Response		These proposed speed limit changes will make this road even more dangerous with people being impatient A large part of that whole stretch is 60km already so it seems pointless
Survey Response		SH30 Awakeri to whakatane is more the road. It is not level and very bumpy. Also traffic held by farming machinery
Survey Response		I totally agree with the new proposed speed li it's between Awakeri and the Whakatane bridge
Survey Response		The road itself needs to be cared for in a far better manner than it is right now, There are far to many pot holes un even tarseal, that are more of a danger than the speed of hte road, also what doesnt help is the stupid barriers that went up between Kawerau and Awakeri that stoped slow traffice being able to pull over ot let traffic past. Reducing the speed limit is not going to make anything better it will only cause more frastration on drivers travelling to and from work, and will take longer ot get to work, no only that the school buses will take longer they already catcht he bus at 7am already. Nothing needs doing regarding the speed on this road, fix the condition of the damn road first nad foremost. OR maybe I should start sending my bills for replacement tires to you guys for when I pop them finding a massive pot hole around a corner, or int eh dark after some rain. and fixing them properly not by just adding some stuff to the pot hole dig up the dam road and repair it properly.
Survey Response		I understand lowering speeds reduces serious injuries and possible deaths, but I think your proposed open road speed reductions will lead to driver frustration and risky overtaking decisions. I believe a better idea would be to make oncoming traffic more visible by nationally mandating daytime lighting (dip headlights, or fog lights, or daytime running lights). Even tree shaded road on a fine day makes dark painted vehicles difficult to see if you are looking to overtake, or move out of a side road. Lights on would also help pedestrians to judge their road crossing.
Survey Response		I love the idea of lowering the speed limits to 65, we have a property to the East of Ruato Bay and getting in and is extremely dangerous. I believe it should be 60k the whole way from Tikitere to Hongi's track. My son is 14 and will be learning to drive next year, in years to come he will be drinking in and out of out house. Right now with the speed limits at 80k it is too dangerous because there is a blind corner as cars come up the hill from Ruato bay. We are also a family who loves bike riding, we would like to safely ride from our house to Lake Okataina trails or Hongis track. Currently we do, but biking on the road with cars and logging trucks going 80k is not safe.
Survey Response		Hello, my family have a property above the cutting to the east of Ruato Bay. I have been luckily been able to stay here for holidays for the past 20 years. I often tow a boat to use on Lake Rotoiti. As we do not have direct lake access almost every day we travel from the property to the Gisbourne Point boat ramp. This stretch of road is currently 80Km and you propose to keep this the same while reducing either side to 60kms. Exiting and entering our property without but especially with a boat is incredibly dangerous with the current 80km speed limit as trucks and cars roar up the hill from Ruato bay heading east. It is impossible to turn right currently as the lack of view and current speed is too dangerous and it is only time before there is a major accident in this area. Reducing the speed to 60kms would greatly reduce this risk. I would strongly urge you you to reconsider your current plan and keep a consistent speed of 60kms along this fun stretch of Lake Rotoiti.
Survey Response		To whom it may concern, The lower speed limit of 60kph between Curtis Rd to Hongis track is excellent. It will be such a relief to have sensible speeds through our beautiful community. I do have a big concern though. The trucks have got bigger, heavier and faster. Our property is above the cutting, to the East of Ruato Bay. For years now we have suffered increasingly dangerous conditions when entering or leaving our property. Both manoeuvres are made awfully difficult by the speed of oncoming cars and trucks. Entering and leaving need to be done in haste as oncoming traffic cannot be seen because both ways are blind. Speed makes it doubly hard, so the slower the traffic the safer the manoeuvre. If the speed is left at 80 just for the area between Ruato Bay and Gisborne Point, traffic will speed up hugely creating even more dangerous conditions for all of us to suffer. So, my request is that the lower speed limit of 60kph remain uniform for the whole length around the edge of the lake. Another outcome of the lower speed limit will be a return to being able to walk places without the fear of high speed trucks thundering by. Life will return to feeling safe and all will benefit from it. 60k all the way!

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Survey Response		Having recently moved to NZ from the UK I find the speed limits often challenging to find , with these new changes I could only imagine it becoming even more difficult to know the speed ... in the uk speed signs are every 400yards unless they are a national speed limit - so if you don't see any signs and it's a country road you know it's national... This new proposal appears to be changing between 50 -60-80 and which is going to potentially catch out a few drivers not because they are intentionally speeding but just because it's not very easy to tell which speed the current road is... If you do go through with the proposal please can you either keep the speed limit somewhat consistent or try and put several more speed signs than you currently have to make it easier for the driver to see this.
Survey Response		I do not agree that the speed limit needs to be changed from the Tikitere Junction to Curtus road. As for reducing the speed limit From 100 to 80 from Teteko to SH2/SH30 junction and then SH/30 east is ridiculous. I reduction from the tauranga turn off to 80km is all that is required.
Survey Response		The rest of the reduction in speed around the lakes I agree with. All the rest agreed.
Survey Response		I travel this road regularly usually with a horse float and notice that cars get frustrated with slower vehicles and pass in unsafe areas. Having reduced speed limits will cause more way more frustration. A better solution would be to make more passing lanes
Survey Response		The upkeep of the roads. The current 100km areas from awakeri to kawerau junction are safe straight roads and should not need a reduced speed limits.
Survey Response		Consideration of roundabout corner of Tauranga turn off and SHW 30, Whakatane. Dangerous corner long over due consideration.
Survey Response		Lowering the speed limit will not make this stretch of road any safer, in fact it will do the opposite. People will become more impatient and do reckless maneuvers to pass other motorists. As it is many drivers go well over the limit, do you seriously believe they will suddenly follow the law of the speed limit drops? Our problems are with the horrendous state of our roads and with driver education. Fix those issues and things will improve
Survey Response		Lowering the speed limit from the Whakatane Tauranga turnoff to Awakeri is unnecessary. . Traffic flows well.. It is random driver behaviour that causes problems. The speed is often below 100km when there is traffic but when there is low volume of traffic 100km is fine. Pots holes that have been an issue of late will create more of a danger . Driver frustration will increase with lowering of the speed limits and the random irratic driver will take no notice of the new speed limit as they take no notice now. By lowering speed limits you add time and fuel consumption as vehicles will be running longer. Drivers will tire quicker as the trip will be longer and at a lower speed people will be less attentive
Survey Response		The speed limit from the hub to the Tauranga turnoff could be dropped to 80 km.
Survey Response		I drive this road several times a week. The current speed limits are fine. The only real issue on these roads or any road in NZ is impatient drivers and driver education. If we lower the speed limits we are going to have more people ecoming impatient and passing where they should not be. I do believe the intersection of mill rd in whakatane should have a round about as this intersection has people pulling to the center of the road and stopping. I would also support a round about at the intersection of state highway 30 and state highway 2 and having a lower speed limit from there to whakatane. But reducing the speed limit the rest of the trip between whakatane and rotorua down to 80 or 60kmph would have the reverse effect and cause more issues.
Survey Response		Too many drivers texting while driving & inattention is what I see as the main contirbuting factor to accidents on this road, not speed. Reducing speed limits won't change this problem. My mahi has me driving on these roads frequently, and have seen this. We need tougher penalties for texting while driving and better teachings of driving on our roads from instructors
Survey Response		No other factors should be considered, I support the speed being reduced to save lives.
Survey Response		No
Survey Response		Many people use this road daily (Whakatane - Rotorua). Lowering the speed limits will increase their travel time, adding extra stress to their workday. If speeds are lowered they will need to be policed to ensure compliance. If existing speed limits were policed adequately, that would encourage better road behaviour and help prevent the problems you are concerned about. 80 kmh is way too slow for travel on the open roads of the Rangitaiki Plains.

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Survey Response		Taking care through the Rotomas and around the lakes, especially past the houses and schools is important and maybe more sensible speeds on those parts of the highway would be appropriate.
Survey Response		I do believe that if you repaired the damage to the road that existed this would greatly help the situation. There is nothing wrong with current speed limit All that you will do by reducing the speed limit is to frustrate drivers Who then will take unnecessary risks Which will result in further roll toll deaths Please leave the limit as it's In my experience as a driver of over forty years who has driven all over the world the problem in this country is not the roads It's the driving ability..... stop teaching learner drivers to pass a test .... These them to drive correctly this will then reduce the road toll
Survey Response		Yes - variable electronic signage would be a more effective way to manage the road. Similar to SH29. Most of the time there is very little traffic on the road, hence no need to slow traffic. However this could be activated around holiday weekends etc. thinks that make sense achieve more buyin from the public. More data analysis needs to be done before a blanket speed reduction is enforced
Survey Response		50
Survey Response		Please change the speed limit :)
Survey Response		stop treating the speed as the issue, its the idiot drivers who dont follow the road rules that cause accidents and issues, changing the speed isnt going to stop them its just going to frustrate drivers even further into doing dumber things on the road and lead to more accidents
Survey Response		I think most of the speed limits along the route are okay as they are. Reducing the speed limits isn't going to stop people from doing stupid things on the road. In fact the accident rate might go up from people falling asleep.
Survey Response		The only parts I think should be reduced are from the Whakatane bridge to the Tauranga turn off (approximately 2 kms) and maybe 200 metres either side of the shops at Awakeri and the shop at lake Rotoma.
Survey Response		I feel that these proposed speed limit changes are a easy way out, a feel good response. I believe there is no problems with the existing speed limits in this region EXCEPT for the speed limit adjacent the "The Hub Whakatane" The cause of the accidents in rest of this review can attributed to 1. Lapse of attention, drivers getting distracted etc. 2. Poor driving skills, stemming from bad habits, not staying in own lane & bad road positioning. 3. Very poor & inconsistent road conditions. Reducing the speed limits will not fix any of the problems, however could make the 1st 2 points worse as drivers will have more time to look around, getting fatigue of not having to concentrate. I know myself I'm more likey to suffer from fatigue at 70kph than at 100kph. It's also interesting that cars have got safer with air bags, traction control, abs brakes etc. One would think that maybe the road speed should be raise. But no & rightfully so. Please don't reduce the speed limit instead of fixing the real problems, poor driving skills & attention of minority of drivers. Also increase spending more on the road surfaces. Putting barriers up are like putting an ambulance at the bottom of a cliff. New Zealand roads are becoming worse than some 3rd world countries. These speed reforms if they are carried will be similar to the gun reforms by punishing the good drivers who drive to the conditions, while the not so good drivers carry on still causing the accidents. DON'T TAKE THE EASY WAY OUT FIX THE REAL PROBLEMS PLEASE
Survey Response		As a resident of the Shaw Road subdivision near Gateway Drive roundabout on SH30 I cannot emphasis enough how dangerous the current turnoff into and out of the subdivision is. There has already been a fatality at this junction within the last few months and with the speed of vehicles approaching this blind bend it is in urgent need of review. A roundabout or some sort of traffic calming measure is a must here. I implore Waka Kotahi, as an organisation which places the health and safety of road users as its primary concern, to urgently put in place measures to eliminate this hazard. Thank you.
Survey Response		I suggest that they reduce the speed around the kura to 50km. (From Emery Road to just after the kura)
Survey Response		It will make people rush and will majorly affect people that commute everyday

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Survey Response		SH 30 Lake Okatina Road to Te Urumahue Road - the proposal of no change in the speed limit should not be the case - this piece of road should also be reduced to 60km as the proposed speed limits on either side. There are residential houses to whom access their properties from this dangerous stretch. The road is not wide enough to slow down and pull over safely. Having a speed limit of 60km and then increasing to 80km for a limited time and then reducing down to 60km can be confusing for motorists wondering what speed they should be doing - keep it consistent and 60km to save confusion and keep people safe!
Survey Response		We are not in favor of the proposed changes to speed limits as detailed in this document. My rationale for that is because: -Ever fluctuating speed limits may well cause confusion and an increasing frustration to drivers that could make them take unnecessary risks. -Alcohol and drugs are the major contributing factors in accidents, changing the speed limits will not alter this behaviour. -Speed although a factor is usually the result of inexperience or just bad driving, driver education would be a more useful tool. -Penalties for driving offences such as lack of seatbelt usage, or phones could be increased and on the spot fines given, confiscating cars for those who flaunt the road rules should be introduced. -Road conditions contribute greatly to the safety of drivers, upgrades/repairs should be a consideration before speed restrictions. -Manufacturers of vehicles include and produce comfort and safety for drivers, they do not cause accidents – drivers do!!! -Change just for change is not only penalising most safe and responsible drivers, whilst providing further to the frustration of those who are not.
Survey Response		No Speed reduction saves lives. Long overdue. Do it and enforce it!
Survey Response		Alternatively if roundabouts were installed at Huna Rd, Shaw Rd and Mill Rd, this would slow the speed of vehicles. These intersections are high volume and severe accidents waiting to happen.
Survey Response		For our district it would be better to have centre line barriers mitigations (from Te Teko - Whakatane) than roadside barriers as we have many farming vehicles that use these roads. I think for sure have from the Tauranga-Whakatane turnoff corner the speed should be 80km.
Survey Response		This is a ridiculous proposal. Travelling on this road is bad enough now with slow drivers, slow traffic and shocking road surface conditions which increase travelling times. I have been a driver for nearly 60 years and have travelled to and from Whakatane for work for 12 years. I have seen very few accidents on the road and believe most are the result of incompetent drivers or impaired by drugs or alcohol. Why should competent drivers be penalised because of a few. The proposed Mish Mash of speed limits is going to cause confusion with non local drivers and this will result in unfair fines. This is a mainly rural state highway and the speed limit should reflect this and remain as is. NZTA should be concentrating on upgrading the road surface from the current state of a 3rd world country road to a main highway as it is. Awakeri to Whakatane is in shocking condition and the patch ups which continue to occur only last 5 minutes. Rather than messing around with unnecessary speed limit changes, road improvement and policing of incompetent and slow drivers need to be priority.
Survey Response		I believe that the area of proposed speed limit of 60 be extended further west of the centre of the SH30/Gateway Drive/Phoenix Drive roundabout to include the turnoff to the Whakatane Board Mills and also include the turnoffs to the new Shaw Road Subdivision and further the the intersection of SH30 and the road to the Julians Berry Farm .
Survey Response		The changes should be consistent and logical. I am referring to the section from Moose Lodge to Hongi's Track. Having one km of road from 140 meters east of the Lake Okataina Road to 360meters west of Te Urumahue Road at 80km/hr is neither consistent nor logical. Most of that one km stretch is more windy than any bit of the road than any bit of the road from Te Urumahue Road to Hongi's Track and the last 100 meters includes the driveways of 8 houses and the entrance to Urenuku Marae. For the sake of safety and consistency this section should be reduced to 60km/hr Leaving it at 80km/hr will lead to dangerous overtaking and more accidents. To be logical and consistent the speed along the entire length of SH 30 from Moose Lodge to Hongi's Track should be 60km/h.

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Survey Response		Lowering the speed limit from the Kawerau turnoff to Whakatane is ludicrous. The road is not unsafe from this point. There are less corners and, in particular, from the second Kawerau turnoff to Whakatane, it is mainly straight. Additional safety measures have already been put in place with the lane barriers. Dropping the speed limit will increase travel time for a number of people who work in Kawerau but live in Whakatane and Rotorua. Vehicles are a lot safer now so please look at alternatives to reducing speed.
Survey Response		Maybe install a couple of passing lanes along this stretch of highway past Tikitere.
Survey Response		You should be considering the kura and Kohanga aswell as lol the marae along sh30
Survey Response	Ngati Pikiao	I support proposed changes, other than recommending a) 60km between Okataina and Te Urumahue, my rationale is this is a dangerous piece of road and have seen crazy people trying to overtake there. b) recommend the area around the Rotoiti kura be reduced to 50km. I'd like to add that I've lived here all my life and am disappointed it's taken so long for NZTA to acknowledge our concerns. As a kid we learnt the dangers of speed on our roads, we learnt to hide in the bushes as logging trucks swept rocks off the road hurting us, many car accidents etc.
Survey Response		Inconsistent speed limits are confusing and dangerous. You have 13 speed changes on that stretch of road proposed. This causes confusion and therefore frustrated drivers. Crashes aren't always due to speed, but due to impatience which I feel that these slow, unnecessary speeds may induce. -please consider using electric variable speed around schools for school time only -slow the limit in built up areas, such as past dairies and where boats are turning. -could you look at adding more pull over areas or passing lanes?
Survey Response		I think the proposed changes are ridiculous. There are no 100km areas at all, even in the areas where there are no recorded crashes and straight roads. I think the impatience of drivers will be increased with all these changes leading to stupid and dangerous roads rather than safer roads which you seem to assume the proposed changes will make.
Survey Response		Putting up speed bumps
Survey Response		Not that I am aware of - I am very much in favour of reducing the speed here
Survey Response		I travel between Whakatane and Kawerau on a daily basis (30 years) and to Rotorua very regularly. The speed limit changes will directly effect me in a way that I feel is completely unwarranted. I agree with the proposed changes in certain areas such as, Whakatane to the Pacific coast highway turnoff. This is due to the high volume of traffic turning onto SH30 from Mill Rd, Shaw Rd, Julians berry farm and the likes.
Survey Response		I am not apposed to the 60Km/H limit along the Lake Rotoma lake front, in the summer but end this 200m west of Oxford rd.
Survey Response		I am strongly apposed to the proposed reduction of speed from 100K/H down to 80K/H for the vast majority of reasonably straight roads between Pacific coast highway and the Rotoma hills.
Survey Response		I am strongly apposed to the proposed reduction of speed limit of 80 between Tamatea Street and Curtis Rd however I would support 70Km/Hr.
Survey Response		SH30 speed limit should be 60kph all the way from Moose lodge to Hongis Track. Ie The speed limit should be 60kph between Ruato Bay and Gisborne Point".
Survey Response		Please consider further lowering the speed limit from Emery store to Tamatea street or just beyond the golf course to 50km/h. This is an area of high foot traffic from tamariki that live in this area and walk to and from kura, live on both sides of the road so do need to cross this dangerous highway to get to their destination. I work at the kura and I too walk to work. Tamariki age 5 - 12 either walk or ride their bikes to kura but on the footpath of course. Slow down and consider the local families and school children that use this stretch of road on a daily basis. A truck, a car driving pass a pedestrian at high speed is a frightening experience. Today most road users do not slow down when driving pass the kura and or pedestrian. I know cause I've experienced it way too many times. Heavy vehicles travelling at high speed feels like a mini earthquake in our homes. Everything shakes. The travel is noisy too. Please think about the families that actually live in these areas.
Survey Response		Populated areas including marae, one in particular is on a sharp corner. The biggest factor is there is a school- TKKM o Rotoiti and a Kohanga Reo on that main road Slow the f*** down

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Survey Response		Repair roads in a timely manner, the unsafe drivers are still going to be unsafe even with reduced limits the people who will suffer are the law abiding driver's I believe it will be physiologically damaging to drive at 80km and less. Leave speed limits as they are PLEASE
Survey Response		Change the speed to 50km from Emery Rd to the kura.
Survey Response		Coming from Rotorua a right turning lane into Te Waiti Marae is needed as traffic coming from the east are not visible because of the bend in State Highway 30. Taurua Marae is in a similar situation. Slowing the traffic down will certainly help
Survey Response		In my opinion and in support of Ngati Pīkiao. I would like to propose that the speed limit from Emery Road through Te Waiii past Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Rotoiti be restricted to 40kms within the safe speed limits for the school children whanau entering and exiting Te Waiti Marae, Ngati Hinekura. There are no safety or speed restrictions in place at present. May I suggest that as part of the review process that these safety issues be investigated as evidence to the Hugh risk that the current speed limit has on my people of Ngati Hinekura of Ngati Pīkiao. Perhaps a investigation to include signage and flashing speed signs before and after school hours. My concerns are for the children who attend Kohanga and Kura in the vicinity of Ngati Hinekura. Finally, entry on to the State Highway and exiting of the State Highway to enter driveway of the Marae is extremely dangerous and speed is a major factor of concern for the residents and Iwi. I have previously given a oral submission at the hearings held at Environment Bay of Plenty Regional Council at that process I raised concerns for the entry and exit points of all the Marae, Rotoiti Rugby Club, Te Kura o Rotoiti, Kohanga Reo, Hinehopu Golf club and the cemetery at Te Wahanui. Can we consider seeking approval for investigation of the risk and safety measures therefore that further scope for remedial works be approved for and part of the Speed Reveiw project and management. Happy to discuss any matters raised in my submission. I look forward to receiving a response in due course.
Survey Response		50kph from Emery Road to well after Te Kura o Rotoiti.
Survey Response		Yes. Consider lowering the speed to 50km where all marae are located. Why is it that in Rotoma where the population is predominantly Pākehā the speed limit is 10kms less than in Rotoiti where we have Marae, Kura and mostly kaumātua living near these?
Survey Response		Change all limits to 60, 50 arpund the school
Survey Response		It should be 60kph!! We have lost too many whanau on these roads. It is dangerous and huge trucks use these roads. Please save more people by keeping our speed limit down!
Survey Response		Ruato Bay to west of Te Urumahue Rd should be 60 kmph as well. Raising the speed for a such a short distance would only save a vehicle 5 seconds in travel time.
Survey Response		From Emery Rd to Hinehopu reduce to 50k due to marae and the Primary School
Survey Response		From Emery Road to Just after TKKM o Te Rotoiti (School) the speed should be reduced to 50km as we have a Marae that is on a corner with no room to pull over to the left and for obvious reasons a school and a Kohanga. (If not from Emery Road then I would highly recommend just before and just after the school)
Survey Response		You should reduce the speed limits and keep the speed limit the same with no variations between stretches of road.
Survey Response		The current speed limits through this area are adequate. How about fixing our roads so that people can drive safely without swerving for potholes every 100m. You also need to focus on driver education, provide driving courses for basic skills and also advanced.
Survey Response		If any issue at all, I would reduce the passing of Lake Rotoiti from 80kpm to 70kpm matching that of Lake Rotoma.
Survey Response		I travel from Tikitere to Whakatane on a regular basis, I personally do not see any problems with the speed limits as they stand. I have seen a few single vehicle accidents and they don't appear to have been speed but distraction and possibly sun strike, there are some nasty sections when the sun is going down and heading towards Rotorua. All other speed limits should be left as is. Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency need to look closely at themselves before pointing the finger at speed limits, the repair and remedial work carried out by some contractors is poor to say the very least, and yet it gets signed off and paid for. Here is hoping that you don't make too many unnecessary changes.

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Survey Response		Cautionary signs at known busy side roads and main highways. I strongly recommend speed limit from intersection SH 30/Pacific Coast Highway(Thornton) to Whakatane Bridge be 50kpm to compensate for busy traffic coming off side roads Paroa Road, Huna Road, Shaw Rd, Mill Road, Keepa Road and to two major roundabouts. Plus matter of safety, with cyclists, school buses and vans entering SH 30 as well.
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Survey Response		Yes the up and down nature of speed signs will be confusing keep it the same as it is or make it all the same just not too slow.
Survey Response		This will make people impatient and kill more people than save. We drive this road weekly and countless times we have seen impatient people make stupid decisions by passing on corners etc. Lowering the speedlimit will exasperate this. There are many areas where 100km speed limit is needed and its a bit ridiculous lowering to less than 100km. I understand lowering the township areas to 60km. Instead put more slow vehicle and passing lanes, if you would like to save lives.
Survey Response		Ruato Bay 60km
Survey Response		I agree with the recommended changes, please also include Ruato Bay in the speed limit change to 60km/h I am from Rotoiti so go there regularly.
Survey Response	Ministry of Education	Please include Ruato Bay in the 60km speed zone. Residents walk to the local store and kura.
Survey Response		The road north of Awakeri is in a shocking state and requires urgent attention. These works would make the roads a lot safer and decrease the proposed impairing speed restrictions to a more acceptable limit of, status quo or 90km. The armco and wire barriers south of Awakeri are also not a safe solution. The barriers should always be in the center of the road. Restricted speed limits does not remove the non compliant users and imposes frustrating limits to all citizens. Current speed restrictions in all above mentioned built up areas are adequate. West of Phoenix drive requires limits (80klm?) imposed to west of Tauranga turn off (i.e. the major road that doesn't appear on your map or script) until major safety improvements are undertaken, i.e. Traffic lights, islands or roundabouts. LSTA could do a lot more from the the revenue gained from surcharges and taxes gained. i.e. improve inefficiencies and get improvements done!
Survey Response		from 530m west of Matahi Road to 175m west of Huia Street should stay open road limit or limited to 90klm as this is very sparsely populated area.
Survey Response		Introduce 50/60/70 in built up areas (but make them consistent) and leave open highway at 100k PS. I don't expect to hear from anyone!
Survey Response		Dont change speed limits upgrade roads, the drive to rotorua is already delayed enough. Make obtaining a license harder that'll keep our roads more safe, as people will just get impatient and cause more danger to traffic if the speed limit is reduced.
Survey Response		Having looked, at length, at your proposals, I feel you're trying to legislate for "Stupid", which we all know is a lost cause. All you seem to be doing is trying to slow everybody down and all that will happen, in my humble opinion, is that you'll get more people taking risks to overtake. By all means a lower speed limit in habitated areas, but the open road should remain at open road speed. Thanks you, I fear you've already made your minds up and are going through this to be seen to "Care" what people think, but I'm sure it'll all be put in place.
Survey Response		I agree that the speed should be decreased from whakatane to the tauranga turnoff with more traffic turning into Shaw Road
Survey Response		I think that changing it all the way to rotorua is ridiculous and everyone I have spoken to feels the same way! The speed limits are low enough already. If there is a particularly dangerous corner, put signage up to reduce speed on that corner not the entire road. Lowering the speed limit the entire way will cause people to get impatient and end up doing dangerous overtakes. Please don't change them!

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Survey Response		Spend money repairing the roads as they are in very poor condition rather than trying to solve the problem by reducing the speed limit
Survey Response		My husband was killed coming out of Te Puakanga rd and turning east by a truck travelling west. If that truck had been going 60 or even 70 around that bend, my husband would still be alive. He has lived off SH30 for 47 years and was so familiar with that intersection that I can only conclude that speed, and the proximity of Te Puakanga to the bend in the road, were the cause of his death.
Survey Response		I think the changes are great can you also include Ruato Bay in 60km area (Lake okataina to Te Urumahue)
Survey Response		I agree with all the changes but please include The 140m east of Lake Okataina Road to west of Te Urumahue Road needs to be changed to 60km/h as well.
Survey Response		Due to the high use and busy intersections, I would support the lowering of the speed limit between the hub and the Tauranga turn-off, though I think upgrading the road to two lanes each side and creating turnoff areas etc. is a far better solution.
Survey Response		I would also support the change in speed limit at Awakeri being pushed north further, to increase safety around Awakeri school.
Survey Response		However, I feel the rest of the proposed changes are dangerous. A slow speed limit on SH30 will cause people to take the back roads, where speed limits are 100, thereby just shifting the "problem". Additionally, those that already speed (and I wonder what percentage of crashes they make up?) are unlikely to slow down just because the speed limit has been made lower (in fact, the majority of people are unlikely to slow down to meet the new limits - something that I have witnessed on the Taupo-Turangi road first-hand) creating bigger speed differentials (from those that do stick to the new limit) and more frustration, resulting in risky passing moves.
Survey Response		Whakatane airport turn off to Awakeri at 80km is to slow. 80km as whole is to slow for straight roads. More passing lanes would improve safety so build a better road. These speeds will just stop us an meany more from going to Rotorua for day trips meaning less internal bay of Plenty spending between the districts. 90km will keep some productivity happening. 80km will grind us to a halt. At 5am commuting to work 80km is a overkill and will be nothing but a ticket grab for police and government.
Survey Response		From Tikitere to Rotoma the speed limits should be applied as most if not all, the roads are winding and can certainly cause accidents. But for Rotoma to Whakatane, all the roads are straight and the speed limit will not make a big difference
Survey Response		There's only one death a year on average and your proposing to add ~10 minutes a trip to everybody who needs it? Do 10 mins times the number of trips times the minimum wage - what do you get? A lot more than the government's valuation of a life. A lot more. Ridiculous proposed change. You can't stop all of the deaths, and never will.
Survey Response		The area around the hub should be 60,
Survey Response		the straight between Awakeri and Whakatane should stay 100, up until the Tga intersection, going to 80 there would be good. Some of these changes are good, but I think a lot of them are overkill.
Survey Response		Reduce speed at Ruato Bay to 60km as well. Cars and trucks fly past at dangerous speeds.
Survey Response		Instead of lowering speed on rural open roads, put centre barriers to stop stupid people overtaking on double yellow lines or bends! Especially on the Wainui Rd & SH2 to Opotiki
Survey Response		You are penalising those who can actually drive. It will drive all the drivers down side roads where cyclists ride to stay off the main road and this will endanger them further. This proposal is completely ridiculous.... spend the money on repairing our roads and educate people how to read the road and educate them to drive to the conditions.
Survey Response		I agree with the roads from Rotorua through to the other side of Rotoma. And also Te Teko and Awakeri through those towns. I drive from Kawerau to Whakatane most days and nights as I'm a shift worker. Those roads are fine driving 100km. You probably made it worse by putting up the barriers from Te teko to Awakeri. As people drive closer to the centre line. But 100 is a good speed. I haven't seen many accidents at all. Yes through the lakes road but not this side.



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Survey Response		We agree with your proposed speed limit changes. We commute to Whakatane daily, and to Rotorua weekly. We live on SH 30, near the intersection with Hydro Road, next to Knights Bridge. This is a very dangerous section of SH 30. In less than 3 years at this address there have already been at least 3 accidents. One was a multiple car accident and two were vehicles careening into our boundary fence or the fence of the neighbor across the road. It is also very dangerous for us to exit from our property onto SH 30. A reduction in speed can only help reduce this danger to all users.
Survey Response		Reducing the speed limits like this is ridiculous. All it is going to do is make people extremely frustrated, causing them to make unsafe decisions which will result in more accidents, serious injuries and/or deaths. It will also extend the days for those that have to travel to work, creating fatigue, frustration, again unsafe decisions and accidents.
Survey Response		Speed limits ought NOT be reduced. Road maintenance and renewal must be improved. Passing lanes need to be provided as there are precious few at present. If the only answer you can come up with is reduced speed, then a significant number of senior staff at Waka Kotahi ought to be made redundant. It cannot require a lot of people to decide that simply reducing speed will fix all.
Survey Response		The speed limits around built up areas we agree with
Survey Response		Open road NO, this will cause more harm because people will become impatient, therefore taking themselves to the other side of the road to pass. Slow drivers cause this already! The conditions of our roads are terrible and this is causing major harm to Vechile's and safety. Please do not put any more barriers along the road, inside and out, eg wires, these will kill our motorcycle riders and serious injuries to people in cars etc. More police visibility and punishment to drivers doing stupid things on the road would put the fear back into drivers to behave. Our cars have more safety features than ever before, so it is driver actions and road conditions causing the problem! I hope that our submissions get heard or this will be another Government decision without public consideration which we are seeing a lot of!!!!!! The voters of the Government are tired of their decisions!
Survey Response		If speed is a factor is it possible that these people were in fact over the posted speed limit. Slow cars cause people to make bad decisions also. Would it not be better to fix our roads to a higher standard? From Whakatane to Rotorua some of the potholes are terrible and all that is done about it is to put up barriers so you can't get off the road safely when required ie. Flat tire or mechanical issues. By changing the speed limit you only affect the law abiding citizens the speeders will continue to speed regardless of the posted speed limit.
Survey Response		From 100 down to 90 in all 100k areas and 80k areas should stay the same 70k to 60 ok
Survey Response		Too many changes Make it 70 kp/h from Tikitea to Rotoma People will still speed in these area's and without police traffic cars to in force them there will be more carnage by improper passing manoeuvres. I have seen it as a Fonterra tanked for 10 years driving out of Edgecumbe depo and would travel this road often.
Survey Response		I can't believe that you are seriously considering lowering the speed limits. In areas around lakes and through towns ok. But most people drive to the conditions and the geographical road features responsibly...we don't require a Nanny state telling us to do this. I am a responsible adult of 60 years of age have driven for 45 years, never had an accident and I'm law abiding. I shake my head with the way you (Waka Kotahi) are wanting to treat us all like idiots without a brain and take away the ability to us our own abilities to make decisions about driving safely. You installed barriers on the road sides from Awakeri to Kawerau turn off over 5 years ago. What a complete waste of money..also these are dangerous as trucks and vehicles cannot pull off the road safely before turning across the road into driveways.. This was done even though alot of people pointed dangers out. The money could have been used to realign the intersection of Western drain road, Mac Donald road and SHW 30. Also the state of SHW 30 around Awakeri in all directions is dangerous with huge potholes that just get filled with hotmix and within weeks appear again.
Survey Response		It's a stupid idea and should not be lowered. All speeds should remain the same. If you have issues with traffic and populated areas put in a crossing.

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Survey Response		Often the speeders are well over existing limits so they don't care and impact will be nil. More available pull off places for slower vehicles and policing of their use will achieve more. It is frustrating following drivers that impede the flow and as a regular caravan user equally frustrating being unable to pull over because of barriers etc and when there are not barriers its that bloody rough you risk damage to your own vehicle while trying to do the right thing. The one thing guaranteed by lower speeds is greater frustrations, time the powers to be stopped looking for an easy way out, no point in changing the rules if you cannot enforce the ones we already have.
Survey Response		As your survey indicates most crashes have been head-on or run-off road. Speed reduction will not reduce this type of crash because they are related to driver error or lack of driver skill (I agree speed reduction may reduce injuries but NZTA should be reducing the error by better driver training and enforcement. ie "Keep as far to the left as possible"
Survey Response		Some suggestions in the survey are good like reduced speed at SH30/Thornton Road intersection and SH30/SH34 intersection
Survey Response		reducing the speed all the way from Whakatane to Tikitere is ridiculous, most of this road is straight and has \$3.6 million barriers which were to stop run-offs is this investment wasted if we all (law abiding) drivers meander along at 80k? 80k is the most sleep inducing speed on straight sections of road and will increase the dangerous passing manoeuvres and head-on run-offs. Some drivers see a 100K sign as a target. I think all non 4 lane highway roads should be indicated with the white with black cross hatch 'open road' sign which means if safe to do so drivers can travel at up to 100k.
Survey Response		A lot of the public 'submissions' comment on things like footpaths too narrow, roundabouts at major intersections, reduce speed at key areas, driver behaviour, slow drivers, passing on yellow lines, road condition etc. Reducing speed to maximum 80k all the way from Whakatane to Tikitere will not address any of these concerns but will increase driver frustration, dangerous passing, travel time, freight costs, delay mail delivery, cause drowsy drivers and increase bad behaviour. Someone with a drivers licence and driving experience from NZTA should drive this section of State Highway to establish just how ridiculous 80k for most of the highway is. Using Google maps is not a good or logical way to determine road speeds.
Survey Response		The last three deaths on this section of State Highway were - driver pulling our of drive, vehicle trailer uncoupling and crossing centre line hitting a car travelling in opposite direction and driver texting and running off the road - All caused by driver error or perhaps a trailer with no WOF or incorrect coupling -nothing to do with speed limit! The answer to reducing road deaths is - better driver training, serious road code enforcement (not just speed but all Road Code rules so recalcitrant drivers adjust to the notion that correct driving and obeying the rules is a serious issue) currently Eastern Bay of Plenty drivers, and probably all of NZ, get away with so many Road Code infringements that they drive with the attitude that they won't be caught rather than driving safely. NZTA need to fix the issues that cause the accidents rather than frustrating and time penalising the 90 plus percent of drivers who drive competently and obey the rules. The drivers who cause and have accidents will not reduce with a slower speed limit. Probably increase due to frustration!
Survey Response		Absolutely crazy to be lowering speed limit by so much on a state highway. School zones and townships already have reduced speed limits and there is nothing else in your proposal providing justification for these changes. There is also no supporting evidence behind the proposal. Perhaps provide more information. 10 deaths in 9 years, although terribly sad, does not seem a lot. How does this compare to other highways? Have there been repeat accidents in certain areas? Could reductions be targeted better to these areas rather than an entire route? Again, more information required in proposal. At this stage, completely unresponsive of current proposal.
Survey Response		this makes the clowns drive worse. company vehicles drivers are doing 70km in 50km zones, we need more police and harsher penalties ffs
Survey Response		Keep the speed limit the same
Survey Response		No

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Survey Response		How about fixing the roads properly in the first place instead of always doing patch up jobs, I don't believe the speed limits need to be lowered if the roads were made a lot safer and like our motorways, how much money is spent every year patching up the same areas of road not fixing the problem just putting a bandaid on it and she will be right attitude makes no sense
Survey Response		Removal of 100kph zones will increase time travelling from Whakatane to Rotorua resulting in xtra costs of freight for goods and services. Addressing road conditions ,installing more passing lanes. Many accidents are caused from impatience Slowing traffic will aggravate the situation.
Survey Response		This road sees significant seasonal differences in road use, in winter the roads are relatively quiet with a majority of people who regularly use the road, while in summer it is very busy, with a high proportion of people from outside the area. The proposed changes have numerous changes in speed limits, and many speed limits that don't necessarily match the surroundings (e.g. 60 or 80km/h through forest, or farmland with no nearby houses). From my experience to date on SH30 these often mean that out-of-town drivers expect the speed limit to be quite different to what it actually is, and they become aggressive and frustrated with drivers who are following the speed limit (who, in their mind are driving excessively slowly for the road conditions).
Survey Response		I am also concerned that the speed reduction to 60km/h in built up areas (e.g. Ruato Bay and surrounds) has been promoted as a way to make these roads safe and enjoyable for walkers and cyclists. I cycle on SH30 from time to time, and the road is dangerous and unpleasant to ride on because it is narrow, and the road verges are very poorly maintained, meaning you often have to ride on the highway. Reducing traffic to 60km/h will make cyclists and walkers less likely to die, but it is not going to make the experience safe or pleasant. On the other hand, the footpath from Wharetoroa Drive to Tamatea Street makes it very pleasant to walk alongside the highway, even with the traffic at 80km/h. If Waka Kotahi is serious about improving safety for walking and cycling in the area, increasing the number of footpaths will achieve this far better than reducing speed limits.
Survey Response		There is a very inconsistent approach to safety enhancements such as armco barriers - these are often installed in areas with surrounding farmland, but not in sections of road with steep drop offs (e.g. between Hauparu and Ruato Bays). Waka Kotahi is sufficiently concerned about our safety to reduce speed limits, but not sufficiently concerned to install barriers on a section of road where cars do leave the road and go down the bank surprisingly regularly. A car going 60km/h will still be capable of disappearing down a bank with no safety barrier. Overall I feel there is a lot that could be done to improve safety on this road, and while we are told that our safety is very important, it is not so important that anyone is prepared to spend money on roading upgrades.
Survey Response		1/ it seems rather pointless having 1km of 80km sandwiched between 60km zones for the road 140 metres east of Lake Okatiana road to 366 metres west of Te Urumahue Rd. Make it all 60km/h.
Survey Response		2/ I believe waka kotahi will have difficulty getting people in favour/adhering to the 80km max speed for the roads across the plains (currently 100km) from kawerau junction to Whakatane. Invariably there will be drivers who will travel at 70km/h in these areas and this will cause frustration for most drivers leading to poor decision making. 90 km/h is a far more acceptable/usable limit to joe public in these areas. After all prior to metrication of our speed limits the limit was 55 miles per hour (90km/h) I have never understood why at that time the limit was increased to 100 km/h.
Survey Response		3/ it is disingenuous of waka kotahi to simply quote "Between 2010 and 2019 10 people have been killed and 73 seriously injured. Most of these crashes have been head-on, run off road and speed related". As we all know there are many factors involved in a car crash. Has any analysis been done on all the accidents to assess the factors? How many people have died over the last say 5 years? etc etc etc.
Survey Response		The portion of SH 30 between Whakatane and the Kawerau turnoff SE of Te Teko that are currently 100km/hr zones should remain at this limit.All of this roading is in the majority straight and well barriered. I have been a commuter on this piece of road for over 40 years and not encountered many issues that would be helped by a speed reduction.Due to the satisfactory nature of this road a speed reduction would cause possible impatience in drivers and result in creating more dangers than is necessary.

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Survey Response		I think it should all be 60km around the lake shores of Rotoiti, we used to walk around the lake as children however I will not let my kids walk now as there is too much traffic and trucks driving at speed. It is also very dangerous pulling out of side streets as many have blind corners. It is like pulling out onto a motorway. there are many accidents as the roads aren't good enough for high speeds. Please reduce the speeds around lake Rotoiti especially Gisborne Point.
Survey Response		I work on this road most days. The real issue, like most roads is the lack of proper repairs. The roads are littered with large potholes that take a considerable amount of time to get repaired. When they finally do get repaired, a very poor job is done. Not only do these potholes create a hazard to the vehicles in that lane but I have seen on numerous occasions vehicles swerve into the oncoming lane to avoid them. These proposed speed changes will only create traffic banking up, frustrated drivers who then drive recklessly to overtake. With the brainless idea of putting barriers on either side of the road, slow traffic have nowhere to pull over.
Survey Response		If the speed limits are changed then my belief is the proposed 80km/h should be 90km/h and the proposed 60km/h be 70km/h. Pretty much though, changing a few signs to lower the speed limit to save lives is a poor excuse, in reality, it's to save money rather than spending money on making the road surface condition safer
Survey Response		Lowering speeds will not improve road safety. The roads need to be repaired and improved plus more driver safety training
Survey Response		I don't think there should be a change to the current 100ks. The corners and the gorge should only have changes
Survey Response		Yes dropping down to 80 in unpopulated areas will just make people overtake and make risky maneuvers causing more accidents.
Survey Response		140 East of Lake Okataina - needs changing too. Keep the speed at 60kph around Lake Rotoiti. I was involved in the first phase of consultation and there is a high-level of fear due to the large number of deaths of loved community members. Local hapū and community representatives strongly support the above position. It's a lovely road to drive slowly and it's hard not to take your gaze off the road when you see kids fishing off a dingy, etc. I recently went there in a campervan and stayed the night along the lake - not many people drive fast so I doubt you'd be upsetting many - other than those we are most at risk of killing/seriously injuring.
Survey Response		R2Z strategy supports lower speeds to save lives and this is the right thing to do. I have considered installing slow vehicle bays, but it would make better sense to do this as part of other work, such as walking and cycling improvements. All others I support.
Survey Response		This stretch of road offers very few passing lanes, which I believe causes people to take risks when overtaking. Decreasing the speed limit is more likely to frustrate people further and lead to more careless overtaking. This road needs more places to safely overtake. Please, please add some extra lanes for safe overtaking and leave the speed limits alone.
Survey Response		This is ridiculous, I travel this road frequently and have been passed by the odd foolish driver here and there and come across one accident caused by one of these drivers - changing the speed limit is not going to stop these drivers. The worst drivers I see are the ones already doing your proposed speeds they still cannot drive correctly especially around blind right hand corners, and this is the problem- driver incompetence. However accidents and safety are not factors for your 'proposed' changing of the speed limits, it's because we've let these heavy trucks on the roads and they are causing so much damage, so instead of addressing that problem you want to slow down everyone to minimise the damage they are causing and save you money on road repairs- PUT IN MORE RAIL LINES, GET THE TRUCKS OFF THE ROADS!!
Survey Response		There are too many variations already and still too many with the new reduced speeds 60-80-60-80-50-80 - 13 in total. Reducing the speed on the only road to and from Whakatane - Rotorua is silly - the journey is long enough as it is. It is the only road. You have no choice to take another. It just makes a long journey even longer. There are road rules and it seems no-one really adheres to them. If road users just did the right thing and pay attention - their only job is to drive - then many crashes could be avoided.

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Survey Response		Follow the rules, pay attention and things should be ok. Half the drivers in NZ drive faster than speed limits and just as many drive slower than speed limits as well. Its frustrating to say the least - not enough passing lanes and dicks that don't use those properly as well. People driving slow on windy roads but speeding on straight ones - no consistency with their driving. Police should not be saying "SLOW DOWN but "drivers do what you are meant to be doing". More consistency is what is required. This is another means for police to mandate ticket writing. Unless you mark the road with the varying speeds changes - not just with miserable signs that you can miss (an particularly for those people who do not frequently drive those roads and are unfamiliar with its mine field of speed changes) - Paint identifying speeds or colour coding on the side road markings. This is a recipe for drivers not knowing what speed they should be doing. Driving from Taupo to Turangi is a prime example of what you are proposing here. The drive feels like it takes forever and really why? Time to build better highways that serve increased traffic. Let the locals enjoy their backroads. Time to change New Zealand not the speed limits.
Survey Response		This would congest the roads even more ridiculous idea. Even if you changed the speed limit it wouldn't reduce anything people will still drive the same way. If anything you need to be more strict on who you issue licenses too and ensure the educators are teaching properly too. The roads are terrible to drive on too bumps everywhere and holes also cause accidents caused by heavy trucks because the roads are not laid correctly cheap and easy yet a few weeks of heavy trucks and holes or bumps in the road again makes no sense really
Survey Response		I think you should try to keep it efficient if possible - access to the airport, commuters etc. Driver behavior would also be a factor and reducing speed limits would not change this. The current 100km/hr open stretches of road from the Gateway Drive/Phoenix roundabout to Huia Crescent should stay at 100km/hr or maybe reduced to 90km/hr (similar to Auckland safer speed zone). All other changes I have no issue with.
Survey Response		All other changes I have no issue with.
Survey Response		Perhaps fixing the roads with proper concrete instead of patch working the roads that have been melting in 27° heat and breaking in the rain, the slower speeds will not slow down impatient people it will only cause more congestion and accidents. Maybe adding more passing lanes, lights and or roundabouts would improve the traffic issue we have on these roads. The part of SH30 between awakeri and the SH2 turn off should be improved instead of having an "uneven surface" sign placed up as it's unsafe for many cars that are completely road legal and slowing down the speed limit to 80 will not help the general public or you guys with this situation, there will still be multiple horrendous crashes on this road, reducing speed limits will only cause idiots to still pass on the straights as it gets super congested from trucks going around 30kms/hr through the Rotomas. Since there seems to be no intention of the roads being fixed; only the road speed being reduced, it seems like this whole thing has been posted more so the public is aware you're changing the speed limit, but realistically the public don't have a say and this is NZTA's way of avoiding the real problems which are the terrible roads and the inexperienced people driving on a learners license or an expired license.
Survey Response		There are not enough passing lanes for a main driving artery. Your reduction of speed will only increase crashes as people choose instead to pass. You have chosen the cheapest option. Not the best for all involved. Also the crashes you talk about recently included a man who had a heart attack and a women who drove off into the water when is was misty. I know neither if them were speeding. Re think the real issue here. Is it speed, people who go over the speed limit or the road itself. If nothing else just have more cops in a couple of places on that stretch of road.
Survey Response		People will speed over any limit you place on a road, more people will overtake dangerously as a result of these reduced speeds. I think the speeds should be reduced to 60 past the actual lakes and have better warnings for sharp bends ...like the mailbox.
Survey Response		I do agree that the limit should be 80 up to and slightly past the Tauranga intersection. The roads also need some improvement, especially to awakeri. I travel to Rotorua about once a week to visit the redwoods mountain bike park.

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Survey Response	Your other factor is that reducing the speed, most people are still going to speed cause of how often they travel (like me) that they know the roads really well. Reducing the speed and still having those speeders will just cause more accidents and smash into eachother cause you got one slow f**ker and then a speeder. 100km/ph some old person will go 80-90km/ph where as changing it will make them think they can go even slower. The new speeds are f**king bullshit where you should really be caring about fixing our roads to cause less accidents. That's your problem, it was never the speed limits but the goddamn road! Study student will now have to leave an EXTRA 30mins early to deal with the slow people when they're already travel for 1.5hrs!! Put the speeds back to how they were! Nobody wants them at 60-80km/ph.
Survey Response	The speed limit is fine they are making cars and bikes 10 times safer then they were when the speed limits were set years ago. This seems to me like a great way to create revenue through spending tickets. Why so many changes ? If you ask me the things that need to change are the way a road is repaired the way the fix pot holes is shocking the contractor just lays hot seal into the pot hole leaving the underlying problem there and just putting a temp fix in it not digging it out and getting down to the hard pack then filling it back compacted. You think lowering speed is going to save lives? Yes it might. It might also push people to drive more erratically because there will be so many slow spots on the journey. The best thing you can do in my dyes is leave the speeds as the are and fix the bloody roads properly. Our vehicles have to be up to wof standed . Why is it that our roads don't have to be up to vehicle standed
Survey Response	Speed limit changes will have no affect on accident rate. Poor driving on poor roads is the problem. Lack of enforcement of current laws doesn't help. I realise this is pointless and the proposal will be pushed through regardless of any submissions made.
Survey Response	I believe it will cause more people to get frustrated and dangerously overtake (which already happens so often). I understand bringing the limit down through the lakes and rotomas but I don't think it is needed from Whakatane - awakeri - te teko. These roads aren't windy and have had safety measures put in place. I don't think changing the speed limit will slow down the type of people are trying to slow down. They will go 120+ no matter what the speed limit.
Survey Response	Passing lanes would be good. I don't think these reduced speed limits will help. The people that crash are normally breaking the law anyway. There is a big problem with cars going slow and no safe place for other drivers going the speed limit to pass. Then there gets a big line of slow cars and grumpy driver.
Survey Response	1 death a year is not high for a well used road, and it is stated that speed was not the cause of some of these crashes. Some of the proposed changes seem drastic (particularly 100kms down to 60 kms!), and an overreaction. Road improvements would be a much better way to solve most issues. I travel this road regularly (every 2-4 weeks return) and have not found speed to be an issue. Many of the proposed lower limits for 'residential' areas are sparsely populated for the majority of the year.
Survey Response	Yes. We would like to comment on the short section of road between Gisborne Point and Ruato Bay that you have decided to keep at 80 km/hr. We are extremely concerned that traffic which has increased in speed to 80kph will continue at that speed, (instead of slowing to 60kph), when entering Gisborne Point jeopardising the benefits of the 60kph limit here. This is unnecessary and may be confusing for motorists.
Survey Response	I totally agree with lowering the speed limit on State Highway 30 through all the residential areas of Hauparu Bay, Ruato Bay, Rotoiti, & Rotoma. I would have hoped for the same consideration of safety that the town has for the safety of its residents with a 50km limit but see 60km at least as a significant improvement that places Rotoiti on a par with the Hamurana and Okere areas. I live on State Highway 30 at Ruato Bay and live daily with the high risk that excessive car & truck speeds pose to myself, my family, my neighbours, and my tribe. To cross the road, as we all must to enjoy our beautiful bay & lake, is to take your life in your hands, and feels like playing chicken with high speed cars and trucks. Quite frightening, particularly with regard to our koeke and tamariki. A limit of 60km would give a significantly better margin of safety for people although personally I would prefer to see a limit of 50km.
Survey Response	Support above decesion

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Survey Response		Why has the short section between Gisborne Point and Ruato Bay been kept at 80 km/hr. There is a blind corner int Wharetoroa Rd, which is extremely dabgerous, can this area also be lowered. I totally agreed with lowered speed rates. This is a busy road, with little verge or room for error. Slowing cars down will make it safer for the community and give residents the opportunity to use public walkways safely.
Survey Response		Yes lower the speed limit in areas that have numerous driveways and pedestrian areas. Do not lower excessively lower the speed limits in open road 100kmh areas as fuel consumption will increase at 80kmh. Large areas of rural roads in France with the same traffic volumes as us have lowered the speed limit from 100-90 kmh by also considering the environmental cost. I am a rural driver that travels extensively. My company van constantly warns me not to drive at 80kmh in 6th gear so I have to drive in 5th gear. Our 7 speed auto car will not shift to 7 until 90kmh and our 8 speed auto car runs in 6th gear at 80kmh As they have discovered in Europe lowering the speed below 90kmh on rural roads caused an increase in emissions and fuel cost. Please consider the environment and lower the speed from 100kmh down to 90kmh, this will reduce the harm of accidents and reduce fuel use also
Survey Response		Consider adding another lane to the existing road to alleviate traffic congestion. Reducing speed limits will only increase driver frustration and will ultimately result in more incidents. A speed reduction is just a CUNNING AND DEVIOUS means of generating revenue!!! This makes me sick
Survey Response		Leave it the way it is its worked perfectly for generations how about drug testing accident victims
Survey Response		Only change the speed limit from the Whakatane hub to the Tauranga turn off to 80 ks ,leave the speeds the same as they are now from the Tauranga turn of to Tikitere as it will cause drivers to become impatient with how slow the speed will be and take more risks.
Survey Response		Ruatō to Gisborne Pt (Punawhakareia Marae) should be dropped from 80 to 60 km/h. It is inconsistent and dangerous for the marae to have an increased speed limit there. Fully support the proposed reductions in speed from Tikitere through to beyond Hinehopu. Prefer a consistent 60 km/h from Curtis Rd to Hinehopu. Would also prefer (and need) a reduced 'school speed zone' outside Te Wharekura o Ngāti Rongomai when it is built (Tikitere).
Survey Response		Why isn't there are option to increase the speeds that people could support? Please consider the negative impact on transport costs caused by extended travel time. Please also consider the increased driver frustration at having to travel so slowly, leading to increased risk-taking to overtake
Survey Response		I object or oppose that the road speed limit remains at 80k at or going pass Ruato bay at Rotoiti.
Survey Response		Prior to making a decision on lowering the road limits how about sharing the detailed information on the road crashes and how those were caused. What was the route cause of these accidents. unwarranted cars, road conditions drivers with medical conditions/drugs/ suicidal or other/ speed. As you have only considered data from the last 10 years, why 10 not longer/shorter, so is this is to fit your narrative. Please publish your detailed report with recommendations and report. How about some more information on what road improvements which have been made during this time. Or rather explain why the condition of the road has deteriorated with lack or poor maintenance How can NZTA just lower speed limits when we have better cars and presumably better roads, isn't a problem that a few people are irresponsible for which they are allowed to go unchecked and no consequence.. Another issue is that the condition of the road signs and markers has this lead too incidents for people who are travelling on unfamiliar roads. It appears that this is a backwards step and NZTA have not delivered the service required. So now all people using this road will be effected for no fault rather than NZTA not doing their job for which they nee to be accountable for. Where have you had community consultation???
Survey Response		I believe reducing the 100k areas between the Kawerau junction & Whakatane will only increase traffic accidents. There are no passing lanes for this section of roading, it can already be frustrating driving this route. Just look at how frequently there are issues on the road between TGA and Katikati, which has the same, random speed limits. Its a no from me.
Survey Response		Far too many accidents have happened on the highway. Time to make changes for the safety of traffic and the community.

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Survey Response		I believe the lower speed limits around the lakes make sense however I don't agree with dropping the speed limits between Awakeri and Whakatane as well as from the outskirts of Rotorua to Lake Okataina - these should remain at 100Km per hour. More emphasis should be placed on better roading maintenance / design and we need to stop pandering to the lowest common denominator of licence holder. Additional passing lanes would be appreciated also, where the geography permits.
Survey Response		There are just going to be more frustrated drivers on the road, overtaking in dangerous places. How about focusing on all the massive potholes that come after every rain the roads need to be fixed properly rather than filling in with Tar. Or providing safe passing areas there are none from Kawerau to whakatane.
Survey Response		From hauparu bay right through to ruato bay is where many many accidents have happened, and sadly a few fatalities. Weve seen double trailer trucks completely tipped over because theyre going too fast around bends, cars crashing almost head on because they dont know the road and are trying to dangerously overtake and even cars drive off the road almost into the water because theyre going too fast to slow down in time to turn. Vehicles need to go slower in these areas to avoid these mistakes but also extra signs cautioning drivers that this stretch of road can be dangerous at high speeds.
Survey Response	Ngati Pikiiao	Road is unsafe for home owners off SH30 entering and leaving SH30 from these houses when vehicles come up the hill at 80kph. The speed limit needs to be 60kph for it to be safe. There have been a number of accidents because cars are going too fast on this section of road. If the limit is 80kph outside these houses, cars will continue at 80kph through the Ruato bay to endangering everyone in the bay just like they do at Okere Falls. So please reduce the speed between Ruato Bay and Gisborne Point to to 60kph like the rest of the edge of the lake to save lives!
Survey Response		These changes should not be made. This is going to make people get very impatient and then they will make even more stupid decisions, overtake where they shouldn't etc... There will be far more accidents if you change this speed limit. A BIG NO TO THIS CHANGE FROM ME!!!
Survey Response		I travel the road from Whakatane to Kawerau every day and dont think the speed limits need changing at all. There are new barriers and fencing everywhere and it is safe. The only problem I see Is the Whakatane to Tauranga turn off is dangerous and should be a round about.
Survey Response		I do not support the lowering of speed limits. The issue is more around driver behaviour and I do not believe lowering the speed limit will address and could potentially make the problem worse. People will get impatient behind drivers sticking to the new limits and make dangerous overtaking manoeuvres.
Survey Response		You need to take into account the impatient drivers that use this road daily to drive between Whakatane and Kawerau to work, there are a lot of them. They will not want to drive at 80km/h and will pass in dangerous places, causing accidents. Also, we have a lot of trucks on these roads, why don't you reduce the speed to 90 km/h so that the trucks don't have to slow down also. It is going to cost the consumer a lot more money, as it will take trucks take longer to deliver their goods, then more trucks will be required, therefore there will be more trucks on the road. Put the speed at 90 if you have to reduce it. I personally don't see the need to reduce the speed in these areas, especially between Whakatane and Kawerau - it is a very safe road. There has also been barriers installed along most of the road which was mystifying to be honest when they were installed as there are much more dangerous roads in NZ than that stretch. For example the Thames to Coromandel road!! That has zero barriers, is very windy and narrow, and is 100 km/h - which you would never be able to do. Please don't reduce to 80 km/h. Cars these days are more than capable of driving at 100 km/h - we had 80 km/h speed limits 30/40 odd years ago and don't want to go back to that. If you want to stop accidents - put more funding into driver training, non use of mobile phones, using cruise control safely etc etc. It's not the speed limit or the cars, it's the drivers that we need to put more into. Make it harder to get a drivers licence, put in heftier fines if caught driving while distracted - on the phone, crossing the centre line etc etc. The Whakatane to Rotorua drive is already painful enough with the reduced speed limits everywhere - don't make it even worse!!!!
Survey Response		Much of the unsafe driving in the Whakatane to Kawerau route is due to frustration of being stuck behind slow drivers. Passing lanes would be great addition. Areas for slow drivers to pull off the road. Move the side barriers off the shoulder and put them right back on the edge of the drain. Make it possible to safely pass tractors. Put a roundabout at Mill Road, and also Shaw Road.



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Survey Response		This is a long route to change, terrible decision if this goes ahead. I believe it will cause more damage than good, as a Rotorua resident, I have watched the change in people's behaviours over the past year, it has become a dog eat dog world for driving in Rotorua, if you have a proper look around, there in 1 dented vehicle in every 6-8 cars, people speed as they are all late in getting where they need to be. This all started with the road works on Te Ngae Road and the road works on the Ngongotaha roundabout - you just needed to see everybody's faces on how late they were getting from these hold up's - it has been the worst Rotorua has every been, once the traffic clears, everyone speeds as they are late, accidents occur and so fourth, I do not blame the drivers, I blame NZTA for allowing this backlog in our roads being incomplete in the required timeframe, bring back working nights for road workers. I hope you understand what i am saying, the same would apply for this stretch - Tikitere to Whakatane, a lot of stress, anxiety and no patience will cause accidents if you lower the speed.
Survey Response		Speed is only one factor. The overall issue is road condition and driver responsibility. Your statements are emotive and lack detail. For example do those death stats include suicides off the road into the lake? Often the state of that highway is appalling with pot holes, and more recently vehicles parking on the road side for lake access creating more issues. This is nothing but a bandaid that absolves Waka Kotahi of its own responsibilities in providing safe, efficient and fit for purpose roading networks. It will not stop 'stupid' and in my opinion will only increase frustration.
Survey Response		The three sections between Whakatane and Lake Rotoma proposed to change from 100 to 80km/h are majority straight, flat sections, which do not appear to meet the need of having the limit reduced, when compared with other sections of State Highway throughout the country. Lowering the speed limit here to 80km/h will undermine the credibility of the other proposed changes, which are warranted due to the technicality of the road.
Survey Response		Between Awakeri and Lake Rotoma, these straight sections also provide the only good quality overtaking opportunities which will be significantly affected if the limits come down.
Survey Response		Do not do it. The speed limit in these areas is adequate. If anything reducing the speed in these areas will cause more accidents, they may be less fatal but more common. With vehicles becoming safer by the year, the set speed limits, of which the road was designed with in mind, are more and more justified.
Survey Response		Reduce the speed limit from 80 down to 60 SH30 from approximately 140 metres east of Lake Okataina road to approximately 366 metres west of Te Urimahue road as higher speed limits in that area makes it very dangerous for people crossing the road to the lake etc
Survey Response		Reduce speed from 80km to 60km between Ruato and Gisborne point. I live on SH30 at Komuhumu, currently at 80km cars still reach 100km. There are many people who live between Ruato and Gisborne point. I cannot see the rationale of maintaining 80km between these two points when the rest of Rotoiti from Curtis road to Tamatea St will be reduced to 60km. Keep the whole stretch at 60km to save lives and save confusion.
Survey Response		N/a
Survey Response		What other projects are you doing to ensure the road itself is safe - and not just reducing the speed limits. I feel like reducing speed limits is just a lazy way of ensuring people safety on the roads without actually looking at the roads themselves and where "they" can be improved.
Survey Response		Change Ruato Bay from 80k to 60k
Survey Response		You should reduce the speed to 60km/per hour through the Ruato Bay section of the road. That long round corner always has accidents and deaths. There are a number of house bordering that corner including a papakāinga and a reduction in speed would reduce the risk of even more fatal incidents that what has already happened. I am a descendant of the Marae, Ngapumanawa and used to live on that highway in Ruato Bay.
Survey Response		Change the speed limit from Ruato Bay to 60 to many speed accidents happening there currently
Survey Response		From Okataina to Te Urumahue
Survey Response		Reduce speed limit in Ruato Bay to 60km ph. Those living in the bay notice the speed of cars and trucks going through are higher than 80km. This is dangerous when walking across the road or even pulling out in car. Reduce to 60km please.

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Survey Response		Speed limit from Ruato Bay needs to reduce from 80km to 60km for the safety of our community. A lot of our children cross these roads often to get to the lake, bus stops, walking down the road, and it's far too unsafe for them when cars are speeding at 80km-100kmph. Even worse when huge logging trucks are coming through at that speed. Make the change!!!
Survey Response		This submission is in favour of lowering the speed limit in Ruato Bay from 80ks to 60ks. This area is papakainga for my whānau and has many nannies, koros, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and babies. For them, it is not only important that this be lowered for safety reasons of travellers passing through, but especially for those who reside in Ruato Bay permanently and are usually first responders to those who have accidents in this particular area of SH30 as a result of speeding. In addition, the lake front is frequently used by the permanent residents and getting across there safely at 80ks even for the adults, is a danger.
Survey Response		There are homes occupied in this area with families that have young children. Homes are no more than 3 meters away from this main road. There has been many accidents along these roads, from speed limits already put in place added to the winding roads, these roads are not safe to have a speed limit such as you are proposing, you will be putting families at risk! There are logging trucks, transport trucks that are always coming through, I do have a question! how would you propose a truck this big could slow down on winding roads and long bends if given any means too? to put the speed limit up further is absolutely absurd, you will be hurting and wrecking families' lives, that is not safe! it is screaming DANGER all over!!!
Survey Response		Reduce the speed limit at Ruato Bay from 80 km/h to 60 km/h
Survey Response		Residential safety
Survey Response	Te Wharekura o Ngati Rongomai	Yes - SH30: from approximately 380m west of Lake Okataina Road to approximately 140m east of Lake Okataina Road
Survey Response		Safety for our tamariki ..a lot more accidents some fatality some lucky ..
Survey Response		That you also reduced the speed to 60km from Ruato Bay to Gisborne point Rd. This is a residential area for our whānau especially our babies who walk it, bus pick up & drop off points, the danger we see and have assisted with is huge most have resulted in luck and usually remains unreported. I hope you put prevention in place with a reduced speed please.
Survey Response		I would like it to be clear that we were able to change the speed limit from 80km to 60km from the beginning of Ruato Bay
Survey Response		I am against the excessive use of 60km/h sections adjacent to Lake Rotoma and Rotoiti. This will significantly increase the time and cost to goods transportation to already isolated and expensive areas. It will also add to driver frustration and increase risk in this and other areas. Variable speeds outside of schools is appropriate. Better planning and investment in road safety features (barriers) and pedestrian bridges at high foot traffic areas are more appropriate than just relying upon the simplistic speed reduction. While this approach is cheap and easy for NZTA it places a high burden and cost on the communities involved on the entire road including well beyond the restricted areas.
Survey Response		I do not see any need to reduce the current speed limits around Lake Rotoiti, apart from the section encompassing the school and kura. The remainder of the road should continue to be at the current speed limits.
Survey Response		I travel part of this road on my twice daily commute. Consider reduction to 80kph for open road sections ridiculous, 90kph I could accept. Road is relatively quiet and in good condition. Suggest, fix the potholes, nab the phone users and stop the moving roadblocks.

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Survey Response		<p>Feel safer with lower speeds. Driving slower saves fuel. Does lower speed limit save lives? Lower speeds protect everyone, especially vulnerable people like children, cyclists, pedestrians, the elderly, and people with disabilities. One of the simplest ways to avoid road traffic crashes and the millions of deaths and injuries they cause is to slow down. (WHO) It is a common assumption that driving faster saves more time. While this may be true, how much time are you actually saving? An article by Ian Law for Wheels.ca does the maths on this: For a 30 km drive, travelling at an average speed of 60 km per hour, it'll take 30 minutes.<sup>2</sup> However, say you're in a rush and bump up the speed a little. Mr Law calculates that if the driver were to increase their average speed to 65 km per hour, it would shave off a mere two minutes from their drive. He goes on to explain that these two minutes could easily be gained or lost from traffic lights or congestion. The idea that driving saves more time is called the time-saving bias and is analysed in a study by the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.<sup>3</sup> Their findings revealed that participants were biased when it came to estimating how much time they saved when judging distance, time and speed. This study observes that people would overestimate the time saved if the distance was greater and if the increased speed was higher. Participants tended to focus on the new speed, as opposed to the initial speed. As per the above case, increasing your speed of only 5 km per hour only saved two minutes, but looking at the speed of 65 km per hour alone, it appears as though it would save a significant amount of time.</p>
Survey Response		I approve of these changes, there are many roads New Zealand wide where the speed limit should be lowered
Survey Response		Constantly changing speeds through that section of road will create moving bottlenecks, leading to increased frustration and likely causing MORE accidents. You need to put in passing lanes and work on actually fixing the roads your responsible for, billions are paid in road taxes and that money not used to improve our roads.
Survey Response		I am generally in support of reduced speed limits to save lives. However, between Whakatane and Rotorua there are only few opportunities to pass slower cars, and at 80km/h it will likely be impossible to pass a car legally (because even the slowest car is likely to go 80km/h on a straight clear stretch). This will lead to frustration and impatience which in turn has the potential to lead to stupid and dangerous passing maneuvers, likely at a higher speed than the speed limit. Therefore I pledge for some stretches with speed limits so that passing is still possible in some strategic places. Thank you for the opportunity to submit on this.
Survey Response		I agree there needs to be changes made to parts of the road. Eg 80km/h between Whakatane and Awakeri.
Survey Response		Through Rotoma, I would support a drop to 60km/h.
Survey Response		I don't agree with making all these changes. Between Awakeri and Rotoma (acknowledging there are already slower speeds through some of these areas) should not be dropped to 80km/h.
Survey Response		Dropping the speed limit from 100kmh to 60kmh is ridiculous. Improve Driver Education is simple as that. Plus the Police have make a better effort at Policing the roads.
Survey Response		Don't do it just fix the roads. We will lose 1/3 of our staff as they won't travel on the road from Rotorua to our business. We currently employ 58 people.
Survey Response		Why does Waka Kotahi push these lower speed limits through around the country when it is obvious that the majority of people do not want lower speeds? If they did they would drive slower already. I thought we lived in a democracy. Maybe people do not want a society which nannies them and maybe they want a little danger in their lives. Deaths and injuries from car accidents have been steadily decreasing over the years so why make our speed limits slower when our cars are much safer than they used to be?
Survey Response		The speed from Okataina Rd to Te Urumahue Rd should also be reduced to 60km/h
Survey Response		I have reviewed the table for the proposed speed limits. As a resident living off SH30 Rotoiti for the last 23 years I have seen a lot of accidents and near misses on this stretch of road which I travel daily. I agree that the proposed changes will improve road safety not only for vehicles but for pedestrians also. I understand that the travel times along the affected highway will increase and will affect me directly, however I believe the safety benefits outweigh the added travel time. In my opinion these changes are long overdue.

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Survey Response		The speed limit from Shaw Road to Gateway Drive should also be reduced to 60, as the Shaw Rd intersection and the Mill Rd intersection along this section are getting busier and busier, and without any intersection upgrades, I fear that even reducing from 100 down to 80 is still not enough. Please start the 60km/h zone on the west side of Shaw Rd continuing 60km/h all the way to Whakatane bridge.
Survey Response		I would like to recommend that at two major intersections that Waka Kotahi consider putting a round about at the Tauranga Turnoff and at the Mill Road/Jacks Machinery intersections. I am a mum, and a Nurse and just this morning again there was a collision at the Mill Road/Jacks Machinery intersection. I wonder how long we will have to wait as I am sure as the care taker of our roads that is your duty to ensure that all road users can do so safely.
Survey Response		Factor in the fact that the speeds have been that way for many years and people still go over the limit. We will not be lowering the speed simply because it is politically motivated.
Survey Response		Lowering the speeds through this stretch of state highway will likely have a negative effect due to increased frustration from drivers on a road already notoriously difficult to find areas to pass ignorant slow drivers. Improving the road, removing the ridiculous wire death barriers and installing some more strategic safe passing areas would go much further to reducing injuries and accidents on this road.
Survey Response		I support the proposed changes to the speed limits. As a frequent user of the road I feel the changes are appropriate and I would like to think they will give me a better chance of returning safely to my family.
Survey Response		No I agree with all these changes, if I had to say anything I'd suggest they don't go far enough, the 70km areas should change to 50km areas but that's just me!
Survey Response		too many changes in quick succession sees the lower speed compliance suffer , and it is confusing. I am really happy with the proposed changes save for the 80 section between Ruato and Gisborne Point. It is short , windy in the first part and then into the straight leading up to G Pt there are no passing lines so there is no need to allow a faster speed to execute any passing (as it is prohibited) It also passes through the childrens play area, Kids arrive on foot and bike along the state Highway. Down to 60 please
Survey Response		SH30 140m east of Lake Okataina road to approximately 366m west of Te Urumahue Rd should also be reduced to 60km/hr. 80km/hr in a logging truck with the increased population now is too fast for them to stop safely.
Survey Response		We request there be a constant speed limit from Moose Lodge to Hongis Track as this will refrain drivers from speeding up and slowing down between Okataina Road and Gisborne Point. This will be the safest option.
Survey Response		We support your suggested speed reductions but would like to see the speed limit for the 1 Km stretch of road from Ruato Bay (1 KM east of Okataina Rd to Gisborne point reduced from 80KPH to 60KPH to be the same as proposed for SH30 either side of this stretch. We live at Gisborne Point and experience shows motorists take a while to slow down when entering reduced speed areas. A constant speed limit on SH30 will be a safer option.
Survey Response		Yes--The speed limit for SH 30 from approximately 140m east of Lake Okataina Road to approximately 366m west of Te Urumahue Road should be reduced from the current 80 kph to 60 kph
Survey Response		I think lowering the limit to 80 for 24hours a day would be silly. I understand that a drop to 80 during the commuting time eg: morning evening would make sense, but out of rush hour having to drive at 80 out of will be frustratingly slow. There are many long straight sections and good visibility on the section of road between Te Teko and Whakatane and changing this whole section (25km of road or more) seems madness to me. I commute daily and am also concerned about the cost of petrol. My car will not be operating in top gear at 80KM therefore will not run as efficiently and cost more in fuel.
Survey Response		The proposals generally look positive, from a safety point of view. However, I am a little mystified over why the 1km bit east of the Ruato Bay area has been left at 80km, when there is otherwise a uniform speed limit of 60km right through from Curtis Rd as far as the eastern end of Hongis Track. I do not think, for the minimal distance involved, there is any reason to select this short bit for a higher speed limit than the entire rest of the road. there is no passing lane in that 1km, and there is one big blind corner which would be dangerous to anybody thinking the increased speed limit might give them time to pass a slow-moving truck. I would like to see a uniform 60km all the way along that part of the highway.

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Survey Response		these changes are going to cause more people to drive erratically due to the lower speed limits. Also the roads from teteko need to be addressed.
Survey Response		Have you considered how these changes will slow the flow of all traffic down. This will have a impact on travel times for all who use the roads. I do not agree with what has been proposed. These proposed changes are nly going to create frustratted motorists who will take unnessasary risks and cause accidents.
Survey Response		No. I agree with the proposed speed limits.
Survey Response		The current speeds of 80-100km/h are fine with only a few spots requiring slower speeds. The above proposed changes are excessive and won't work
Survey Response		The speed limit should remain at 100 from 353m east of SH30/SH33 to 650m east of Curtis Road except at Hell's Gate where it should be 60. This is a good road.I agree with the rest.
Survey Response		I consider 60kph is to slow for these sections of road and will be ignored by the majority. I think changing to 70 would be more likely to be accepted by the majority. The existing signage at the worst locations should be maintained where it specifies slower than 70.
Survey Response		I feel that the speed limit between Ruato Bay and Gisborne Point should be 60 km an hour as well, not 80 km an hour. Both of these areas have a substantial permanent population which increases very significantly during holiday periods. Consequently, taking into account safety concerns, the speed limit should be 60 km an hour on this section of the road as well.
Survey Response		Preventing people from accelerating up to 100km would impede them from safely overtaking slower vehicles (such as the abundance of trucks that frequent that route). This would arguably encourage them to try and overtake in more dangerous situations, especially when required to drive at a much slower rate than they are accustomed to. Resources need to be diverted to driver education and development rather than lowering speeds. Lower speeds means more time on the road, meaning more traffic, more cars on the road and more opportunities for accidents.
Survey Response		Maintaining the road and installing speed cameras would stop a lot of the reckless speeding. Lowering the speed limit by 20 will see some improvement but will also encourage overtaking driver due frustration. My experience with this road as I travel it everyday to work is people get frustrated with slow driver and therefore move to overtake. doing that at 80kph is tad less dangerous than 100kph. I see the point but I don't welcome the change.
Survey Response		This road is used quite extensivley for freight - including logging and chip trucks, milk tanker and general freight, along with a huge number of tourist vechiles (caravans, motorhomes and the like), should the speed be decreased there will be no possible way that general traffic is able to pass. There are a number of places, particularly from the Kawerau (State Highway 34) turnoff to Whakatane that are open roads with long straights that do not have a history of accidents, where it simply isn't necessary to have a reduced speed limit.
Survey Response		I think 60 kph is to low this should be 70 kph. However I do find the current 80 is adequate but agree school zones are advised.
Survey Response		The speed limit change is appropriate for the Rotomas - I don't think it is necessary for the rest. The focus should be on improving the road and safer cars. This type of administrative control is not very effective compared to engineered controls. While energy increases with speed squared lowering the limit only affects law abiding people not the problem drivers
Survey Response		The fact that there have been numerous head-on crashes would indicate that people are impatient along this route. Why was 90km/hr not considered as I feel this would strike a better balance. 80km/hr will compound the problem for those impatient drivers. I feel that the 'safe speed zones' as used else where or the use of 90km/hr zones would would be more appropriate.
Survey Response		I have driven this route by car and ridden by motorbike many times in both directions in recent years. The speed limits are clearly posted along with the warning speeds or corners.I submit that the current speed limits are appropriate and there is no need to change.

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Survey Response		Implementation must be coordinated with Whakatane District's speed review otherwise rat running on local roads still at 100km/h will occur, such as Western Drain Rd and Luxton Rd. These local roads provide a lower level of safety than the State Highway. Increased traffic speeds and volumes on the local roads will have a negative impact on safety outcomes.
Survey Response		There is no need to introduce more slower speed limits between Rotorua and Whakatane. The current speed limits including the existing slow speed limits around Lakes Rotoiti and Rotoma are doing their job. Further reductions would add unnecessary time (cost) to travel. Where is the evidence that these proposed speed limits would achieve their goals of reducing road accidents on this road?
Survey Response		I do not support this change. As a resident in the area I find most traffic flows at a steady and safe speed, with just a few which treat this road like a racetrack. Unfortunately slowing the general traffic will not discourage this small proportion of road users from behaving in this manner. I fear that it will cause more dangerous driving behavior from overtaking in inappropriate places on the road. If there was a way to monitor the traffic and target these few problem users we would have a better result. However... Should the speed limit change I would be more in favor of significantly reducing the amount of instances where the speed limits change. Creating a constant speed which people become accustomed to traveling at along greater stretches of road. ie: 100km at both ends where the road is straighter and where passing lanes are, 80km the whole lot through the middle, with the exception of 50km in the portion from 175m west of Huia Crescent to 325m east of Te Teko Road.
Survey Response		Instead of blanket speed changes, it would make more sense to educate drivers, and have more realistic penalties for speeding or dangerous driving, when are you going to understand, that roads are not the problem, it's the drivers, WHY, for God's sake must the most be penalised for transgressions of the few !!! It seems this government is hell bent on turning this country into a communist state
Survey Response		Please reduce the speed limit from Ruato Bay to Gisborne Point so that drivers do not speed up. There should be consistency at 60 kph on the entire route from Curtis Road to Morehu Road.
Survey Response		Myself and my parents live on State Highway 30 and have done for the past 30-40 years, half the time when we leave to go anywhere the road is quiet. Changing the speed limit so dramatically from 100km to 80km is going to cause outrage and people to take more risks and intern cause more accidents and deaths. Considering this decision is being made to keep our people safe I can already tell that it isn't going to work and people will die if the speed limit is dropped, not to mention more money going into the police force and taking them away from doing work within the community. Please reconsider this change.
Survey Response		Please take into consideration the number of accidents the have occurred in the vicinity on SH30 approximately 500m either side of Lake Okataina rd. Please also take into consideration the number of speeding drivers, cars and large trucks alike, the go well beyond the current 80kph speed limit which contributes to the number of accidents. Please consider the families that live in the area and large gatherings that happen at the local marae at least monthly on average. Please consider the school kids who wait for busses on both sides of the road each morning and then get dropped off there in the afternoon. Please consider the holiday goers, fishermen and passerbys that use the rest area and shoreline of Ruato Bay. Please consider the amount of deaths that have occurred year after year. This 1km stretch is probably the most notorious for deaths of the entire 11km+. Extremely concerning, so not changing/lowering the speed limit means no change in the amount of deaths that will occur in the future.
Survey Response		Ruato Bay needs to be changed to 60. We have had so many accidents, a couple deaths and a huge lot of near misses with kids getting run over. Cars are stupid in our area as they see it as a opportunity to overtake.
Survey Response		This is ridiculous, we grew up on a 100km rd. We all lived. Stop wrapping people in bubble wrap. You would be better off to make sure tourists can drive safely on our roads. Rather than just thinking they can. Most drive on the other side of the road. They should have a tourist license and prove that they can be safe on our roads. That would help most accidents on our roads.
Survey Response		The poor quality of the roads and truckers that go over the centre line around the corners. A speed limit drop will only make drivers choose to pass more often which will increase danger as drivers will try to pass in areas which are not as safe.

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Survey Response		Yes, you haven't taken into fact that you have made the speed 80km just before the Brunswick turnoff and this speed right past all the residential areas. Please decrease the speed until after Te Puea Road turn off. This would make it safer for: cyclists, kids catching buses (bus stop on main road approx 1km after Brunswick Park turnoff), cars turning out of driveways or into driveways without faster traffic coming up behind them. We had a car crash right outside our house for speeding. This speed limit should be 50-60km to the intersection. A school is also been planned to be here also on the future so why change the speed limit again, change it now.
Survey Response		Yes, 60km/h speed limit should be for all state highway 30 from mosse lodge to hongis track.
Survey Response		Yes, the obvious one is the state of the road surface between Whakatane and Rotorua. In very poor state and this proposal seems to be a cop out to justify the continuation of patching and peace meal repairs rather than major & expensive upgrades.
Survey Response		Yes, people's driving. I have driven the road numerous times and I find the current speed limits are satisfactory. Slowing the current 100 limits to 80 will slow the journey down considerably. I feel this could also backfire as motorists could get frustrated with only going 80 and try to pass in dangerous places. Most law abiding motorists will drive to the conditions you are always going to get some motorists that think the speed does not apply to them. We already have a big problem in this country with slow drivers holding up traffic I think it would be a mistake to lower the speed limits.
Survey Response		Yes - the non law-abiding/ discourteous drivers that do not obey the speed limits. Even if you change it to 60kph those that speed will still speed. Another factor is the condition of the roads - if the roads were done and maintained at a higher standard then they would not be a danger. I have seen many near misses due to pot holes in the roads (people swerving to miss them, cars shunting to the side when a Tyre drops in a hole and that driver almost over correcting due to the shock/fright). There is much more involved than just speed.
Survey Response		This all seems ludicrous as no information has been provided to help people make the right conclusions. I.e. 1) How many deaths have happened on these roads and is this above national average. 2) Were those deaths or injuries are result of people disobeying the current speed limits (This will not change obviously with limit changes). 3) Having too many different speed zones in such a short distance will only cause confusion. Why not make the the limit 70 or 80 through the whole area?
Survey Response	Bayleys	Well done on this smart thinking and taking action. As traffic increases these actions are needed as this is a busy and dangerous road. My recommendation/suggestion is that the stretch of road between Ruato Bay of Gisborne Point, that you propose to remain at 80km, actually also be reduced to 60km. This is some 1km of changed speed that will only cause problems. Why is this? 1. It doesn't make sense for cars to speed up for this section of the road (1km approx) and then slow down again. Many won't and this will cause confusion. 2. There is a lot of activity on this section of road and with winding areas of road are dangerous even now. 3. There is a major Marae within this 80km area with lots of activity. It makes sense to protect this. 4. Many cars toot for the Urupa located on the marae grounds. This also distracts driving at 80km. 60km would be a lot safer (or 50km) for those coming the other way. 5. And finally I don't recall seeing a footpath along this stretch of road. Surely 60km all the way is the answer to all this. Thanks for listening/reading.
Survey Response		Consider leaving Awakeri to Whakatane at the current speed. The lakes etc do have dangerous turns but Rangitaiki Plains does not seem to be your target audience. These roads are predominantly used for commuting to and from work and should be left to free-flow. Rural commuting is time consuming as it is without causing further delay, frustrating commuters more causing more friction and accidents.
Survey Response		There is no open road part of a licence test, there needs to be. There are countless people that cannot drive over 60km/h. There are also many, many pot holes and ripped up pieces of the road that are issues yet they are never properly fixed. The speed limit won't change anything, it could possibly make it worse because people become impatient, a lot of people drive 10-20km/h under the speed limit that is already there.
Survey Response		Changing the speed limits will this reduce the number of crashes.
Survey Response		Fix the roads, install passing lanes

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Survey Response		I do not think we should be changing the speed limits! People already speed on st highway 35. Decrease the speed will only make drive fluctuate speeds while driving trying to speed and slow down so that tho do not get caught! If the was any speed change I think it would only b necessary going over the rotoma hill and that is it all other speeds should stay the same
Survey Response		Road conditions should be taken into account for this as well. Instead of changing the speed limits, fix the road PROPERLY so the repairs are not degrading in the first rain and making it worse. Also more police presence to slow the speeders down. The speed limits are fine how they are, people just need to ACTUALLY travel at the posted speed limit. I live in Kawerau and travel to Whakatane daily for work, and also head towards Rotorua frequently What you are proposing will extend my travel time and increase my fuel bill, and with the current climate of VERY HIGH petrol prices, over \$2.50 per litre of 91 and \$2.70 for 95 (That in itself is daylight robbery) is not acceptable. I travel at the posted speed limits and get passed frequently as people are in too much of a hurry, and on the other end of the scale I have had to pass quite a few people for not going the speed limit but are travelling alot slower. The slower traffic is a hazard especially when travelling well below the speed limit (ie travelling at 70kmh on a 100kmh stretch of road) there should be more spots available for slower vehicles to be able to pull off to let traffic pass safely. Rest areas, passing lanes, slow traffic bays etc.
Survey Response		As a driving instructor and a Driver licence testing officer, i believe the speed limits on this stretch of road is not the problem, road maintenance, lack of signage and drivers that choose not to drive to the conditions. Reducing the speed limit will only cause drivers to become irritated and lose patients and make foolish decisions. The speed limit should not change! I driver these roads regularly and 100kmh is fine as long as you read the road.
Survey Response		Decrease speed in built up areas such as along rotoma but keep the others the same such as from whk to rotoma 100 and rotoma to Rotorua 100
Survey Response		Drivers have too many distractions now. Slowing traffic down will just add to the problem as the drive becomes boring. Lowering the speed limits will do nothing to improving safety. NZTA's strategy to reduce harm on the roads is centred on speed reduction and "safer" cars. You fail to recognise that making cars safer for the occupants makes the world less safe for others (A pillars with air bags create blind spots the size of Australia). You want to make it safer to crash rather than focussing on crash prevention, and rely on repeated cliches to justify your position every time this fact is pointed out.
Survey Response		I believe that a lot of these speed reductions are not going to stop crashes or deaths. I believe most of these crashes are to do with the state of the roads or people making stupid decisions rather than speed. If you reduce the speed people will just get frustrated and try to over take when it is not safe and make even more unwise decisions. Keep the speeds the same especially from Whakatane to the Rotomas
Survey Response		As someone who drives these roads every day, I believe this reduction in speed limits will make more frustration for drivers and cause more accidents. A better plan would be to fix the current issues with the roading of which there are many at the moment eg bumps and potholes in the road (and change contractors as those road areas which have been resealed last about a week), and also add a passing lane in some of these areas as there are absolutely no passing lanes and in busy traffic times if you get stuck behind a slow vehicle there is nowhere to pass safely, and this is the real reason why some people take silly risks.
Survey Response		I grew up in this area and known this road well. I see no reason for reduced speed limits. I have always driven within these limits and to the conditions, they have always felt more than safe to me. Issues I have witnessed are people trying to pass other vehicles in unsafe locations, so an additional passing lane or slow vehicle bay(s) or more on the route, and fixing the road quality would in my opinion be a better option. These new limits will do nothing to stop those who choose to drive dangerously. They will however drive the rest of us crazy and encourage speeding within the new limits.
Survey Response		Yes. Build wider better quality roads and put in more passing opportunities. Reducing the speed is the WRONG thing to do. This is heavily used and can be driven at the current speeds well. We need more passing opportunities and safer seals. We so not need to drive safer.
Survey Response		Agree with proposed speed limits. Vegetation/shelter belts need cutting back to improve sight distances.



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Survey Response		Even if the speed limits changed there will still be crashes from the lack of consideration of others on the road, lack of awareness & Judgement, uncompliant vehicles & Poor driving skills from Truck drivers right down to the motorcyclists on the road. Speed plays a big part of the accidents that occur on state highway 30 especially people who misjudge going Around the bends & corners & Those that speed in the wet weather & speeding in the lower speed zones. I drive on state highway 30 Every working day to get to and from work & I've seen alot of accidents occur many times some not being in the 100km zones most of them being in the 80km zones or less. I personally would like for the speed limits to stay at 100km as would others & State highway 30 be patrolled more From speeding cameras to Police presence to slow drivers down. But its out of our control on the decision NZTA make. This is just for me to voice my opinion
Survey Response		I am OPPOSED to these changes. They are more likely to cause more accidents because of bad driver compliance and habitual risk takers. Plus .... if the condition of roads were maintained to a better standard then that would be a better solution. Currently it's like being at an Amusement Park on a rollercoaster ride or driving dogems on this stretch of highway with all the humps & bumps of a poorly maintained road surface full of potholes and different substandard repair materials and patching jobs. Put the money into doing proper & decent repair work instead of road signs, chopping and changing speed limits which will mostly be ignored or frustrate the hell out of drivers, thus causing further chaos. In closing my submission, I think more legal passing lanes would be a good option also, especially where visability is restricted with multiple corners or humps on the road.
Survey Response		Changing these speed limits will be all the reason I need not to travel on these roads. This is a travesty, the current speed limits are totally safe if people drive to the conditions
Survey Response		A change in driver education. Road conditions. Our roads are shocking
Survey Response		Yes how about spending the money to widen the roads, increase vision for drivers, increase lighting and increase passing lanes instead which will help with people getting frustrated and making stupid mistakes and overtaking when it's not safe to. You can look at recouping costs by making it compulsory to re sit your driver's test every 10-15 years for people over the age of 40. Dropping the speed limit only takes away from your responsibility to fix the roads. It won't stop the death toll if the roads don't improve!
Survey Response		Ridiculous, it would take me probably another 30 min to get to work
Survey Response		13 changes of speed limit over the proposed length is likely to be very confusing. Suggest survey the current average speed cars achieve and use this to determine simple limit for much of the road. This survey is far too limited to provide adequate feedback opportunities
Survey Response		Thw speeds and the roads are not unsafe, it is the poor workmanship of the roads themselves, for many parts of the proposal the reasoning is acceptable, i.e. the changes around te teko and the nearer junctions. However, not having a single length of road with a 100km/h ("open road") limit is rather harsh.
Survey Response		The state of the roads are appalling, too many nasty pot holes and bumps in the road fix the roads not change the speed!! Change the speed lower will only cause more accidents
Survey Response		Wasting peoples time Less visitors to Whakatane area
Survey Response	Whakatane mill	Adding slow/passing lanes along from te teko to whakatane. Impatient drivers when following a car traveling 70ks in a 100k zone. Far too busy to overtake safely at times. This is only getting worse.
Survey Response		Maybe you should look at building roads that last and can with stand the traffic then just dropping the speed limit. Roads are so easily damaged as they are poorly make. Soon a bit of heavy rain comes pot holes appear, gets fix and with in hours, days it's back to square one. No wonder there is so many accidents with the state/conditions of the roads we have.
Survey Response		Leave them as they are and teach driver education.
Survey Response		With regard to the regional council law, speed limites are changed when a certain number of deaths a year are reached. This proposal does not reach this. Roads who have had more deaths and public have rallied together have been declined by council. Drivers bad habits will not change by changing speed limits.
Survey Response		You should have speed cameras. You should improve quality of roading. Quality has declined since different product used.

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Survey Response		70 Km zone in Awakeri does need to change, 50 would be better and move speed side further away from School, so that traffic have slowed down by time they reach school. Too many people aren't at speed limited by then. your information states you have listened to a number of people, I would like the public to be aware who you had contacted, but more important numbers, as I believe this information is not factual.
Survey Response		FIX THE ROADS FIRST
Survey Response		I think reducing the speed limit so drastically will lead to increased frustration and more dangerous driving. The road is able to be safely driven at the current speed limits. There is no need to make any changes.
Survey Response		Don't increase the speed, that's ridiculous our babies cross that road every day to go to the shop, and people already speed through our town, this will make them go faster, what's the point of increasing through our little town Te Teko??
Survey Response		Seems a vey drastic reduction in speed limits when for my experience driving Rotoma to Rotorua 5 times a week each way and Rotoma to Awakeri/Whakatane 2 days a week that the problem isn't the speed limit but people who don't obey the limit and can't drive on there on side of the road. You could make the limit 50kph an I can guarantee the same statistics you quote. Police the limit better and you might get a small reduction in death toll. Teach people how to drive properly and you will get a better result. Head on crashes aren't caused by the speed limit but poor driving. The speed limit is the max speed not a target for 80 degree corners. Make people take some responsibility for there own actions.
Survey Response		Yes, ensure potholes are fixed, often people will swerve to avoid hitting a pothole. If you do lower the speed limits, there'll likely be more accidents as people would rush to get to work/school. People passing because they are impatient. I travel that road every day and don't see many accidents, however potholes have caused a few accidents. People will still speed regardless.
Survey Response		Actually fix the road to make it safe! No need to reduce speed limit
Survey Response		Fixing the road instead, traffic goes slow enough through there so why reduce the speed limit so you don't have to fix the road?
Survey Response		I feel that the speed limits are not the problem, more distracted and alcohol and drug impaired drivers would be the bigger issue we have relating to crashes. I really wish the results of drugs and alcohol of these crash victims.
Survey Response		I don't think that changing the speed limits on this road is going to reduce the amount of crashes its just the people that already exceed the limit that cause the crashes and reducing the limits for everyone is not going to stop the people that already don't abide by the current limits.
Survey Response		Speed camera before entering TeTeko
Survey Response		These roads are poorly maintenance and there are often massive potholes. Along the side of Lake rotoma there is a lack of barriers where crashes often happen into the lake this risk is also elevated by people parking on the lake side of the road in an unsafe manner. The current speed limit is rarely followed from rotoma to tikitere and I think if this was policed more effectively this would reduce the crash rate. Speed cameras in the lower speed areas would be my suggestion.
Survey Response		There is a move to lower the speeds of many What is significant is the reduction from to 80kph on all 100k sections. This will tend to create "convoys" of vehicles travelling at or around 80kph. If everyone is compliant and patient this will not be an issue and there will be less serious accidents. However I think the effect will result in a lot of frustrated, impatient & non compliant drivers causing more overtaking and intersection accidents.
Survey Response		Generally there is nothing wrong with the current 100Km/h zones- there is only open countryside, no footpaths, schools, or suburban housing close to the road- i believe changing this would be hugely disruptive. how ever one particular area does need to be speed reduced - approx 400m south of the Thornton road turnoff on state highway 30- right up until the gateway drive roundabout- 80 or 70km/h would be far safer. I believe the proposed 60km/h speed limit changes in suburban areas (down from 80, or 70) are very good.
Survey Response		I don't think reducing the speed limit will make any difference, the same people speeding now will continue speeding, if anything it will make is worse by impatient drivers trying to overtake people driving at the reduced speed. Maybe consider having rumble strips and other speed slowing measure at known dangerous spots would be more suitable, and having measures to prevent overtaking in dangerous areas also.

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Survey Response		Waka Kotahi should try FIXING the roads properly to make them safer instead of messing with the speed limits. It makes sense to the average driver that if the road condition is crap to begin with then accidents will happen. Try investing some of the tax we pay for these roads into improving the driving experience for everyday road users. Stop messing with our speed limits, it's just pissing people off. A good example of a crap piece of road constantly under repair and obviously done on the cheap is the road between Rotorua and Atiamuri, it is a disgrace
Survey Response		This will slow down the trip from Whakatane to Rotorua significantly. This will reduce movement between the two locations. It will affect businesses in both locations. It will also reduces the ability to live in say Whakatane and work in Rotorua.
Survey Response		The majority of accidents are made by people who are either driving illegally, ie too fast, impaired by drugs or alcohol, driving vehicles that are non compliant. You are looking to reduce the limits where there are passing opportunities, especially to pass trucks that will stick to the maximum they can, just to catch up time, because of reduced limits. Dangerous driving causes crashes, not speed limits. You cannot save people who have decided not to take any notice of the rules. Law abiding citizens should not be penalised because of the idiots on the road. You are likely to cause more frustration and deaths because of your proposal
Survey Response		No problem reducing the speed limit as you go through the settlements where there are families and holiday makers but on the open stretches existing speed limit should be maintained. Biggest problem is that there are too much mobile phone use during driving and drug and alcohol impaired people driving on all roads. The sooner we target those like they do in Australia the better for everyone. We don't do enough roadside testing for this and road worthy vehicles on the road. The number of unlicensed, impaired people driving unroadworthy vehicles will have a lot to do with your statistics. Sitting at a school of an afternoon and watch some of the elk drift in and out picking up children at the end of each day and wish there was a cop sitting there checking them all. Maybe that would be a great place to start. Have spent time on this highway over the holidays and the road for the most part isn't too bad. Target the drivers first.
Survey Response		I do not want the speed limits changed. I can't remember the last time I drove from Edgecumbe to Whakatane and back at 100ks, there are always people going 70ks every time. Biggest problem is more the state of the roads than the speed, the roads just get patched and patched never fixed properly.
Survey Response		Yes if you put the speed limit down there is going to be more people speeding and passing in dangerous areas keep it 100 apart from the lakes leave as is. Reducing the speed will increase lots more frustration on the roads.
Survey Response		I think you're forgetting that lowering the speed limit doesn't change the amount of deaths and actually had a higher risk of road rage. I often travel at 100km and have people right on my tail and taking over in stupid places. I think lowering the speed limit is going to make road rage worse from impatient drivers.
Survey Response		If people can't handle 100kms on an open road. We should seriously be considering why they're on the road at all. I'm fine with certain BAD areas dropping. Or even dropping in winter only but people are no patient anymore. And you'll get people that don't care and will pass everyone doing these new speed limits and but I is at people in danger. There's already a lot of people that pass me in the route just because I'm going 100 flat
Survey Response		I think you need to remember that people get stuck behind slow drivers on this road constantly and are forced to sit at 80 a lot of the time. I understand you want to make the road safer but I feel the speed zones are already correct and lowering them anymore is just frustrating. The trip from Rotorua to Whakatane is long enough with all the windy corners, let alone being a trip that does not go over 80km. Why not just reduce the speed around the lakes during summer when there is more holiday makers? I travel this road a lot as I live in Rotorua and my family is in Opotiki and I can already see this speed limit being a pain in the bum, not to mention it's already hard enough to remember what speeds where, as it is on this route due to the constant changing. Adding in more is going to be more frustrating and will result in more speeding fines.
Survey Response		The significant economic growth in the EBOP due to the expansion of the tourism, horticulture and timber sectors will be resulting in significantly more traffic on this road. The economic burden will be immense by dropping the speed limits instead of safety improvements. The road is no longer fit for purpose and should instead be upgraded to a standard that is suitable for a modern roadway. Invest in safety upgrades. Not speed reductions.

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Survey Response		The fact it's a State Highway so traffic flow needs to be maintained. Reducing speeds is going to hinder this.
Survey Response		The roads are sh*t. Work on maintaining them at a higher standard. Teaching people how to drive properly, policing rds better. Speed won't help angry dumb drivers drive better on a sh*t road.
Survey Response		Dumb idea will cause more road rage We are already controlled enough this will mentally tip people
Survey Response		DO NOT CHANGE THE SPEED LIMITS THERE IS NO NEED TO DO SO AND WILL ONLY MAKE DRIVERS MORE AGITATED AND MAKE MORE DUMB MISTAKES. THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO TRAVEL THIS ROUTE EVERYDAY TO GET TO WORK AND HOME AND WILL FORCE US TO LEAVE EVEN EARLIER AND GET HOME EVEN LATER. CONSIDER US. THE SPEED ISNT THE PROBLEM ON THESE ROADS. DO NOT CHANGE THE SPEED LIMIT
Survey Response		I believe this will cause more of a hazard as the speed limit has been the same for many years and lowering it will lead to inpatients and people speeding and overtaking. Speed is not what kills, people with no driving sense or skill does. Improve driving tests, or possibly bring in earlier renewal of licence testing. To many young people with access to overpowered vehicles and elderly folk that are also a hazard as they drive a lot slower because they're not as vigilant as once were . Thank you
Survey Response		Skill rather than speed of the driver is the issue. Tailgating is a huge issue, puts drivers under pressure. The areas where the speed limit is 70 already are the worst. Passing happens on the corners in the 70 zone so no I think you have this wrong completely.
Survey Response		Yes, a few things to consider... 1. Travel time - slowing speed limits will increase travel time. While the ultimate goal of travel is to arrive safely and I'm sure the intent of slowing down speeds is to improve safety, it could do the opposite with drivers becoming impatient, rushing and doing dangerous overtaking manoeuvres.
Survey Response		2. Speed limits can be broken and are reliant on drivers sticking to the limits. Many dangerous drivers that cause crashes already break speed limits so changing the limits will not stop this.
Survey Response		3. Improving road conditions, making safer places to pass slower vehicles (passing lanes) and improving signage for tourist drivers and to signal challenging corners, school bus stops and side roads while help make the road safer for everyone , including those drivers who choose to speed, should these options not be what should be changed and not the speed limit. Let's be honest eat, the speed limit while be lowered temporarily while road workers work on the road anyway.
Survey Response		4. The map shows no 100km/hr speed zones across a large stretch of state highway and makes significant changes to already established norms and routines. Does the severe degree of speed changes need to occur? Plus we not localise the changes more to high-impact areas, such as where crashes have predominantly been occurring? Why such the drastic change?
Survey Response		As a heavy transport driver and weekend driver I think you should leave the current restrictions as is but you should construct more pullover bays for those drivers who have trouble either seeing they're holding up traffic or using there rear view mirrors In saying that I use the roads more often than not earlier or later and don't have many problems
Survey Response		I object to Speed limits being reduced. People use their discretion. We already drive to the conditions as the state of our roads are poor. Please repair our roads properly, not patch & promise : a downpour of rain after spot repairs reverts them back to pot holes. Do you intend to change the speed limits regardless of consultative process?or is this a done deal?
Survey Response		A reduction in speed limits on the majority of this roads will not save lives or lead to less injuries. The technological and safety advances in modern cars mean that is it now significantly safer to drive this road at the existing speed limits than it was when those limits were imposed many years ago. A reduction in speed limits will Lead to more instances of driver impatience and poor or irrational decision making.

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Survey Response		I strongly oppose a reduction in speed limits on all of the areas proposed
Survey Response		The road is poorly engineered and poorly maintained. There should be more passing lanes of slow vehicle lanes to assist better traffic flow. The road itself needs realignment work and better maintenance.
Survey Response		Many of these proposed speed reductions are overly cautious. Speed reductions should be targeted, rather than blanket applied. Areas with long straight sections of road with no road intersection, such as near Surtees Boats are unlikely to see benefit from a speed reduction. The area around the intersection of Huna Road and Shaw Road will benefit from speed reductions to 80 km/h.
Survey Response		The highway from the intersection with Thornton Road to Awakeri should remain at 100 km/h. Discussions should be had with Councils Planning staff regarding future potential residential areas.
Survey Response		60 km/h in Awakeri is acceptable, as this is effectively the case during morning / evening traffic.
Survey Response		The highway between Awakeri and Ratahi quarry should be set to 80 km/h.
Survey Response		I have no feedback on the proposed speed limit changes in Te Teko.
Survey Response		The highway between Rahtahi quarry and Te Teko should remain at 100 km/h. The highway from Te Teko to 150m from the intersection with SH34 (Kawerau Road) should remain at 100 km/h.
Survey Response		The highway from the intersection with SH34 to 150m onwards of the intersection with SH34 (Military Road) should be 80 km/h.
Survey Response		The highway from this point to the intersection with Onepu Spring Road should remain at 100 km/h. The highway from the intersection with Onepu Spring Road to 150m past the intersection with Braemar Road can reduce it's speed limit to 80 km/h.
Survey Response		Beyond this point, the highway should remain at 100 km/h till 150m before the intersection with SH34 (Kawerau Road). Beyond this point to 530m west of Matahi Road to 80 or 70 km/h is appropriate. From 120m west of Oxford Road to Matahi Road should remain at the existing signposted limit.
Survey Response		from 905m west of Morehu Road to 420m east of Tamatea Street should be reduced to 80 km/h.
Survey Response		From 366m west of Te Urumahue Road to 420m east of Tamatea Street should be set to 70 km/h.
Survey Response		I am supportive of no proposed change between Te Urumahue Road and 140m east of Okataina Road.
Survey Response		From 650m east of Curtis Road to 140m east of Okataina Road should be set as 80 km/h.
Survey Response		From the SH30/33 Tikitere junction to 650m east of Curtis Road should remain at 100 km/h or as signposted. When changes are progressed, the journey time changes should also be advertised, as well as the estimated reductions in traffic collisions and deaths.
Survey Response		This is only going to frustrate drivers into making dangerous passing manoeuvres. Lowering the speed will only cause road rage. Fix the roads and add either more slow lanes or passing lanes.
Survey Response		Absolute joke
Survey Response		Half the people aren't gonna change at all they will be used to the 100km speed limit on highways all across NZ and the world Australia upped most of theirs to 110 for good reasons Slowing the speed limit down causes more people to plough into the back of someone's car after pulling out at an intersection and kill them. The people who speed won't stop
Survey Response		Lack of attention caused the majority of these deaths and injury not speed. Lowering the speed limits is not going to stop vehicles from crossing the center line. You will say that lowering the speed limit will save lives if the vehicle crosses the line and has an accident at the low speed. Not so as deaths do occur in low speed zones. Spending money on proper road maintenance and proper repair would be more beneficial. I drive/ ride this road frequently, from rotoma to tikitere, around Onepu s bends, between Luxton and 400m north of Te Rahu rd the road is highly dangerous, stretches of road hundreds of meters long with leeching tar that turns to ice when wet, road surface pushed up from logging trucks causing vehicle to jump / veer of line. Lowering the speed limits isn't going to make this any safer. Who signs off the job for roading as the quality is not up to today's standards, the roading companies and the companies that sign these road works off need to be held accountable.
Survey Response		We need more police checking the speed of the drivers

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Survey Response		With these speed limits proposed it's going to be faster to go to Rotorua via Paengaroa! Definitely needs to be the reduction to 80km prior to the Thornton Road turn off heading into Whakatane
Survey Response		60km from the Bunnings roundabout would be good. I work in Gateway West off the Bunnings roundabout and have lost count of how many close calls I've had with people not seeing me turning right into Gateway Drive coming from Whakatane, they just pull out across in front of me from the left hand lane as they're heading into Whakatane because they're travelling too fast to slow down in time and the car in the inside lane blocks their vision.
Survey Response		Through the townships between Whakatane and Rotorua I understand there needs to reduced speed limits but in between them on the open road personally I don't think so. I'm guessing it's more to do with the number of road intersections and making it safer for people turning out of them but I see more road rage when people travel the straight sections on that road at 90km instead of 100km so you'll likely still get road rage from impatient drivers who don't want to drive 80km and no matter the speed limit is will always speed when it's open road, the speed limit won't stop them.
Survey Response		Not sure if any of your team do trials at intersections at peak times if not you should definitely try pulling out of the Paroa Road intersection to turn right into Whakatane, it's hard enough during the middle of the day let alone at peak times and turning right out of Mill Road is hard work especially when there's trucks pulling in and out very frequently due to the Whakatane Mill and the truck mechanics on Mill Road and very soon to be opened the Mainfreight which is going to really increase the number of trucks as well as Go Bus school buses. When they're in the slip lane to turn left coming from Whakatane the trucks block the view of traffic travelling out of town and if a truck is turning right into the Mill Road coming from Awakeri direction you have to sit and wait for ages as they have right of way first. Definitely needs to be a roundabout there and having the roundabout will be a safer option for the Paroa community to have a safer travel route into town. I don't live in this area but I wouldn't won't to.
Survey Response		Advertising to slower drivers, if there is traffic behind you let them pass, and have it enforced
Survey Response		This will cause more accidents of impatient people passing slow traffic in blind areas more often. It's the idiot drivers that need to be stopped not lowering the speed limit.
Survey Response		speed limits which chop and change are really confusing, it is hard enough staying safe on the roads, with the road surface, idiots on the road, other hazards, without adding differing limits on open road areas. And then add into the mix, the longer length of time to get from point A to point B, people will go crazy trying to get there fast anyway. Why not drop the speed limit to 90km, so cars and trucks and cars towing trailers are all travelling at the same top speed. That would make way more sense. you will always have slower drivers, crazy drivers, dangerous drivers, maybe driver education is needed in schools, instead of punishing those that drive well by slowing everyone down on roads that can be driven at the current legal limit, and adding extra time on travel times..... Please dont drop the limits. life is precious, but so is our time.
Survey Response		Reducing all areas to no greater than 80 seems ridiculous- the barriers put on this stretch of road was a waste of money and has made no difference to the road-if anything it has made it more dangerous limiting the area to pull over and into driveways. Reducing the speed will not reduce the deaths and accidents...it will simply make people far more impatient and erratic. Waste of money and not necessary. The only area I agree with is in Awakeri where it needs to be reduced to 60.
Survey Response		The only area I agree with is in Awakeri where it needs to be reduced to 60.
Survey Response		It's f**king ridiculous, all it will do its create more accidents by people getting impatient and take risks
Survey Response		I'll just go the other way it will be much faster
Survey Response		Speed changes are not going to work alone. Speed cameras and more patrols even speed bumps are needed to help. We have traveled regularly from Awakeri to Rotorua and 98% of the time there are speeding drivers.

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Survey Response		Yes there are a lot of factors to take into consideration. People won't adhere to 80km on the open road and why should they, especially on a straight piece of road with no side roads. Speed limits need to be reduced around the major intersections and small communities. Not the open road. I can't believe the intersection to Kawerau from state 30 that involves military rd and Grieve rd, which has many trucks using is only be reduced to 80 km. It needs barriers or cones, I drive through that every day and am blown away by traffic pulling onto state highway 30 from any of those roads into a 100km zone. There have been a lot of accidents there. Come on, we've had all these barriers installed on those roads and now you want to reduce the speed as well. I live and drive on these roads, have done for the passed 10 years. Maybe if you interacted with residents along these roads for starters rather than the townies who drive on them occasionally would be a good start to getting the locals opinions as well.
Survey Response		Reducing the speed limit for such a long stretch of road will not make the road safer. Aggressive and distracted drivers are a frequent observation I make whilst driving this road, frustration from traffic being slowed down will increase aggressive behaviours. The majority of the 100km/h sections of road do not need to be slowed down to 80km/h. Speed limits do not slow down people who speed.
Survey Response		There are areas which should remain at 100 such as the foot of the Rotomas to the Kawerau turn off. Most of the issues are driver behaviour, and reducing the speed limits will result in more accidents due to frustration.
Survey Response		I agree with dropping the limit from 100 to 80 from Tauranga/Whakatane turn off to Shaw Road then to 60 to the Gateway Drive round about then down to 50 through to Whakatane Bridge.
Survey Response		I think that the Gateway drive roundabout to whakatane bridge is a perfect speed as it is.
Survey Response		This is absurd! It's not the speed, it's the state of the roads! Pot holes constantly! And slow drivers are more frustrating than anything! Maybe put in some Passing lanes instead of dropping speed limits... ridiculous!
Survey Response		Most of the accidents happen in the low speed areas that already exist, changing the speed limit is not going to change anything, i dont agree with changing the 100km between Okataina to Tikitere and after the Hub in Whakatane.
Survey Response		Policing this road would have more effect. If the limit is lower that will only frustrate more drivers. Trucks are restricted by maximum hours, this makes that much more difficult to achieve. The current limits fit quite well with trucks with the 100km/h sections at 90 for a truck. Cars can certainly safely do it faster than they can. Motorbikes can negotiate this road much more safely at the current speed than other vehicles, the proposed limits are an overreaction. Far too slow. This sort of over the top governance is going to ruin a lot of peoples favourite pastime. Around schools, sure they could be lower but the rest of that stretch of road is already very slow. Accidents involving speed will only stop or reduce if people think they'll get caught doing it. The accidents in the past involving speed over the limit still happened, the limit didn't stop them. The road between Awakeri and Whakatane needs passing lanes not slower vehicles.
Survey Response		The road between Awakeri and Whakatane needs passing lanes not slower vehicles.
Survey Response		Condition of the roads. Would like to see 90 rather than suggested change
Survey Response		Cutting speed limit on open road from 100 to 80 km for long comutes is just ridiculous. It is not going to stop idiots passing on blind corners and speeding. Slow drivers will then go even slower and cause even more frustration. Night shift workers will be even more tired driving after working 12 hour shifts and be at even further risk. So instead of reducing open road speed limit, try getting more policing to catch the idiots. Irregardless, i believe you just go ahead and do it because this govt doesn't care what we think. This consultation is just a sham, just like 3 waters.
Survey Response		The reasons you have stated above in relation to these accidents are primarily caused by lack of room and passing lanes on the road, clearly the implementation of the wire barriers have not helped reduce the amount of accidents but if you provided more opportunities to pass safely & pull into driveways and side roads this would be of more benefit to our community in making roads safer
Survey Response		No necessary to change the speed limit. It won't reduce traffic incidents as the people that are going to make bad decisions are going to either speed or make those decisions irrelevant of the speed limit. You will just make people more impatient as it will take longer to get to their destination and have them passing where they wouldn't normally and breaking the speed limit anyway. This penalises the good drivers not the bad.

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Survey Response		Yes. The deaths on this road between Awakeri and Whakatane have not been caused by speed. One was an intoxicated driver, the second was two girls distracted in their car. I know this. I was on scene at both. Some of the others surrounding rotoma have been suicide, or attempted suicides. I believe many of the changes are good improvements however, I believe there are two sections that should not be reduced.
Survey Response		I believe it is the right thing to do to reduce speed limits in Rotoma, TeTeko, Awakeri. Along with a speed reduction coming into Whaktane.
Survey Response		However I believe the speed reduction should reduce from 100 to 80km at the Tauranga turn off through to the hub in Whakatane. I have had many discussions with locals about this. Most agree 100%. To reduce speed from outside of Rotoma, to TeTeko I think would cause more issues than anything.
Survey Response		People taking risks to pass or being frustrated. This again applies from Awakeri to the Tauranga Turn off prior to Whakatane. Both roads could do with some improvement and maintenance - but not speed reduction. I know these roads quite well, I have grown up living in Awakeri and going to School in Whakatane. I spent 5 years as a volunteer firefighter and have been on scene for accidents on these roads.
Survey Response		I am now a Plumber, and spend a large amount of time at Lake Rotoma, travelling from Shaw Road in whakatane. I can see merit in some of what you propose, but I do believe overall if you push an 80km speed limit the whole way. Many people will just ignore the slow areas that really matter, the areas where our Whanau cross the roads.
Survey Response		These ridiculous speed limits proposed from the first Kawerau turn off too Whakatane. A lot of this road is easily travelled at 100 kmh. If you decrease the speed this will hold people up which will cause frustrated drivers to do dumb passing moves as is the case with slow drivers on the roads now. We should not be lowering the road speeds because of bad roads.
Survey Response		This will just cause more accidents. Seems like a really stupid idea that hasn't been thought about or taken seriously. I don't agree to the change.
Survey Response		The issue is that you do not have sufficient passing lanes on this exiting of road. Whoever in your organisation is coming up with this rubbish of reducing speed limits to make roads safer is missing the point. Teach people to drive before they get a license, install more fixed speed cameras, and provide passing lanes so people can pass the logging trucks that dominate this road because of the industry sector. Reduced speed relies on low level individual compliance and is an administrative control at best. Lift the thinking to a more productive outcome.
Survey Response		How many accidents per volume of traffic passing over these roads. The accident rate is small by comparison and is also probably those not familiar with the roads
Survey Response		A lot of people live in different towns or areas to where they work in our region so extending the commute time is going to cause a lot of hassles on top of the ridiculous COVID restrictions already affecting peoples lives and jobs. Dropping the speed limit is like painting over sh*t. Upgrade the roads by adding passing lanes, etc. or leave it alone.
Survey Response		Producing better trained drivers, rather than lowering speed limits
Survey Response		All proposed 60km zones should be 70km zones. All 80km zones should be 100km zones, with the following exceptions...
Survey Response		Te Teko to Lake Rotoma, the 100km zone should extend to 200m short of the Manawahe Rd turn off at Lake Rotoma
Survey Response		the existing small 80km section at Lake Rotoiti should be 70kmhr.
Survey Response		Drivers will get more frustrated driving slower and pass in dangerous, snap decision passes. I believe this will lead to more accidents. Perhaps widening the road and adding a center barrier/ side barriers could be an option to prevent head ons, and running off the road.
Survey Response		That it is non sensible. Add some more slow vehicle lanes and improve the state of the road
Survey Response		I think a 100 down to 60 is too drastic,it should be 100 down to 80. I travel that road quite often Changing the speed limit is not going to change anything. The driver need to be educated. It also needs passing lanes to over take safely, then drivers won't take risks.



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Survey Response		They don't need dropping the only exception is around the schools they should be dropped. But here's an idea you could fix them in the other areas! All it will do is make the roads more hazardous as people will do more stupid stuff than they already do when people go even slower than the posted limits. We all know they decision has already been made by you bunch of f**k wits the cars are safer but there's more people on the road and the driver training is sh*t! Listen to the experts you ask then ignore eg Greg Murphy has made a number of suggestions & you muppets brush them off because they will make a difference you just can't handle being told you have no f**king idea on what to do.....
Survey Response		DO NOT CHANGE THE SPEEDS. They are absolutely fine as they are now. I travel this road every few weeks, no problems. The areas that are currently restricted work well in the built up areas. Traffic flows smoothly in the 100km areas. If you reduce the speeds there will be congestion, more dangerous passing conditions, more problems. DO NOT REDUCE THE SPEEDS
Survey Response		Seems like a crazy plan to put in so many different speeds on a short journey. I drive that road a lot and see a lot of bad driving all below the current speed limit mostly bad decision making and impatient over taking. I have no problems with current speed limits but I think there should be more passing lanes. I'm against what your proposing and think if you need to do something make the roads better and spend the money on roads not laziness in just cheap way changing signs.
Survey Response		Rather than slowing down speeds alternating passing lanes could be made and put barriers down the middle of the road to stop head on collisions
Survey Response		Changing the speed limits will only affect the people who don't speed now. The majority of law abiding citizens who travel these roads at the current speed limits. The people you are aiming to target will continue to drive at the ridiculous speeds that they already drive at. This will encourage them to take greater risks, overtaking more than the two to three vehicles that is practice now. Overtaking at increasingly shorter gaps as the rule following cars will be going slower. Fix the roads properly, a 10 year fix, not a 2 year patch job. Put in some more passing points and slow vehicle lanes to reduce the need for people to take risks when they are so desperate to pass. The speed limits in the urban portion coming into Whakatane and through the lake areas could be reduced for pedestrian safety.
Survey Response		How will congestion be monitored? What review process has been put in place following any implementation?
Survey Response		Driver boredom leading to inattention.

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Survey Response		<p>There are NO passing lanes at all in the entire EBOP. I count the EBOP from when you're out of the Rotomas. I commute every day to and from Whakatane. I can tell you exactly what I've seen. Traffic usually flows easily until everyone comes across a slow moving vehicle. Then everyone gets stuck behind that vehicle as there's no passing lanes and the drivers of the slow vehicles often do not pull over occasionally to ease the congestion. There's a lot of commuting in the EBOP area due to the lack of timely and available public transport options. There are a lot of heavy trucks on our roads who are on the roads at peak commuting times I've, going to and from their base. That includes several logging trucks every day. So what happens, and I've seen it too many times, is that some idiot gets impatient and tries to pass. I've lost count of the times I've seen near misses. I've also seen something else - people recklessly speeding up once the slow vehicle turns off SH30 probably because they didn't factor in leeway time to get to work. My view is if you reduce speed limits, you're actually going to add to the problem. We need passing lanes - the traffic at peak commute times is a constant stream, there's no way to safely get past. The roads are awful too. It wasn't a worry 40 odd years ago because there were less cars, freight trains were used a lot more than they are now, and people had plenty of jobs where they lived. The increase in traffic, especially heavy trucks, has seen the roads in a constant state of wear and tear. Seriously, the fix it jobs on potholes and slick surfaces are a waste of time and money - it doesn't last long. There are areas where you'll aquaplane if you don't know about them because the wrong road surface has been used and water pools. The straight outside Awakeri hot springs is the worst. The water pools on the road which is smooth and becomes slick every time we get a downpour. SH30 is a national highway but you wouldn't think it from its lack of proper attention. It needs re-aligning in some areas, re-surfacing, re-sealing and careful planting to eliminate the massive sunstrike issue. Reducing speed won't fix that! The simple truth is, the EBOP has been systematically neglected for years along SH30. The view many I've spoken to, is that implementing a speed reduction is a cheap way to get accidents down rather than addressing the real issue of the road no longer being suitable for the extra demands. I agree with that. It hasn't changed since I was a little kid. I've driven these roads since a teen and not once have I ever had an accident and the current speed limits are perfectly fine if you don't drive like an idiot. Speed reduction isn't going to eliminate the idiots so what is the point of this proposal? Better by far to minimise the factors that cause people to get impatient, or get caught out by things like sunstrike. I rather doubt we will get decent public transport any time soon but you could get cracking on fixing the roads and adding passing lanes.</p>
Survey Response		Do not change speed limit. Spend money on fixing up the road to make it safer.
Survey Response		Terrible idea. No reason why the speed limit should be under 100 everywhere excluding townships, in particular from awakeri to Braemar road!
Survey Response		There are many of stretches on this road that 100kph speed limit is very safe. Straight sections around Awakeri and kawerau as well as Te Teko to Tauranga road intersections
Survey Response		There are so many measures to reduce harm. You seem to only want to reduce speeds which just wind people up. You need to employ people with more than half a brain. This is getting out of hand.
Survey Response		As a very frequent user of this road I believe that it is not unsafe due to the speed limits and that the proposed lowering of the speed limits will cause accidents on a road that is very windy with people becoming impatient and trying to unsafely overtake. I also believe that the lowering of speed limits is due to the lack of high quality maintenance on this and many other roads in New Zealand, it is essential that our roads are brought up to an international standard to ensure safety. I also believe that all of the people's concerns should be taken into consideration with public meetings being held in all of the areas that this affects.
Survey Response		Changing the speed limit will not stop reckless drivers or those that speed. All it will do is make people even more impatient and put others at risk. How about upgrading our roads and looking at the education of drivers.
Survey Response		Yes there definitely is more to be considered. What about those who work at Kawerau? As it is travel is started at least 1/2 an hour plus before starting time at work. If traffic is slow then the risks start as the concern about being late begins. There is no slow lane for those who choose to drive slow. Less sleep, more risk!!!
Survey Response		More slow lanes for trucks to pull into. Most of the time the drivers loss patience driving behind big trucks for long periods and make mistakes by overtaking.

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Survey Response	I think the speed limits should stay the same. I don't agree with your proposal at all.
Survey Response	Slow speed limits don't save lives educated driver do. People who speed and drink and drive won't care are about the speed limits. Roundabouts are needed at major intersections and stripping or tar and pot holes need fixing.
Survey Response	NZ Police need to vet the area for inattention by drivers. The biggest cause of unsafe driving.
Survey Response	Your roads are sh*t fix them properly stop hiring monkeys to fix the roads
Survey Response	It's not the speed limits that need changing, the accidents are due to people being on their phones or inattentive to what's happening in front of them. I drive these roads multiple times every day for work back and forth and see it all. The worst intersection being the corner sh30 and Thornton road when people that are pulling out heading towards Whakatane think it's ok to roll out in front of traffic going 100kph. A roundabout in my opinion would be the best thing there as it will allow more flow easier without having to pull out into 100kph traffic. Works the same at the end of the toll road so why not here.
Survey Response	It's ridiculous to reduce the speed, it's people who need to renew the road rules, people who have had their license to long or the lazy drivers.
Survey Response	It seems outrageous that we are slowing down roads when cars are safer than they have ever been. By creating a slower speed limit it will only cause more frustration for all drivers that use this stretch of road. We believe more money should be put into the roads and making them safer rather than trying to make it slower.
Survey Response	Our state highways should all be 100kph. Sort the problem. If it is the drivers, fix the drivers. If it is the roads, fix the roads. Stop dumbing everyone down to the lowest possible denominator. Both myself and my wife travel this road regularly and safely, without problem. When I see people over take on blind corners, no amount of speed reduction will fix the stupid. Research why these people make such obviously stupid decisions and ask yourselves, if the speed limit were reduced, would the ridiculous overtaking manoeuvres some people attempt, stop. Answer, not at all.
Survey Response	The area between Kawerau Loop rd / SH#34 East to Te Teko, East of Te Teko / Galatea rd to Awakeri SH#2 should remain at current limit OR only be reduced to 90kmh. In addition there are multiple areas where effective maintenance needs to be undertaken. If speeds are to be reduced additional passing lanes need to be put in to reduce instances of risk taking by frustrated drivers which will no doubt occur.
Survey Response	The roads need to be fixed and put better signage out for buses kids, slow etc, there also needs be one more passing lane. This is not viable for daily commuters, if u reduce speeds more you will end up with more impatient people and more accidents. Around Te Urumahue put better side walks for the locals so they feel more safe they practically walk on the road. I ask that the above changes be considered before such speed decreases
Survey Response	1. Consider that not everyone is a bad driver. 2. It is a good road, people are just not confident driving it. If drivers are not confident driving they should not be driving at all, they automatically become a danger by breaking hard, slowing down and speeding up etc. 7. Every licensed driver should have to do a defensive driving course. 8. Allow young drivers access to race tracks so they can do their racing and ridiculous stunts in the right place. 9. Put speed modifiers in all NZ vehicles except emergency vehicles and ALL policing units and their supporting units. 11. Make passing another vehicle part of passing a licence - correct procedures, passing requirements lengths. 12. Drivers taught to leave correct following distances between themselves and slow vehicles if they are not prepared to pass. Too often one car and a truck is too daunting to pass in one go - yet if the car following were to adhere to the passing distances and understand trucks can't see them where they are too close, will allow better and more cooperative road use. 12. Educate drivers that pull into a 100k road limit, that they need to get up to speed as quickly as possible and need to ensure there is sufficient room to do so. 14. Teach people outside of main cities how to use the merging lanes!!!
Survey Response	3. More policing of roads and drivers. 4. Harsher sentences for drivers who cause accident and kill people on the roads. 10. Ensure policing around pulling over to let other traffic past - trucks and slow vehicles are a hazard when they do not allow traffic to flow. 13. Put cameras on intersections where people pull out in front of others.
Survey Response	5. Ensure road work signage is removed in a timely manner so people can trust what's ahead - too many signs out weeks after works done and drivers become frustrated and complacent.

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Survey Response		6.Stop catering to the minority of moaners, calculate the number of cars on the road and the number that have accidents - very minimal. As much as accidents are tragic - it's driver responsibility, not the responsibility of everyone else to compensate for the stupid, rash, and over confident decisions OR their lack of practice, ability and lack of confidence! 15. Does this mean trucks will no longer have a lower speed limit? 16. This will nearly double the time it takes me to travel these roads. 1 hour trip to do 30 km? 17.This is a rural road not a city! Do not make us drive the same way as is required around hugely built up areas. 18. This is a ridiculous proposal. Deal with the individuals who cause the problems - do not disadvantage everyone who treats the road with respect and drives within the rules and regulations. Stop making the needs of the few dictate the needs of the many when there is no real evidence that this will work!
Survey Response		19. What are the stats from the 70's and 80's before the speed limit was increased? How do these compare on or worse road conditions? What was the rationale for increasing the speed limits back then?
Survey Response		I think you will find over time that these changes will result in more driver frustration which cause more accidents with people passing in stupid places which already happens alot on this piece of road. The same culprits will do this more as the slower speeds will make it easier for them to attempt to pass especially on blind corners. I drive this road regularly and find in the 80km/h sections there is a major problem with people tailgating and aggressive passing manoeuvres with oncoming traffic this will only get worse. One solution could be actually promote to our wonderful traffic police to pull over and fine people travelling to slow holding up big lines of traffic which creates frustration and people passing dangerously. I have been in big lines of cars waiting and never seen a police car do this when they have been coming the other way. The focus is always on catching high speeders just a bit of food for thought. Going forward maybe nzta needs to be lobbying the government for more funding to actually maintain properly or even improve the safety of roads to handle the level of traffic they get compared to 20 years ago rather than keeping on reducing speed limits which I'm sure is all you can currently do because of the pathetic budgets you get to try and solve these problems.
Survey Response		Yes there are already good speed limits in place . Reducing from 80 to 60 km is not changing things safety wise I honestly don't believe that you will listen to our submissions and believe your mind is made up . You need to factor in commonsense. 10 deaths in 10 years is not huge . Sad yes but not huge . The areas of concern are already speed limited so why change
Survey Response		None that I can presently think of, happy with the speed changes.
Survey Response		Only change speed limit where there are houses or communities the rest of the road leave at 100 km and fix the roads as it is people distracted causing crashes not the speed limit and also 3 of the deaths on the roads were suicide
Survey Response		Maybe invest in the NZ Police to do the job like the Ministry of Transport Traffic Dept was. You can make it whatever speed limit you want but without decent enforcement you are wasting everyones time and money. The speed limits at the moment appear ok. It is the idiots who speed no matter what the speed limit or drink and drive, hence enforcement. Have any of you making these new changes ever driven on the roads you want to change. I bet not, you just sit in your office making stupid decisions. Ask any ex Traffic Cop how to cut down the crashes and they will tell you, ENFORCEMENT. It's not rocket science.
Survey Response		Fix the roads to make them safer. The road quality is horrible with big pot holes, swagges in the road, vegetation growth on corners and delaminated road surfaces. Speed isn't the main issue. You also have to account for ignorant drivers who fail to pull over when traveling below the speed limits cause people to make silly decisions, people using their phones while driving. This proposal is by far a joke and land transports way of getting out of fixing our crap roading
Survey Response		The main issue is impatient cars going through the Rotomas. If there was able to be slow lanes for trucks to pull into, that would make it infinitely better. I travel from Rotorua to Whakatane and back twice a week for work, and every other weekend to see family too (live in Rotorua but from Whakatane)
Survey Response		By slowing the speed limit there will be more crashes from people being frustrated with the slower speeds and adding more travel time to and from work etc

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Survey Response		While I agree with most of these there are long straight sections that are fine at 100k. Just past the Kawerau turnoff heading to Rotorua and the section heading towards Te Teko past McDonald Rd come to mind. There should also be additional signage along the whole route from the Tauranga turnoff to Tikitere advising motorists going slower to pull over. I have seen numerous times people going 70 or 80 and drivers behind getting frustrated and doing dangerous passing etc.
Survey Response		Not change it to 80kmph. Completely unnecessary. Should be 100kmph in most places.
Survey Response		How about fixing the roads instead. Speed is not the issue it's the roads!
Survey Response		There will be more people doing dangerous overtakes because of the speed decrease. Nobody wants to be stuck going so slow for over an hour. There are also speed limits alrwyd on corners which I'm sure alot of people stick to anyway. So in reality there will be more crashes decreasing the speed because of dangerous overtakes.
Survey Response		Making speeding limits slower are only gonna make those people who speed and overtake others unsafely on the road more frustrated and make this more prevalent. I would suggest more education and possibly speeding cameras to target those who speed
Survey Response		The increased time due to the lower speed limits means more people will speed to pass others as they become impatient this won't lower the road toll it will raise it. I travel this route everyday you need more police patrolling this area so less people speed now not to lower the speed limit even further this is an idiotic idea
Survey Response		The proposed speed limit changes are an excessive reaction. I have driven along this road during summer and the speed limit has felt too low (at 100 kmh). It would be better to pick the three specific locations causing the problems and drop the limit for those specific locations only.
Survey Response		Yes, you talk about 'speed related' crashes, how many of these are within the speed limits? Dropping limits won't slow down those that already break the speed limits, they just hurt law-abiding drivers by delaying their journey. Also, slower driving isn't necessarily safer as attention drifts and tiredness kicks in. These changes are crazy; where does it stop? We'd all be "safer" driving at 30kph everywhere but driver due care has to come into consideration somewhere along the line.
Survey Response		The only place I have seen any problems is the Thornton road turn off because people don't give way properly. There's also the Rotorua turn off in Awakeri that needs monitoring as soo many people do not STOP! I don't believe Awakeri's speed limit needs to change
Survey Response		Leave it alone I don't mind dropping the limit to 60 around lake rotoiti and lake rotoma but everything else leave at 100
Survey Response		Too many speed changes within a 1 hour drive. Work needs to be done on the actual road (quality, potholes, overtaking lanes etc) not speed! Leave the speed limit alone and focus on the real issues.
Survey Response		It's not the roads that's the problem it's so many bad drivers on the road. Should just renew people's drivers licence sooner and with a driving test
Survey Response		100% agree with lowering the speed limits along SH30. I travel this route atleast four times a month and am always witness to dangerous driving. Corners through the lakes areas are tight so slower speed limits will allow for these to be taken safely. Also agree with Awakeri to Whakatane lower speed limits as the TGA turnoff and Mill Road intersections are dangerous when cars are travelling 100km, often having to slow right down for turning vehicles who make a judgement call to pull onto the mail road.
Survey Response		We fear this will be a total waste of time as drivers will drive at whatever speed they want to & will take no notice of signs. The road is perfectly good if driven sensibly. Drivers will continue to use their phones while driving unless you raise the penalties for doing so. Also speeding drivers should receive bigger fines to make them want to slow down. Enforcement is the answer! Work together with the Police for higher visibilty, this works. Use Speed Cameras they work & very well. Just move them around more frequently
Survey Response		Regardless of making speed limit changes, there will always be accidents. What is needed is better testing and training for learning drivers, and more regular training gor older drivers. Maybe mandatory defensive driving courses for all drivers...
Survey Response		We use this road regular, Do not change the speed limit, I dont consider it unsafe in the present speed limit, and extra traveling time is a concern

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Survey Response		Please don't change from 100km from Whakatane to Kawerau. So many Whakatane people travel to work there and it would take even longer. How many accidents on that stretch warrant changing the speed limit? If anything, more police presence.
Survey Response		Increased travel time for people who commute from whakatane to rotorua. Confusing for drivers when the speed limits change so often and such different values
Survey Response		I don't think reducing speed is the way to go. This will encourage more drivers to take risks as they're impatient. Put more money into policing the roads or installing cameras. Impatient drivers are worse for the road.
Survey Response		No speed change on anything!!! Fix the roads.
Survey Response		Climate Action.
Survey Response		Hi I grew up at Morehu Road And of all the accidents that I'm aware of very few if any were related to speed. The road conditions in that area are atrocious and need to be addressed. A good friend of mine motorcyclist was killed two years ago by an inattentive driver on her cell phone nothing to do with speed. Wouldn't we be better off mandating electronic devices be automatically turned off when entering or driving a vehicle this would save far more lives than dropping the speed limit. The technology is available where if you do not have a hands-free phone device like Apple CarPlay in your car your phone will automatically be disabled when you use the car. Lowering the speed limits as suggested would not only cause massive economical impact but significantly increase the frustration of mini drivers using this area on a daily basis they will only be tempted to go faster and take more risks when passing opportunities present themselves. Remove the temptation to speed by placing more speed cameras in the area but don't lower the speed please.
Survey Response		Approximately 13 speed limit changes on an 85km stretch of road is unfeasible, you would be changing your speed approximately every 6.5 km in average. It will lead to a huge amount of confusion and irate drivers. Surely a more sensible solution would be to have things left everywhere with maybe a change to 80km for whole stretch of road from lake Okataina road to Matahi road? chopping and changing speed limit is not the answer. Fix and police the road too!!
Survey Response		👍
Survey Response		Yes. Provision for turning traffic into Wharetoroa Drive, Gisborne Pt when approaching from Whakatane.
Survey Response		Forget the rest. Need to seriously look at last section from Thornton Rd intersection. Needs a roundabout at the intersection plus Mill Road intersection needs sorting.
Survey Response		I am in complete agreement
Survey Response		Changing the speed limits will not change the accident rate because if you look at the statistics there is poor decision making and vehicle safety issues are the common factors. Side barriers that have been added to some of these sections and this restricts the ability to pull over and has added to drivers frustrations and now forcing a speed restriction will make poor decision making worse.
Survey Response		I have serious concerns that between the Kawerau turn off (Rotoma end) and Awakeri there are too many "rat runs" on local roads that users will use a) because there is no coordination of speed changes with the local roads, and b) users will feel that there will be less chance of being caught. The time difference between local road and SH is negligible and many people may feel it is quicker to use local roads if the speed restriction of 80km/hr is applied. These local roads are narrower with little or no shoulder and are used by many cyclists etc due to the current low traffic volume, corner delineation is of a lesser standard. I believe that changing the limit to 80km/hr will have a serious and significant impact on road safety for the local road network, particularly for vulnerable road users. the preference should be for improved infrastructure on SH30, and or, coordinated speed review with 90km/hr on SH and 80km/hr on local roads. I am generally in support of the other proposed limits from the Hub to Awakeri and the Rotoma section.
Survey Response		How many serious accidents have occurred in the area that are not suspected suicide. This will just cause confusion and will cause further risk as drivers get frustrated and riskier over takes putting people at higher risk. This would appear that local people who are only interested in the area in front of their houses. Would be interested in the business model that is driving this project

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Survey Response		No, I think you have covered everything and these proposed speed changes are very appropriate for the windy nature of the road.
Survey Response		<p>Transit NZ Submission on all proposed speed limit changes. For some perspective it is a fact each year about 560 citizens die through suicide far more than do on our roads. It would be hard to give suicides infringement tickets if it were illegal! Not so motorists – inconsistent speed sections will net the Government millions of dollars in fines but will not save lives. Reducing speed limits is a cynical, ill thought out, autocratic and political imitative which lacks pragmatism and will fail its major stated aim. Leave our provincial open road highway speed limits alone! Transit needs to focus on improving the safety our provincial highways and roads by improving them! Paint a double white line at least one metre apart in the centre of the road to improve passing space between oncoming traffic and widen each single road lane width by a compensatory amount. Remove the 30 degree road shoulder angle which often causes vehicles. to roll over in the event that a driver goes over the edge of that verge, resulting in death or serious injury. Give urgent attention and redesign remedy to accident blackspots. Install more passing lanes on hilly provincial highways and mandate all trucks to stay within the left lane Speed up the process of identifying and repairing pot holes and subsidence's within two days maximum. And then check that it has been done. Ease the design of bends when possible and remove negative camber on corners. Ensure contractors remove loose metal after repairs and resealing with two days, to help prevent motorcycle accidents and unnecessary stone chip and windscreen damage to passing vehicles. Transit does not currently have majority public support for unilaterally reducing or altering all our established speed limits. This action will inevitably increase traffic congestion and tail backs. Reduced speeds will frustrate many competent, responsible drivers and use more fuel as most vehicles will not be in their most economical and efficient top gear performance range. Some frustrated drivers held in long tailbacks behind trucks, especially on hilly sections, may initiate sometimes careless, stupid and reckless passing behaviour in the face of oncoming traffic. Lowered speed limits will adversely affect road transport operations by delaying delivery of goods and imposing unnecessary added cost to goods and services in the provincial regions.</p>
Survey Response		Most crashes/accidents are from people already speeding or reckless driving and speed limit isn't exactly the problem. And a large amount have even been suicides or attempts
Survey Response		I think that your changes to the speed limits are the correct ones to make and our whanau support this! We live along SH30 in Ruato Bay and have seen 5 big accidents (2 were trucks that rolled when couldn't take the corner carefully as they were travelling at approx 100kms per hour) that have occurred since August 2021. It's too dangerous with the current speed limits. People don't understand/know the conditions of the road, especially the bend around our area; it's a tragedy waiting to happen!
Survey Response		<p>People already get frustrated at the current speed limits on this road and reducing further will increase the occurrence of adverse events such as illegal or 'dodgy' overtaking. It is human nature to become frustrated- which can't simply be fixed by reducing speeds. Often reducing speeds doesn't work as people continue driving the old speed limits as they have been doing for so long and feel they can do safely. What would probably be a better option for NZ (rather than reducing speed limits around the country) is to overhaul the driver's licensing system to make it more rigorous (like in UK / other European countries) to make better driver's who can actually drive NZ roads. Reducing speed limits is an ambulance at the bottom of the cliff.</p>
Survey Response		<p>Has anyone driven this route from your office, regularly? Some of the proposed limits are reasonable and safety minded, but others (on long straight stretches of road, or with good visibility), will just cause frustration for drivers. Having the limit change every few km (or less) is an added level of distraction to your driving (I have noticed this with the Paengaroa - Rotorua changes). Some other sections (e.g. Rotoma to sea level) are very winding and therefore self-regulating, with guidance speeds on corners. Make use of 70km/hr more.</p> <p>Some sections of road need to be improved for safety visibility (e.g. blind turn-offs, such as near Hells Gate and Rotoehu), not just reduce a speed limit. Could you also provide an update of how much longer the journey would take at the proposed new limits? Businesses or individuals that travel a lot will need to factor this in. Thank you</p>

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Survey Response		Reducing the speed limit will not reduce the accidents on this road. Those that cut corners and speed will continue to do so. Those of us that use that road regularly will be penalized when we already drive to the Conditions
Survey Response		The, time factor (for businesses moving freight etc) and for private vehicles the "frustration factor". There are still large sections of road that appear to be perfectly safe to travel at 100km/h that will be reduced to 80km/h. In my opinion, this has the potential to cause accidents due to people becoming impatient, and then attempting to pass in locations where it is unwise... Surely using the CAS (crash analysis system) areas can be better targeted for reduced speeds? There are areas- such as from the western-most sh34/ Kawerau Rd intersection with sh30 westward toward Rotorua) where a 100km/h makes little sense. Other areas such as between Whakatane and Te Teko do not seem to make sense to change from 80 to 100. Nobody wants to see potentially fatal accidents happen, but nobody wants to travel slower than necessary either.
Survey Response		In support of all changes
Survey Response		The issue isn't the current speed limit rather than the lack of enforcing the speed limit & the current drivers lack of respect for it. Especially with big trucks, like logging trucks that drive 100kmh when they shouldn't, & everyone else that completely ignores the speed limit as it is on this stretch of road. I've nearly died 4 times on this road in the past year. Once was on the 35kmh blind turn leaving Rotoiti toward Rotorua. A man passed me coming down the 80kmh hill, using the other lanes right turn lane & crossing the double yellows to fly past me in an 80 zone. Once the zone changed to 100kmh I caught up with the guy in front of me & completely stopped in my lane on the 35kmh turn, got out of his vehicle to approach mine. This altercation forced me to invest in a dash camera. Lowering the speed limit won't stop these stupid people from driving like idiots around blind corners, on the wrong side of the road, especially through the gorge, passing during double yellows & driving with complete disregard through any work zones (which ironically have lower speed limits that they IGNORE!) Please teach New Zealanders how to drive properly & respectfully, also try enforcing the current road laws far more seriously, & finally raise the penalties of breaking the road laws. All that rather than trying to apply a 'let's just lower the speed limit' band-aid that achieves nothing other than making trips longer than they already are all-the-while upsetting those who currently already disregard the law even more. P.S. I recommend - All traffic fines are doubled in road work zones AND if you injure or kill a road worker, you face up to a \$250,000 fine AND OR 5 years in prison. Then ENFORCE IT! with unmanned speed cameras based on average time of travel into average speed alongside individual unmanned speed cameras at each individual road work zone.
Survey Response		How about looking at the appalling state of your roads, pot holes everywhere, they take ages to get any attention, and when they do it's a patch up job that doesn't last long at all, people are trying to dodge these holes so it doesn't wreck their car. All these safety barriers that are going in, fix the dam roads first
Survey Response		No, maybe just instead of filling in pot holes with tar fix it!!
Survey Response		The main one would be improving the state of the roads - they are in a pretty terrible shape at the moment with temporary pot hole fixes, opt holes, barely seen or inconsistent lines in regards to marking and when you can overtake. Driver education is another factor - I have had many near miss incidents with other drivers ignoring stop signs and driving straight through both at Kawerau and Awakeri Other drivers do not seem to understand how to use the merging lane. Maybe education on how to use the roadside markers as well would be prudent We already have reduced speeds around the lakes - it doesn't stop those wanting to go faster so reducing it more will probably be a waste of time.
Survey Response		Most of these areas do not need to be lowered. I agree to the speed limit being lowered near schools. Awakeri, Rotoma, Rotoiti.
Survey Response		Lowering most of these speed limits is just going to frustrate people further and more idiotic behavior on our roads will occur. Most of the accidents along this road are from peoples driving ability or stupid actions. You can not fix stupid! The people that behave like that now are still going to do it not matter what the speed limit. We see it everyday!. Put more money into driver education and policing correct behavior on the road.
Survey Response		No
Survey Response		Fix the f**ken roads Don't change the speed limit



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Survey Response		Yes. The main stretches of road (From 100m north of Galatea Rd to 185m south-west of SH2/SH30 Awakeri Junction) and Awakeri to Gateway - these should remain at 100km. This is a major commuters stretch of road with an abundance of people working/living in kawerau and Whakatane and traveling both ways. People will become impatient and make dangerous maneuvers to overtake just to get to work on time.
Survey Response		The current speed limits are not the issue, the roads in New Zealand as a whole are in poor condition. Waka Kotahi need to address the real problem and upgrade the carriage ways. In my experience when forced to travel at lower speeds drivers become complacent, are easily distracted and don't pay adequate attention to the job in hand - driving. I have been travelling State Highway 30 regularly for over 60 years and would like to point out that modern vehicles have much better breaking and handling, which makes driving conditions far safer than they used to be.
Survey Response		2a. This includes installation of (and not limited to): median barriers – both in the centre and at the edge of the highway where appropriate; adequate slip-on/slip off lanes at busy and major intersections (eg SH30/33) – they are currently non-existent; adequate barriers at major intersections that inhibit commuters merging directly into right-of-way traffic (eg SH30 westbound merging with SH33 at Te Ngae Junction/Awakeri Junction) – again non-existent; widening of highway at identified high-risk areas to create median turn-off/turn-on bays or pull-over bays (eg at marae/kura/shops/tourist spots, tourists in campervans turning into Ruato Bay lakeside/parking area; creation of more slow vehicle pull-over bays (or more passing lanes) in light of the increased traffic volume with more heavy freight/logistics, logging trucks and disorientated tourists; smarter use of variable speed signage (eg electronic speed signs as is used on other highways not in our district).
Survey Response		1. Most of the people living in the affected areas of the proposed speed reductions, need to commute through/out of the area to work themselves, along with freight, logging trucks, other workers commuting between districts, and tourists. 1a. The economic impact on all commuters/individuals/companies impacted by longer travelling times due to the speed reductions should be quantified and taken into consideration of all the options, including adequacy of investment into this major arterial.
Survey Response		Yes, the number of journeys that do not result in any damage, injuries or death. If the roads are widened where necessary to allow passing lanes, then there will be less risk of people taking chances.
Survey Response		Lowering the speed limit on this road will cause a lot of people to go even slower than the speed limit and will cause frustration and dangerous overtaking, resulting in more death and injury. How about leave the speed limit where it is and actually improve the roads
Survey Response		80 km/h on many sections of straight open Rd will encourage more unsafe passing. Awakeri to Thornton Rd should still be 100km/h. Te Teko to Rotomas should be 100km/h, perhaps reduce just for the bends at Mt bike park and around intersections. Don't; reduce for the entire stretch of mostly straight road. similar SH33 to Lake Rotoiti - keep 100km/h. I can partially accept some of the reductions around residential areas, but would 70 km/h be ok in places where 60 is proposed (part of Te Teko, parts of Rotoiti)?
Survey Response		Five of the above stats were occupants in my car, one killed and the rest seriously injured. It was a head-on from a driver fell asleep behind the wheel. Both cars were driving around 60km. 1. Line-of-vision for speed signs. Trees and curves along SH30 made sign easy to miss. Less frequent change is preferred. 60km along Lake Rotoiti the whole way, instead of raising to 80km for a short distance (see your map). 2. Stop head-on from driver's fatigue and poor-vision. Include frequent, wider and more visible Rumble Strip.
Survey Response		The proposed reduction in speed to 60 kmh around Lakes Rotoiti and Rotoma are to levels which are too slow. Leave Rotoma at 70 kmh, and reduce Rotoiti to 70 kmh.
Survey Response		Having driven this road hundreds of times since the age of 16 (24ys) these speed reductions seem insane. This is a safe road to travel, I have not once witnessed an accident nor had one myself. Yes there has been the occasional car go into lake Rotoma but if you travel the reduced speed limit and corner with care this is perfect safe too. Changing all the speeds along this road seems like a massive waste of time and money, looks like someone is trying to create work for themselves, might need to cull some staff if this is what they waste their time doing.

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Survey Response		With the growing population of the Bay of Plenty causing traffic density, 100km is too fast for a stretch of highway which has the Tauranga junction turn off, Paroa (with a school nearby and a drop area for quarry drivers), Taiwhakaea (with Julian's Berry farm and beach access), Poroporo (businesses, cemetery, truck users) and a new subdivision. I said it long ago the 80km sign should have gone all the way back before the Tauranga turn off and possibly lowered to 70km. We share our roads with Learners, restricted and NO licence holders and although some of these drivers may think they are experienced, it should ordinarily be treated like they are not. Even after merging onto the state highway you are still at the risk of traffic coming through.
Survey Response		I think the limits that are already in use are effective and any reduction in speed limits is unnecessary.
Survey Response		The speed limits should be changed to 90km of those proposed 100km changes. 80km is to slow heading through to whakatane and you will end up having more people pushing the limit to overtake risking more lives then saving. 90kms change is a decent limit with more movement and less likely hood of road rage.
Survey Response		Its not about changing the speed limit. It's just people's dangerous driving ory inconsiderate driving. I believe if you lower the speed your more likely to cause accidents. Your better to put in more lanes or think of alternative options. Dropping the speed by 20 km are going to make people anxious and hoha and then no doubt drive dangerously. I believe there needs to be more overtaking lanes so people can move for those behind them and signs to tell them. Signs that say Don't create lines, move over. This is especially for the road going from Kawerau to Rotorua.
Survey Response		The state of the roads
Survey Response		The whole lot!!! This will make the trip so much longer! People Will get impatient and do crazy things to get past! Maybe before you go and change speed levels you should look at fixing the roading! It's disgusting potholes uneven ground it's a disaster! Your looking at the wrong things! Easy quick cover ups of the roads that's what they do instead of actually doing a good job!!! With all the trucks on the road that's what's killing our roads!you are crazy dropping main highways to 80 and 60 what is wrong with you
Survey Response		Reducing the speed along these roads will cause 10x more accidents! Most are caused due to overtaking slow vehicles, especially campers and trucks. Put in more shoulders and start enforcing drivers not to be wankers and actually pull over to let the huge lines of cars pass safely. Driving this road 4x return per week I only see crazy drivers once every few weeks and it's always due to someone driving well under the speed limit and not pulling over. Reducing speed limits is just going to make this worse. Don't be a w*nker like the camper drivers and actually use your brain... this is a stupid idea!!! P.s - some decent road maintenance especially in the rotomas on the sharp corners wouldn't go a miss... trucks smash the corners up and they need to be repaired properly and regularly, which could also help reduce some of these accidents and make out roads so much safer 😊
Survey Response		Yes The existing 100kph zones from Rotoma to Thornton road do not require review as the road is already safe to drive at highway speed, most of a 24 hour day. There are busy times of day with more traffic as it's a commuter road. and as such certain accident prone spots should have a review, such as the intersection of SH30 & 34 & Grieve Road. Speed alone would account for very few accidents and would mainly attributed by drivers exceeding the speed limit, lowering the limit wont stop drivers exceeding the speed-limit. A more thorough investigation of the causes of the accidents would then indicate a better cause of action. These stats have not been shared, I suspect driver distraction accounts for most accidents, followed by drug/drink, inexperience, unfit vehicles. Any vehicle that is not stationery can technically involved in a speed related incident. Temporary speed reductions in area's where road repair is required and programmed in to happen, make sense. Also seasonal temporary speed reductions around areas that have more turning traffic also make sense to drivers, eg blueberry corner on Thornton Road during the summer.
Survey Response		Poor idea. This seems like an easier way to reduce accidents when the real problem is the actual crappy condition of the roads. Fix the road first
Survey Response		You are absolute c*nts for making these changes, you make no good reason to do so. Leave speed limits as they are! Totally against

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Survey Response		The road surface should be improved to increase vehicle stability and safety rather than slowing everyone to a frustratingly low speed. Transit times from Kawerau to Whakatane will increase and a large number of vehicles perform this commute every day. Improving infrastructure is a better long term investment for the community than slowing everyones transport for a quick cheap fix.
Survey Response		These speed limits do not do anything to improve the state of roads and will not reduce the dangers currently found on this section of road. There are fundamental issues with our roading network which are being ignored (lack of maintenance). Travel times need to be assessed correctly and as a regular user of the road have found the road to be safe at the existing speed limits. Please look into the maintenance of the roads and use funding for road maintenance rather than publicity campaigns. I do not support this in any form and wonder why this is being look into when the speed limit at the intersection of Mill road and SH 30 is 100 KM/H despite regular accidents.
Survey Response		Have you even looked in the same 10 year period how many people have passed over these roads and yes it is sad that we have lost 10 lives and had 73 people injured. But can these be put down to speed only and not weather conditions at the time or Alcohol
Survey Response		I think it's more important to re enforce the current speed limits rather than lowering them. You can change the speed but it doesn't mean people will follow the new speed limits. Another thing to consider is the quality of the road, I drive on sh30 every day and there are always spots where pot holes pop up and slippery corners.
Survey Response		Current conditions of the road, corrugations, etc.. you should absolutely fix the roads and not reduce speed limits, all that lower limits cause is to give drivers a false sense of security and that combined with short attention spans results in people getting distracted.
Survey Response		These speed limits should not be reduced as reducing speed limits adds a lot of time to your daily travel and 10 deaths over 9 years is not really a huge statistic to over react on.
Survey Response		I travel this road from Kawerau everyday for work,and everyday I see vehicles speeding and crossing the centre lines coming through the lakes. Unfortunately it doesn't matter what the speed limit is people are still going to be unsafe drivers. Sadly I see very few police cars patrolling the road. Which makes it to easy for people to speed and not face any consequences. In the 4 years I have been commuting to rotorua for work and driving the speed limit following the road rules I have never had an issue myself with the current speed limits. I think the condition of this road is more of a concern. Especially when it rains with surface water and pot holes making the drive hazardous when raining
Survey Response		The change in speed limits is going to have a major impact of transport for residents living in kawerau and traveling to rotorua for work. The route is not very busy from rotorua to kawerau yet you chose to lower the speed li.it to try reduce crashes that are not caused by locals who use thi road daily.
Survey Response		I travel the road regularly and I am completely against the reductions proposed.... What should happen is more frequent passing bays to avoid overtaking which is necessary almost every trip. Reducing the speed limit will only result in more frustration in highway users. it is a public HIGHWAY not a central City street, NZ Transport agency need to improve the road, it is currently a disgrace rather than opting to reduce the speed to make up for its short comings in road maintenance and improvements. I vigorously oppose this proposal
Survey Response		Have you considered the state of the roads at the moment in those proposed areas? Road user tax, and petrol "pay at the pump" for both petrol & diesel should be going to pay to repair roads, but the roads are in such a bad condition with lumps and pot holes. Where has the money gone for repairs? So how about actually repair the roads which cause alot more road carnage than main highways, and until you University graduates gets that through your thick skulls, we will be forever dealings with this cotton wool theory.

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Survey Response		The problem isn't the speed limit, as the current limits are reasonable, safe and comparable with other parts of the country. The problem is the quality of the roads and the lack of passing lanes. A lot of caravans and trailers use this road, traveling at 90km. With more passing lanes, people wouldn't make silly decisions. Reducing the speed limit would not stop irresponsible drivers. Improving the road condition and allowing more passing makes a lot more sense. There are already speed reductions in areas that need them.
Survey Response		Hi, just wanted to say 100% agree with all proposed speed limits particularly 60kph Te uramahue road to Tamatea st - this would be welcome change to safety in our community. Great job if you get this through team, thanks.
Survey Response		Consider how many people travel from Kawerau to Whakatane for work every day. This will increase the time of their trip each day. Not many people will be happy about that and I feel as if the roads are fine from Kawerau to Whakatane. Leave the speed limits as they are and use the money to fix the roads instead!
Survey Response		How long it will take us to travel anywhere on these roads, we don't have free buses to get our kids to school, there is no public transport going past my gate, yes I choose to live here but dropping the open road speed limit isn't going to help. How about more police on the roads giving speeding tickets, how about speed cameras, how about decent roads, how about helping us with better public transport. We are rural it takes time to travel anywhere. I haven't seen speed cameras on our SH30 for a long time. I understand reducing speed in the townships yes I agree, I understand reducing speed around the lakes- especially in peak summer season. I don't agree with the rest of the reduction. The tourist spot at tikitere is bad reduce it there, but leave the rest please. We have working trucks needing to get places and there speed being reduced is going to lengthen there days, adding hours to there log books, we have milk tankers, farming trucks, and logging trucks - these all going slower is going to make people take more risks to pass. we have to pay to widen our driveways, for better access how about look at the access and give us wider shoulders to pull off, so it is safer, you have taken all of this away with your barriers, our local tractors can't pull off, they can't mow the shoulders or trim trees behind these- give us back the verge maintenance on our SH30. Speak to the rural postman in our areas to see what there opinions are. I work in Whakatane I travel to town every work day so my kids can get to school we live to far from the bus, it takes me 30min to get there, if you lower the speed it is going to be slower.
Survey Response		The Whakatane turnoff to Tauranga into Whakatane needs to be reduced, the medium strip merge is dangerous put a round about in or traffic lights, double lanes out there would help get traffic flowing reducing speed will help but you need to do more with subdivision growth heading out that way
Survey Response		If you look at the already chopping and changing of speed limits we have along that route, the decrease in speeding limits really aren't going to do anything. Also, a lot of people travel to and from Whakatane and Rotorua daily for work, those kind of decreases are going to interrupt travel times to and from work for some considering the large trucks that also travel that specific road have to go 10km below the speed limit already.
Survey Response		No all of these changes would make a significant difference on this road! So much safer to travel on, and safer the communities who use the footpaths, driveways and side roads.
Survey Response		Don't do it everyone will use back country roads and cause more accidents!! I think the stupid barriers on the sides need to be removed cause you can't get off the road if you had to.
Survey Response		It's not the speed limit that causes concern, people just act like idiots overtaking and being reckless
Survey Response		The roads condition is poor in general, there are potholes everywhere and a lot of slow traffic. Already it is difficult to even do the speed limit as there are so many drivers who are not confident on the roads. Make the road wider, upgrade the surface to hotmix, create passing lanes. The speed is not the problem, it is drivers behaviours and road conditions The only area highlighted that needs the speed reduced is from Pacific Coast Highway and SH30 instersection next to Paroa road through to Gateway Drive. The increased traffic volume and the more houses out this way (shaw road) means it is extremely difficult to get out of Mill Road
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Survey Response		Leave the limits alone. Its the slow drivers and condition of the road that is the problem !!!
Survey Response		Commuting to school and work. More reason for cops to pull people over in Maori dense area. Students up earlier for school more tired. Easier to be distracted or fall asleep. Please don't do this
Survey Response		I have driven that road for years. Speed limits have little to do with the issue. Changing the speed limit will only slow production and it won't stop idiots breaking the rules - speeding and then crashing. Please don't change the limits it was hard enough when they dropped to 80. The frustrations on the road will increase and who knows what bad decision will be made then.
Survey Response		The end result of your speed proposals is to reduce the maximum safe speed limit to 60km/h over the whole road from Tikitere turnoff to Whakatane bridge during high volume periods and the inevitable risk-taking and accidents caused by trying to get past slow and heavy vehicles at the slightest opportunity. The road toll must inevitably increase with this proposal, not decrease.
Survey Response		Yes, Peoples opinions.i am against speed limit reductions. If the roads are unsafe then fix them. If driversxare unsafevtgen educatevtgem. Reducing speed limits is a bzndaidxsproach with no real thought process.
Survey Response		Condition of the road, slips etc and the reaction times to those incidents. I drive over the Rotomas every day. The road is subsiding in several places. Lowering the speed limit isn't going to help the road. The heavier vehicles are destroying it. Also there was a tree fall at the side of the road, cones up in a day. People helped themselves to the fire wood, left over and stump still there behind the cones. That was last winter! Speed cuts will not fix damaged roads. limit the truck weight! As for the rest of the trip. 80 kmh is good and 60 through housing areas. But the whole road is looking like 3rd world roads.
Survey Response		Unfortunately, dropping the speed limits will not alter the amounts of idiots out there who have little or no regard for others. I honestly expect there to be an increase of idiots as the lowered limits will result in more frustration for the drivers will usually not engage in the "bad" driving behaviours. Better driver education requirements for licencing, mandatory defensive driving courses every so many years to retain licences and fixing the NZ roads up to an acceptable standard would be a more logical answer.
Survey Response		Not including Morehu Road in the 60 km zone is disregarding the difficulty motorists have exiting or entering State Highway 30. Over the years, we understand, there has been accidents in this area as the exit/entrance to Morehu Road off/onto State Highway 30 is on a brow of a hill meaning cars travelling at 80 kph or faster appear out of nowhere resulting in near misses or accidents in this area. We are very aware of the dangers of entering and exiting Morehu Road however visitors are not aware of the hazards. When exiting Morehu Road motorists need to contend with the brow of the hill a few metres to the east and a corner a few metres to the west. On occasions I have been surprised by the sudden appearance of traffic and have had to accelerate hard to avoid a collision.When entering Morehu Road from the eastern side it is dangerous because the highway is single lanes with no turning zone. Towing a trailer adds to this danger. The proposed speed reduction from 100 kph to 80 kph is better than the current speed limit of 100 kph but why not continue the proposed 60 kph which stops about 900 metres to the west of Morehu Road for an extra 1400 metres. This extra 1400 metres driven at 60 kph will add less than 90 seconds to a journey and will give residents and motorists using Morehu Road a much needed safety margin. Speed kills! A vehicle travelling at 80 kph hitting another vehicle exiting or entering Morehu Road will inevitably cause a serious accident if not a fatal accident.
Survey Response		I regard the proposed speed limit changes as excessive. The open road speed limit in New Zealand is 100 kph and that should be retained in the absence of compelling reasons. Setting all those sections of road to 80 kph not only impacts driving between Whakatane and Rotorua but also impacts Whakatane to Kawerau and to some extent Whakatane to Tauranga journeys.
Survey Response		1) Lake Rotoehu area
Survey Response		2) From the west Kawerau/SH30 turnoff to just before Te Teko
Survey Response		3) From Te Teko to Awakeri
Survey Response		4) From Awakeri to Whakatane.

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Survey Response		I specifically do support the speed limit reduction to 60 kph in the Ruato Bay area beyond Moose Lodge. That road is just to winding for higher speed limits. Note that I also would suggest the introduction of rumble strips on the hair pin bends around Lake Rotoma where a number of drivers have come to grief while driving late at night (or early in the morning) and presumably suffering from drowsiness. Drivers around those sharp corners need every aid to prevent themselves ending up in the lake and drowning - reduced speed limits, rumble strips, robust crash barriers, signage, etc.
Survey Response		When approaching Whakatane where the state Highway is met by Thornton Road, a stop sign should be placed there - so many near misses when the vehicles try and beat the traffic coming up to that road. And they dont know how to merge either so a stop sign should be compulsory - or put in a BIG round about like the one at Tahuna/Morrinsville.
Survey Response		I'm against making any changes to the speed limits. I've been driving to Rotorua from Kawerau for almost 30 years safely. At 100km an hour, or 80km in the lower speed zones without having an accident. The decision makers are idiots, if they think lower speed zones will cause less accidents. They will just cause drivers to be stuck behind slow cars, and then spend more time being angry at the situation caused by you, and over taking in unsafe places. This is common sense.
Survey Response		Don't change them at all. If anything up them to 110. Look at roads around the world. It's condition of our sh*t roads that kills people. Anywhere you want to drop the limit go look at the condition of the road. Make a 4 lane highway. 2 south 2 north. 2 separate roads the road toll will drop.
Survey Response		There will be more crashes if the speed limit is dropped as it will make people want to do more unsafe manoeuvres eg overtakes. The current speed limit is reasonable for the area. However, the roads are in average condition
Survey Response		Yes. 1. I support the 60 km/hr speed limit along the south-eastern shore of Lake Rotoiti - thanks for making this recommendation. 2. There needs to be structural traffic calming measures put in place too, e.g. a physical barrier between the road and the footpath/cycle lane, brightly coloured pedestrian crossings, traffic lights outside the school, special attention to straight road patches such as that past Te Puna marae, to prevent this from being a racing track (as it is now), speed cameras, etc.
Survey Response		I do not agree with lowering speeds - rather I believe the roads need to be widened in some areas to allow people to pass (lowering speeds with stress drivers - in particular regular commuters). I would also like to see road quality improved.
Survey Response		Other factors include The extra time it'll take emergency services to areas such as Rotoma Shift workers, myself included travel Rotoma/Rotoiti even Rotorua to Whakatane, after a 12 hour night shift you'll add at least 20 - 30 minutes to our drive home when we're already extremely tired, these would definitely cause accidents I'm all for the lakes area (Rotoma/Rotoiti) for a speed change but the 100km areas from Rotoma to Whakatane seem a little ridiculous
Survey Response		This is absolutely ridiculous! There is no need to drop the speed limits by 40Km! It's a main highway. People will get impatient and make stupid decisions which will cause more accidents.
Survey Response		the short distances between varying speeds is frustrating and tiresome. we have seen this by Okere Falls - people going less than 60km when it's 80kms etc, no pullover areas and too many trucks on the roads. reducing speeds is not the answer along here but providing better pathways for people to walk. You're going to do whatever you want anyways, submissions are a tick box exercise this is very stupid and I hope it doesnt go ahead.
Survey Response		I agree with all proposed changes as outlined in table above.
Survey Response		I don't agree to any changes being made at all. Current speed limits work perfectly fine.
Survey Response		I travel from Whakatane to Rotorua every week. Never have I come across a incident. I would like to know what speeds the accidents were at that involved speeding. If anything motorists become more incensed by people travelling slower so they take risks to overtake and hence have head on crashes. I do not agree with the change of speed
Survey Response		Lowering the speed limits will mean that many of our back rural roads between onepu and whakatane will Become main highways to Avoid these slow areas,these roads are in worse condition than SH30. Fix the condition of SH30 before changing the speed limits. Totally agree the speed limit should be decreased around schools.

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Survey Response		If most crashers are head on then it not result of speed its in some places the wideness of the road and quality of the road Pot Holes etc lack of passing lanes or pull over areas for slower vehicles to pull into following drivers become frustrated
Survey Response		Maybe make the roads better rather than decreasing the speed limit.
Survey Response		Ensure that NZ Police have dedicated Traffic Patrols working 24/7 along the entire area to enforce current speed limits and report all bad driving, but not Speed cameras.
Survey Response		Address the state of the roading. Recent road repairs have highlighted the inept and poor quality of work undertaken by contractors that result in roading returning to pre-repair condition within days.
Survey Response		The only area I see as a problem is the major Kawerau turnoff because cars don't always stop or pull out in front of other cars. I see this daily. The stop signs at the end of Military and Grieve Roads are not being read by some drivers also.
Survey Response		I go to Rotorua a few times per month and the only part of that road I agree with reduced speed limits is around the Rotoma lake and only in summer when it is highly populated.
Survey Response		I strongly believe that by reducing the speed limit on the roads between Whakatane to Rotoma will only end in driver frustration and more accidents. Besides potholes, the roads are ok and the current speed limits are fine. I have already heard people say they will use backroads to avoid SH30 so I foresee accidents on the country roads will happen as these drivers will be speeding to make up time. Please leave SH30 as it is.
Survey Response		Policing dangerous driving causing accidents Proper road repairs as the state of roads can also cause accidents/death I'm against the proposal to lower the speeds of certain areas
Survey Response		Just don't change the speed limit
Survey Response		The speed limits are fine and the only thing that needs a attention is the quality of the roads not speed limits
Survey Response		There is no need for speed limit changes people need to be taught how to drive properly, its like banning children from playing outside because they could get hurt
Survey Response		I feel there needs to be more policing of driver behaviour, have more traffic police on the road, The speed limit is fine
Survey Response		Fix the roads instead of changing the speed limit. Those roads are disgusting. Pot holes everywhere, not enough pull over spots.
Survey Response		Take into account the areas that are clearly 100kmh. 10% (the drivers crashing or running off the road) are getting the favorable hand over the 90% that drive the road with no issues. Parts of the road, in particular the western kawerau turn off to whakatane are very straight and a lot of money has been spent on the road to make it safe for drivers and should stay at 100kmh I believe lowering the speed limit is going to increase the amount of crashes due to thw amount of people that will be impatient and make eradicate decisions making the road more un safe. Time and money should be taken for drivers to learn how to drive on open roads to become more aware of the situation at hand rather than lowering the speed limit and allowing the poor behavior of uneducated drivers
Survey Response		One death on our roads is one death too many. I have commuted on this road for 13 years and the only problem I've seen is the poor quality of the road and driving experience. After rain events there are always huge bodies of water covering the road in many places. These are dangerous as cars swerve to avoid them. These are far more dangerous than the speed limit. In winter there is little if any grit/salt applied in the shaded areas where ice forms. These icy patches are far more dangerous than the speed limit. After rain events there are slips. These are very dangerous but aren't dealt with quickly enough. These slips are more dangerous than the speed limit. There are constant patches applied to potholes and rough areas of the road resulting in a inconsistent driving surface. These bumpy and inconsistent areas are far more dangerous than the speed limit.
Survey Response		The vast majority of drivers I've encountered are good but occasionally I encounter reckless or bad drivers. These drivers need to be caught and punished to modify their behaviour. These drivers are more dangerous than the speed limit.

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Survey Response		These proposed changes will significantly impact the duration of my commute and that of many other people. If you make these changes our time spent in the car will increase dramatically therefore the time we spend with our families will be dramatically reduced. It will mean getting up even earlier for work and getting home later. Our quality of life will be severely affected. Increasing the travel time will also increase the costs to commercial drivers who will pass them on to consumers. Life is hard enough without another financial burden. Reducing the limits is a false logic. Why not make every road 50km/h? You would make everyone safe. The reasons not to are obvious.
Survey Response		the standard maintenance conditions of the roads. be realistic, they're shocking! Totally support speed limit reductions.
Survey Response		All of the above, it's not the speed limits that are causing accidents it's the state of the roads, there are potholes aplenty, uneven surfaces and poor maintenance, the deterioration of the roads and loose unswept debris is the main factor also poorly trained new drivers why punish experienced drivers for poor maintenance
Survey Response		Particularly between Te Teko & Whakatāne. I travel this stretch of road every day. The biggest issues I see are, distracted drivers, passing on blind corners & frustrated drivers stuck behind slow drivers for longer stretches, making compromising decisions. I really don't see many, if any speed related near misses (although I'm sure this does happen, as with anywhere, when inexperienced or distracted drivers are on the road)
Survey Response		I really do think changes to the road layout would be more effective than speed reduction.
Survey Response		Leave speed limit alone spend more of your time and money on improving roads and drug and drunk drivers
Survey Response		Lowering speed limits is not the answer fixing the roads making them wider with clearer and longer line of sight will sort a lot of problems out. What's the point of lowering the speed limits when there's no one there to enforce them
Survey Response		The commute to work will be increased for many people, private and business and the cost of this would be huge. I will spend an extra 1 1/2 hours daily due to these changes travelling because of the distance I travel over this whole change. This is 2 1/2 hours a week more. Over 20 years of travel and I've never since a major accident due to speeding at 100kms. Look at how other countries keep up with traffic demand, they do not just lower speed. The infrastructure needs to change. People's lives will be more at risk due to larger frustrations. I believe the higher populated areas should have limits lowered (outside schools and shops) other than that, no where else needs changed.
Survey Response		I am against this change. Instead of just lowering the speed limits as a quick low cost fix actually make some changes by putting in passing lanes or slow vehicle bays. The biggest frustration is lines of slow traffic due to no availability to pass trucks. I've travelled 130kms daily along this route since 16 years old, speed isn't the problem. You need to have good flowing traffic and passing lanes/pull over lanes will help.
Survey Response		While I agree with the limits around residential areas along SH30 being lowered to 60km/h, I don't believe lowering the limits from 100km/h to 80km/h along the open stretches will make the road safer. People will simply become more impatient and therefore more reckless, which leads to risky and dangerous decisions. Driver behaviour needs to be addressed, not speed limits. As with other roads around the country, speed isn't the problem. Driver attitudes are. Lowering limits on open roads will not change this. I therefore think it's a waste of time and money.
Survey Response		The drive itself and the roads aren't a danger, it's the constant need for maintenance that is. The roads are being fixed all the time and it's always just small fixes it needs to be done properly. I drive that road all the time and reducing the speed is more likely to cause more accidents than anything else. It's currently a 40min drive from Kawerau to Rotorua, if you're dropping the speed you'll have more congestion, more impatience and more casualty on the road. There's a lot of traffic, people commute every day and as I said the drive itself is a good one it's just the road maintenance. Fix it properly once instead of poorly a lot of times.
Survey Response		This is absolutely wrong people are already too impatient at 100kph. Educating people on how to drive is where this money needs to be going not changing the speed limits I recall when I was younger the speed limits changing around Lake Rotoma and Rotoiti a lot of good that's done to reduce accidents.
Survey Response		Please leave speed limits as they are, further reduction will cause more accidents as drivers will overtake slower drivers more!!!



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Survey Response		Instead of changing the speed limit on straight open roads like the Awakeri straights how about passing lanes or slow vehicle lanes, more signs encouraging people who are towing or driving slower to pull off and let people pass. I agree with the slower around schools or busy areas at the lakes etc but this will add to frustration levels on a busy road.
Survey Response		This is some f**ked up sh*t brooo everything should just stay same if you don't know how to drive then dont f**ken drive at all
Survey Response		It already feels like you're going too slow where you are proposing speed limit changes. This won't make the road safer this will only make motorists more agitated. This proposal is stupid.
Survey Response		The fact that your in a rural area in which the rural contractors travel this road you have already inserted multiple side barriers that affect us farmers trying to get in our driveways and travel with our tractors safely now your wanting to cause more stress on drivers. Our rural side roads will now become the new highway on drivers wanting to get places without stuck 24/7 at low speeds I do not disagree with the changes in school zones or the rural townships but on open roads is a joke you can't even fix the pot holes that people have to swerve and cause vehicle damage.
Survey Response		These are ridiculous! It is not the road speed its the condition of the badly fixed roads that have camber on them and the drivers who are just not driving to the conditions yet we all have to be punished! I travel the road from Kawerau to Whakatane twice a day and the only thing that makes people do dumb things are the use of tractors on main road going slow so people pass them and the other slow drivers where people get mad and pass them. This will cause more frustration and idiot manoeuvres.
Survey Response		Speed kills
Survey Response		Speed kills and too many deaths, accidents, near misses on these roads.
Survey Response		There are many long, straight sections of road between the Kawerau turnoff and Whakatane. Do these really need to have their speed lowered? This could have the unintended consequence of people making risky overtaking manoeuvres to get past cars travelling at the slower limit. I understand lowering speeds in more populated areas.
Survey Response		I go against changing the speed limits around the Whakatane area.
Survey Response		Some more passing lanes or pull in areas real slow drivers holding up long lines of traffic then people try dodgy overtaking
Survey Response		Slower speeds are what causes the accidents. People become frustrated and over take causing accidents. Reducing the speed is only going to make that worse. Why not focus on road maintenance first.. please don't reduce the speed.I travel this road weekly for mahi, it will just make my trip so much longer
Survey Response		This is a great idea and I hope you do it
Survey Response		NZ has been making the same mistake now for several years. Lowering speed limits lowers the average driver to the level of the lowest common denominator. We should be spending our efforts on lifting the lower level driver (be it speed, attitude or confidence) to the level of the rest. Please don't dumb everyone down...or is that the actual aim?
Survey Response		Just leave them as they are
Survey Response		Fix the conditions of the roads. They are terrible. A "bandaid" approach doesn't work. Reducing speed from 100 to 60 is a significant drop and will just encourage road rage.
Survey Response		If you actually looked at the roads you will find the condition of the roads are poor. When the 100 limit was put on cars were not as high spec'd as they are now and the best way you are trying to fix the problem is reducing speed? Doesnt make sense all you are going to do is make people break the law as lives are busy now and you are holding people up costing your average person more.rather then looking into the real problem. Prime example is a new round about less then a year old been fixed three times since built due to potholes, my veiw fix the roads to good quality and leave the speed.
Survey Response		I support the lower speeds. I would lie to see more places for slower vehicles, especially those towing, to be able to pull over to let other traffic past.
Survey Response		Rather than changing speed limits the area needs to be policed more. I have had a very close call nearly being hit by a vehicle passing cars on the other side of the road and have seen numerous cars passing on blind corners etc.

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Survey Response		I believe it's slow drivers that cause majority of accidents as a lot of people are impatient to get to where they need to be and that when accidents are caused, reducing the speed limit will only cause more impatient people causing more accidents than when being at a 100kph zone, it'll also cause more traffic on the roads which can lead to bumper to bumpers.
Survey Response		People are crashing due to being in a rush. lowering the limit will not solve this. Instead fix the roads so there aren't so many pot holes and maybe look at a passing lane or 2
Survey Response		Honestly, the accident rate will go up as people will become even more impatient.
Survey Response		I would like to see them stay as they are. They are safe enough for those of us that stick to the speed limits.
Survey Response		I would like to propose the limits stay as they are and do not reduce as suggested. People are speeding because they're idiots. Lowering the limit will just cause them to overtake more dangerously
Survey Response		Don't change the speed limits they are fine
Survey Response		Changing the speed limits is pointless and will not save lives. When the driving standards are so low and our roads are so dangerous, ie: very few passing lanes and bad surfaces the road toll will continue to rise. Until drivers focus when driving and they are made to do advanced training before a license is issued the inherent dangers will not be mitigated.
Survey Response		Driving lessons for people who have had their license for about 20 years to renew the rules in their head, confidence courses for slow/ unsafe drivers, lessons for old people.
Survey Response		The speed limit changes seem like a very excessive drop especially on big open roads. Bringing the speed limits down will only frustrate us drivers even more. It's not only speeding drivers that cause crashes, slow drivers cause crashes too. We have a huge amount of 5 star rating vehicles on the road then ever before but now you chose to change the speed limits. Sounds like a whole lot of rubbish to me.
Survey Response		Yes changes in driver behavior is more important than the speed limit. Cars are a lot safer than they used to be, yet speed limits are reducing it doesn't make sense. This is just going to be come a revenue collecting road for the police as it will become to slow which in turn will frustrate drivers causing more accidents.
Survey Response		It's not the speed it's the impatient drivers, by lowering speeds this may make more drivers impatient which could cause more harm.
Survey Response		Fix the roads. Signs that light up on dangerous corners. Better barriers around the lake Don't lower the speed limit. Drive education is what we lack.
Survey Response		I think the proposed speed limit changes are ludicrous, and mostly unjustified. A couple may be ok but majority not.
Survey Response		Leave the speed limits as they are!!! Reducing the speed is not the solution & will only cause drivers to get frustrated & overtake dangerously.
Survey Response		Why not just fix or improve the roads instead of lowering speed limits as a fix for sh*t roads and drivers there is nothing wrong with the current speed limits
Survey Response		Reducing the speed will cause more head on crashes and quite simply will not work .
Survey Response		I feel it's okay to change the speed limits around the lakes where the houses are etc but is there any need to on the majority of the other sections. I use this route a lot for work and have never found it an issue.
Survey Response		People are the problem, not the speed limits! Even with new speed limits in place there will be a lot of people who will continue to drive at speed anyway. See it all the time especially with the old passing lanes before the Whakatane turn off. People do not want to be on the roads longer. Doesn't help the road through to Whakatane needs some work
Survey Response		The proposed speed limits will create more of a hazard jumping consistently from 60 to 80 to 50 back to 80 then 60 is going to create confusion and frustration leading to people making stupid decisions. The road is perfectly safe with the speed limit as is provided you drive to the conditions
Survey Response		I think the speed limit is fine, the road is actually in good condition but there could be more slow vehicle pull over spots, I drive the road 3-4 times a week and rarely come across anyone going way too fast but do come across many bad drivers who will just not pull over to let the line of frustrated drivers pass
Survey Response		It is not the speed limits that need changing, it's the roads that need improving, better roads, more passing lanes etc. All you'll get is frustrated drivers. Reducing some of these limits from 100 to 60 is ridiculous.

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Survey Response		This will only make people more impatient and cause more crashes. If you are serious about making things safer, add more passing areas and work on fixing roads rather than slowing people down.
Survey Response		Yes, educate people more about driving safely rather than changing speed limits that are only going to make criminals of those who can adjust to the conditions, stop taking away critical thinking
Survey Response		You will need to hire more police if this happens, a lot more people will be speeding. Don't fix the speed limit, fix the roads! They cause more accidents than speeding do! Ridiculous
Survey Response		This is ridiculous. I drive this road on a regular basis and the speed limit is fine. The issue is with the drivers not the limits. People just become dumbed down when the ability to think for themselves is taken away. People sit on your tail as the speed limit is, I can only imagine how it will be if limits are lowered.
Survey Response		You guys are a bunch of idiot's. The roads are a bloody disgrace you have not maintained them ,wasting money on all the wrong things. We the drivers are the ones that are made to pay for your and the government's incompetence. There is no need for this bullsh*t
Survey Response		The safety of older people and pets will be improved if your proposed changes are implemented. Thank you
Survey Response		Absolutely do not. That'll encourage road rage, people will get frustrated and you'll still have accidents on the road. Leave the speed limits as they are. From someone who commutes between Kawerau and Rotorua daily.
Survey Response		The speeds are fine nzt just need to use the taxes we pay and that they went up and in the last 3 years very little has been done and the quality of the repairs are very poor By putting speeds down ain't going to fix the roads you need to fix and stop the damage our vehicles
Survey Response		Unless speed limit are actively policed regularly, changes to speeds will make little to no difference. Many drivers are not seen or caught hence very little consequences are noticed, so people continue to speed regardless of established speed set. My point this will achieve little results, this being my thoughts, take this into consideration.
Survey Response		Vehicles are a lot safer nowadays, there are more on the road admittedly, however, I feel the quality of the roads is the issue rather than the speed limits. Let's invest in infrastructure to save our people rather than infuriating travelers and transporters with speeds that suit the substandard roads we are driving.
Survey Response		This change is going to significantly impact those of us that live in Rotomā but work in either whakatane or Rotorua. The problem is that this road is not policed and these changes are going to do nothing but frustrate motorists who will likely then make bad decisions. It happens already and reducing the speed limits is only going to encourage it to happen more. This area needs monitoring/policing.
Survey Response		Yes your going to create more accidents and road rage due to the lowering of an limit. Those proposed changes are RIDICULOUS. In 9 years been 10 fatalities. That's next to nothing more people were killed this year swimming. How about addressing that issue. Not lowering speed limits on open roads. The amount of accidents will increase due to impatience and arrogance.
Survey Response		People getting to work. People who already drive well under the speed limit and build queues of traffic up behind them which causes frustration for people who have places to be at specific times. Enforce more police to pull people over who are driving 15KPH or slower under the speed limit. Do not change the speed limits knuckle down on the people who drive too fast or too slow!
Survey Response		Slowing the speed limit down this much over the whole journey. will cause more people too take drastic actions from getting too impatient sitting in traffic.
Survey Response		This is going to cause far more crashes this is madness! People get impatient on SH30 and overtake in silly places this is what causes the crashes, I travel between whakatane and Rotorua daily for work so I have seen what happens regularly it is not the speed that is the problem it is people driving 20km under the speed limit! Lowering these limits will create more impatient drivers!

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Survey Response		I would like you to consider the extra time put on alot more people having to drive slower limits (adding 20 plus minutes per trip from Kawerau to Whakatane), which in turn will make more dangerous over takings, people trying to make short cuts and possible road rage. Leaving the speeds as it is, but looking at safer roads could be a better choice. The roads between Whakatane to Awakeri to Te Teko to Kawerau are full of pot holes and no safe spots to pull over. Blocking off one exit from the hub would also get rid of alot a congestion in the mornings as people use that as a way to skip ques.
Survey Response		There should be no more DELAY in making and implementation of the decision to lower the speed limits . Any more procrastination in this matter will result in more deaths along this stretch of road . Please make this decision swiftly as we are all tired of having our families being killed.
Survey Response		I fully agree that around the lakes areas should be reduced to 60K areas
Survey Response		What would be a better use of tax payers money would be using the resources in place ie police and signage to enforce the speed limits around the lakes. Many many nights I have been woken to large trucked excessively speeding around lake Rotoma, and never a cop at 4am to enforce, regardless of the changes you make if this is not enforced it won't change.
Survey Response		These proposed speed changed will make it a very hard and frustrating drive for anyone travelling from Rotorua to whakatane, this drive can already be frustrating and have seen many silly actions taken because of extremely slow drivers. The 100 km areas should be left alone.
Survey Response		The section of highway is windy and unsafe for passing. In addition during the winter, the downhill slope at the western end immediately before the Waikohatu Marae entrance regularly becomes icy and the speed limit change creates the conditions for loss of control under breaking at these icy times in the winter endangering the lives of young children and their families using the kohanga reo. The increased speed limit for the short 1 km section which would take one minute to traverse at 60kph, results in a theoretical time saving of just 15 seconds assuming that vehicles can instantly accelerate to 80kph and then instantly decelerate to 60kph at either end of the section. This is not possible either physically or legally. The maximum time saving is realistically 10 seconds which given the increased risk created for the local community of the marae and kohanga reo and the road-users is not justified. It is the ethical obligation of Professional Engineers to act to prevent harm when they are aware of information that increases the likelihood of death or injury as a result of their actions or the absence of the same. Through this submission NZTA engineers are being made aware of this likelihood and must respond under the terms of their code of ethics obligations. Therefore a 60kph speed zone in this location will be safer for the residences along this stretch of roadway and also be more conducive to the local community using alternative means of transport to travel along this section of roadway such as horses and pushbikes.
Survey Response	Mahi Maioro Professionals Ltd	An outstanding issue, raised in earlier meetings, is the lack of footpath access to Puna Whakareia Marae and Waikohatu Marae and the adjacent 80kph speed limit to the west and east repsectively. We believe that the short section of 80kph speed zoning between the Puna Whakareia and Ruato communities will encourage traffic to speed into these 60kph areas at either end of the 1 Km long 80kph section. The 1 km 80 kph section extends from 140m east of Okataina Road to 366m west of Te Urumahue Road. Two marae are located between Okataina Road and Te Urumahue Road, these are Waikaohatu Marae at Ruato and Puna Whakareia Marae at Puna Whakareia. The entrances to both of these marae will be less than 100m distance from the signs notifying the speed limit changes to 60kph at either end of the high speed section. Of considerable concern is the location of Puna Whakareia Marae at the eastern end and Waikohatu Marae at the western end. Both of these marae host large hui on a regular basis including Poukai and Ahurei. Waikohatu also has a kohanga reo operating on its premises which has increased traffic flows during busier traffic times due to drop-off and pick-up coinciding with morning and afternoon work traffic. While there is evident increased risk and danger of accidents created by the proposed 80kph speed setting, there is little evident benefit.

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Survey Response		As a business located on this highway we strongly support the proposed speed reductions in the SH30 Tikitere to Whakatāne speed review. These changes are needed to protect the communities located on SH30 as well as the drivers using this route from further fatalities and injury. Our values of manaakitanga and aroha are reflected in changes that improve the safety and wellbeing of our community. The proposed changes go some way to fulfilling these Iwi and Mahi Maioro Professionals values. SH30 has for a long time dissected our community, creating a dangerous barrier between many of our whānau and our lakes and marae, and unnecessarily restricting the safe use of footpaths where these are available and movement between communities to our marae other than by car.
Survey Response		How about bringing back 6 monthly wof. How many of these crashes are caused by non road worthy cars. I see every day multiple cars driving on bald Tyres. The rock radio did a survey and over 40% of respondents were driving cars without a warrant. The roads are safe if you have road legal cars.
Survey Response		Teach people how to drive, how many people don't know they are driving with high beams on at night blinding on coming cars this is a major hazard and reducing the speed limit won't stop this.
Survey Response		This will add time to trades trying to get to job sites and in turn cost the economy. I drive between rotorua and kawerau sometimes multiple times a week for work and we drive to whakatane multiple times a month over summer for shopping to spend in the local community. We will not be doing this if these speed reductions are enforced and I know many others that won't either.
Survey Response		No changes should be made, I travel this way every day is fine, just more tax gathering
Survey Response		I agree that these changes are necessary and that these lowered speed limits are required. I would welcome this safety initiative.
Survey Response		I agree to reduce the speed limit at Lake Rotoma from 70 to 60kmh. Specially if you see how busy the parking is alongside the road in summer for people enjoying the lake. It's crazy to see cars an big trucks driving so close to people walking along the side of the road with speeds way over 70kmh. It would be even better if there would be a restriction on heavy vehicles during the day as well.
Survey Response		Yes. SH30: from 410m north-east of the SH2/30 Awakeri Junction East to 310m west of the centre of the SH30/Gateway Drive/Phoenix Drive Roundabout should be reduced to 60 to take into account the turn off to Tauranga, and the corner just before the turn off to Tauranga. People sped around this corner, where there is the Turn of to Tauranga on their left (travelling into Whk), and a turn off to Paroa Road on the right, which leads to a primary school that has over 300 students, and heavy traffic flow.
Survey Response		Extended travel time putting the person behind the wheel for longer/ having to allow more time for travel. We find that going slower, we are more likely to go into a trance when driving, making it more dangerous. People are more likely to get frustrated, leading to more people overtaking and increasing the risk on our roads. Already I'm not too fond of the drive as it's so slow; therefore, I would visit Rotorua even less.
Survey Response		and the limit should be 60/70 from bunnings to the tauranga turn off. This is a very busy part of road.
Survey Response		Widen the road for cars turning onto shaw road its very dangerous. There is cars doing 100 both ways and it's very close. Very scary all it would take is one person to slip or make a mistake and it would only have to be a small mistake as there is no room either side. Road should be widened
Survey Response		Rather than these draconian measures you should be doing your job properly and making better roads and most importantly you should be concentrating on driver education & training combined with more rigorous licensing tests, regular and compulsory retraining of drivers. The way your policies are going it won't be long before we'll be seeing somebody walking in front of every car waving a flag, just like when the motorcar was 1st invented!!!
Survey Response		The speed from paroa road to the round about proposal is 80. It needs to go down to 60 in this area as there is a kura on paroa road and turning on to statehighway is dangerous from the turnoff whej cars are currently doing 100km. Lots of near misses. Would be useful to have a korero with the kura o te paroa about this. There are 300 students. It is unsafe

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Survey Response		That's ridiculous to have pretty much no 100km between tikitere and whakatane ill be telling you me along with all us locals will still do 100 it's a blinking main state highway and there hasn't been many accidents an no fatalities like we see on the news. You will end up causing more accidents be abuse all of us who have driven these roads along here our whole lives will pass all the 80 drivers especially the bits from kawerau junction to whakatane its only farmlands along there and the 70s and 50s are in the appropriate towns and we all abide but can see alot ignoring the 80 on a main drag that's just stupid
Survey Response		As someone who makes the trip from Whakatane to Rotorua at least once a week, this is going to add a substantial amount of time to the commute. I have seen countless instances of reckless driving on that route over the 8 years I've been making the trip. All of them have been people driving well above the already set speed limits. I cannot see how lowering the speed limits is going to help prevent that behaviour as they already have zero regards for the current speed limits. I think lowering the maximum limit to 90kmph makes sense, but 80kmph seems incredibly excessive and will most likely result in even more people overtaking in highly dangerous spots.
Survey Response		I can definitely agree that the speed limit at the Kawerau turn-off near Te Teko could do with lowering. The double-wide lines between Te Teko and the Kawerau turn-off are great and would be a great thing to apply to other parts of the route from Whakatane and Rotorua. If the current proposed plan does indeed go ahead without any kind of amendment, I'll be taking the alternate route to Rotorua as it will be a shorter trip than what you're proposing.
Survey Response		What should seriously be looked at is improving the road conditions (there are SO many potholes) and timely clean up of landslips. There are landslips that have been in place for MONTHS.
Survey Response		Having travelled this road many times and only heard of a small number of crash's. It seems extreme to low the limit when the limits there are doing there job, lowering will only cause more tail backs and cause driver frustration leading to more accidents not fewer
Survey Response		Incident risk should be addressed by capital expenditure being prioritized to improve road design by addressing approach sight lines at intersections, realigning low speed curves that have high speed approaches, and allowing safe overtaking opportunities. The current proposal should be completely abandoned and a full design review undertaken.
Survey Response		Lowering the speed limits by so much over such an extensive area will lengthen already slow travel times (due to poor road design) creating more frustration. Frustration will contribute to causing incidents.
Survey Response		Current speed limits are not rigorously enforced and road users are routinely encountered exceeding them. This means that the premise that current speed limits are causing incidents and therefore require lowering is a fallacy. Current speed limits should be better enforced. New speed limits will only be observed by compliant road users leading to greater speed differentials causing increased risk of accident through human factors such as driver frustration.
Survey Response		How many of the crashes indicated were people running from the police? I know some were. How many people were drunk driving or under the influence of drugs? How many were unlicensed drivers? But most importantly, if you want to make the roads safer, how about maintaining them properly and fixing the potholes and crumbling seal instead of putting up barriers and lowering speed limits.
Survey Response		Opposed to this proposal as there are sections of the road in question where 100kph is fine to travel at. I see road conditions needing to be addressed as example along between Awakeri and Whakatane need leveling out and resurfacing
Survey Response		The idea of making this road 60-80km/h is ridiculous, there are many straight and safe sections of highway along the proposed route that do not need changing, around Rotoma is already 70km/h and rotoiti 80km/h these are acceptable limits and do not need to change.

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Survey Response		Yes, I am not happy with NZTA theory on reducing road deaths by slowing traffic to ridiculous low speeds. This will cause drivers to become impatient and ignore the low limits. This will give rise to more traffic offenses that will fill government accounts. Your focus should be on immature drivers who make silly mistakes is something to be considered. Remove repeat offenders from roads. They have low awareness of others on road and have poor driving skills and it comes from poor examples in their community. The reduced speed is harsh given the majority of drivers are doing the right thing and want to get to places unhindered by pathetic slow speed levels. Please address those with poor driving skills and remove them from the roads as it is not a right but a privilege. Any slower there is no need for a vehicle as a horse may be just as fast.
Survey Response		Reducing the speed limit will cause people to overtake slower vehicles potentially causing greater risk to all drivers. Reducing the speed limit seems like a total cop out on NZTAs behalf. Where are all the road tax dollars going? Very disappointed as I've been driving this SH30 between Rotorua and Whakatane for the better part of 20 years without accident nor near miss.
Survey Response		Nothing wrong with this SH current speed limit, spend money on the road to add overtaking lanes.
Survey Response		Possible residential development from Huna Road through to Shaw Rd, Whakatane. Increased traffic turning in and out if Mill Rd due to light industrial development, which is only just starting. Reduce speed limit from Tauranga turnoff to Whakatane bridge to 60km
Survey Response		No. I support the speed reductions. Safety and preservation of life/ reduction of harm caused by accidents is the most important factor.
Survey Response		As you have stated the causes of most accidents is not the speed limit but drivers exceeding the limit (so it won't matter what limit you have). Run off road is inattention as is head on collisions. Modern vehicles are a lot safer now and it appears that every road user is penalized because of the stupid few! Instead of running to the 'good old fall back position' of playing with the speed limits consider alternative traffic calming measures. All your proposed speed limits are going to do is frustrate drivers and make them take even greater risks! Think again! PLEASE! Undoubtedly the outcome is predetermined but at least you can say you've consulted!
Survey Response		If reduced speeds stop deaths why are there deaths in town. keep speeds the same, you will never eliminate deaths on road we are humans, humans make mistakes like drunk driving, looking at their phone etc. Reducing the speed limit will result in more deaths as you see more than enough road rage as slow drivers refuse to pull over. There needs to be more pull over lanes. In my entire driving career I have had 3 car crashes all under 40km/h from being distracted 1 of which was my fault in welcome bay looking around because everyone was driving so slow. I average 60,000km / year and see slow people cause distracted drivers which causes crashes If slow speeds stop deaths why are there deaths in towns.
Survey Response		Road between awakeri school to kope drain should retain 100kph speed limit, This section of road would benefit from widening on straights to allow for slow vehicle bays for farm machinery
Survey Response		reducing to 80kph before tauranga turn off and into gateway/phoenix drive.
Survey Response		I'd have to say it's not the road, it's road education and too many dummies with licences. Slowing the speed through some of these sections will just cause more poor choices and more risks in overtaking. I drive this stretch of road daily. And simple things like pulling to the left if in a slower vehicle or just in general a slow driver makes a lot of a difference as there is plenty of room to do so. One thing I may add is that a resident of Taneatua living on McKenzie street the 50km speed limit doesn't change the fact that there are so many cars and trucks doing well over that DAILY!!!
Survey Response		Lowering the speed limit doesn't stop accidents, in fact; it tends to make drivers all the more frustrated and they then take risks which they otherwise wouldn't. Maybe we should be looking at widening some of the 'accident prone' areas and more passing lanes to reduce the frustrations. Personally, if this speed reduction does go ahead, I will avoid going from the EBOP to Rotorua unless it is an absolute necessity.

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Survey Response		The majority of the proposal from SH 33 I support, but NOT the retention of 80kph from east of Okataina road to west of Urumahue road. The speed of vehicles including trucks around the two sweeping corners at the western end and the often unsafe overtaking on the straight outside Te Punawahakareia Marae proves the current 80 Kph limit is too high. The other reason for objecting to this 80 kph zone is that it is a very small section of the road squeezed between 2 lengthy 60 kph zones. This is ludicrous. All 3 should be 60 kph, not chopping and changing. Please change this to 60 kph. I will be advising Lake Rotoiti Community Association if my submission, as I am in support of their considered submission. Thank you. A horrific accident several years ago where a vehicle towing a horse float pulled out of the Marae, and was T boned by a motorist driving too fast, proves my point.
Survey Response		Between Whakatane and Awakeri is virtually completely straight - and everyone is going to flout 80km/ph. I'm all for reducing speed limits but people are going to end up going faster than 100 and do some crazy stuff to get past. Why not 90km/ph?
Survey Response		Why don't u set max speed at 80k's with restricted areas down to 50k's from Valley road turn off Kawerau to state highway 30. 33 tee intersection. There are very few places a 100k's can be achieved.
Survey Response		The intersections pose the greatest risk and the quality of the road. Consistent pot holes appearing especially on the way from Kawerau through to Whakatane.
Survey Response		The speed limit changes from Rotorua through to Matahi Road make sence as the road is very Windy with tight corners many Speed out of
Survey Response		I don't know how to fix the problem. I know that police presence isn't always available but possibly speed cameras in the areas of concern could help pin point those drivers who are going too fast. In saying this, if the speed limits are reduced most of us will follow those rules, and adjust departure times accordingly. I have witnessed many accidents and I've seen how they are caused. I just thought I might offer some perspective of someone who knows the road very well who uses it daily. It is not my intention to be killed on my way to or from work so I understand safety measures must be taken but i wonder if this our only option? Thank you very much
Survey Response		I care about the safety of drivers along these roads, very much so as I drive the road from whakatane to Rotorua and back five days a week for work. However I notice how it is only a few drivers that run those roads dangerously. My concern is I already travel an hour and a half each way and I get incredibly tired. With these new proposed speed limits although the intention is to keep people safe, I fear that reducing the speed to 80 km the entire way will cause more fatigue as the time taken to drive increases. I do feel it is necessary to reduce some of the speeds through these areas for example through the rotoma gorge and the various town ships as people speed through there all the time. However on the kawerau junction all the way to whakatane at 80km will I fear frustrate drivers and they will speed anyway like they do at 100km when someone ahead of them is doing the speed limit and people pass unnecessarily.
Survey Response		i feel there are some spots that require lower speeds, especialy the small townships and lake access spots, 60km is good for those areas
Survey Response		people that do these reduced speeds to their own accord, end up agravating the drivers that confidently drive to the conditions amd speed limits, which causes road rage, therefore leading to dangerous and life threatening minouvers. such as over taking at high speeds. where there is no local townships I feel there should be more slow lanes that people can travel at these proposed low speeds and others that wish to travel at the speed limit and to the conditions can safely pass these vehicles.



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Survey Response		It's not the speed limit that is the problem on this road. The condition of the roads are terrible and if they were maintained properly by you there would hardly be many issues. Also, drivers nowadays can get licenses too easily. There needs to be more driver training. People going too slow is what is causing the accidents. People get annoyed with people doing 60k in 100k zones and then they take risks by overtaking where they shouldn't and also then speed due to being angry. I have seen I on the roads. I travel the country with my job and I see it daily. Reducing speeds are not going to fix the problem. It's just going to cause people to get more angry on the roads and more work for the poor police when they have enough to do. Maintain the roads properly and you would see a lot of accidents reduced. This SH30 stretch of road is atrocious! Always potholes appearing every week, very uneven roads. I do agree that speeds need to be reduced by schools and shops though.
Survey Response		I feel the speed limit from the Tauranga turnoff of SHWY 30 to Gateway Dr roundabout should be 60km. There are a lot of tourists who go to Julians Berry Farm over summer who cause many near misses around that area and reducing the speed should reduce the risk. Also, with the new Shaw Rd subdivision it is so dangerous sitting at the intersection waiting to pull into Shaw Rd with cars hurtling past on your left and right. The subdivision has many young families and retired couples so I feel a speed of 80km is still too high. 60km seems more appropriate.
Survey Response		There is nothing wrong with the speed limits as they are. It's the 5% of drivers that don't follow the rules that need limiting. A proper driving test that includes driving at speed and driving after dark would go a long way to improving their driving. A person can pass their driving test without ever going more than 50kms/hour or after dark but as soon as they get a restricted license they can hit the road at 100kms/hour.
Survey Response		This is a poor decision. Most cars now drive very safely at 100km. As a trades person travelling this road daily. I can't see how dropping the speed limit is a good idea. The speeds in the residential areas I understand. The open road and gorge are well sign posted and safe. This will add more delays and time to everyone's day and jobs. Maybe if you guys actually did your job maintaining the road instead of putting out a shit load of cones and no one working in that area the roads would be safer.
Survey Response		As a frequent user of this stretch of road, I have seen it all. Speed is definitely an issue, however I don't think enforced changes will do much to change the behaviour, I witness every day people travelling faster than the current posted speed limit through Rotoiti, Rotoma and Te Teko, some at 4 times the limit and I highly doubt that these changes will change this. I think what is absolutely needed is more safety measures, including speed cameras, barriers and more passing lanes.
Survey Response		Road conditions, road is poorly maintained in areas which increases risk of collision. Traffic management systems such as traffic lights or roundabouts (such as the new roundabout on state highway 34 north of Kawerau). Although these can be costly, they are highly effective in minimising crashes.
Survey Response		Commuters and businesses will be highly impacted financially by this proposal due to the increased proposal. Traffic will be heavier and with very little chance to pass even slower to move traffic, people die on this road through frustration with other vehicles. This proposal will only further this frustration and cause more problems and will aid tax collectors by creating speed traps.
Survey Response		I travel between Whakatane and Kawerau every single day and have done so for the past 13 years. I believe that reducing the speed limits to the proposed ones would be detrimental to the safety of all motorists as people will get impatient and start driving recklessly. In the 13 years I have seen a few incidences where people were driving recklessly and could cause an accident, but that has been very rare. One thing that has made the road more dangerous is when the barriers were introduced. This made it difficult for the farm vehicle to get out the way and when people have broken down it caused a significant hazard. I have seen more issues with those than with speed.
Survey Response		I don't believe lowering speed limits on this route will assist in mitigating accidents and specifically request that the speed limits are NOT altered. Until issues like the state of the roads are addressed, the lack of licensed driver training in this country and the amount of unlicensed drivers driving, lowering of speed limits to ridiculously low speeds on a route where most people already have a long commute is nothing other than irritating and will most likely see some people take EVEN more risk!

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Survey Response		For those who drive these roads to work daily... I think a change from 100 to 60 is ridiculous.. and 80kms from Kawerau junction to Te Teko? Why???? This is just going to cause more accidents.. the real problem is people going 20kms under the speed limit, causing frustration and with the lack of pull over areas and passing lanes I've seen people make scary passes without even getting to 80kms whist doing so! I drive Rotoma to Edgecumbe and back daily... Most of the trucks are awesome and pull over at the very few spaces to do so, the road would benefit more from adding a few more slow vehicle areas than a speed change. Or is that in the too hard basket like fixing that big pothole properly or finally clearing off the little slips on the sides. I'm all for the 60kms passed the big housing areas.. though of course they are happy for that too because they want their kids to be able to cross the road ... I can say though, those Red stag trucks are shocking for speeding and corner cutting.
Survey Response		Yes there are. I believe high speed is not the issue here. It is a long windy road all the way through, I see most issues when there is a slower driver unwilling to allow others to pass. Diversity in driving speed can be due to campers etc not wanting to make a mess, so they take the road slow - that's fine as long as there are passing opportunities. The combination of slow drivers not allowing others past easily, lack of passing lanes, and the condition the road is at and maintained to are all factors toward hazardous driving and crashes; speed limit is not the issue Fix the roads and teach drivers to be considerate
Survey Response		The only part of this proposal I agree with is from the Hub to the Whakatane Bridge.
Survey Response		We should be promoting safer driving and harsher penalties for those who violate the rules. Those who have no respect for the law will not care what the speed limit is in an area, they will still drive as fast and recklessly as they want. Please do not penalise the majority of the population because of the minority who cannot and will not drive properly, sober and without drugs.
Survey Response		We need a speed change in Kawerau as well. I work in disability access i we have already had lengthy discussions about this.. We would like to see the following change. On highway 34 from the Valley road intersection to the traffic lights at Tasman Mill ..50ks.. Trucks are travelling way too fast on a busy stretch of road with Children and elderly people walking and using mobility devices.
Survey Response		While I agree with the reduction in speed around the lakes area, reducing the speed on straight and long stretches of road closer to Whakatane will only lead to frustration and intimatedly drivers taking more risks as they will still drive at the 100km speed limit. It makes no sense. Absolutely, around major intersections dropping the speed is necessary, but the whole highway? Come on, please be realistic.
Survey Response		As a commuter from Rotorua to Whakatane for work daily I see all sorts of driver behaviour but no worse than any other stretch of road in the country. It takes me 1 hour and 20 mins on average to get to work. I do not speed. If you reduce the speed limit on the full stretch of the highway how long is my commute going to be then? I am not the only one travelling this road daily, please be realistic with your decision. Police the road properly and it might help. Don't see many police cars or speed camera vans out there, how about reminding the ones breaking the law that they need to be more careful rather than punishing those of us that drive to the speed limit and within our own limits. Once again I feel like I'm being penalised for someone else's inability to follow a law. Don't even get me started with all the speed bumps that are around the place now.
Survey Response		The current 100 and 80 speed areas should remain. People who speed will do so even if the limits are lower. The traffic density is nit the high. Perhaps passing lanes should be an option to put in so those that choose to drive slower do not holdup traffic and cause people to become impatient and tak risks passing
Survey Response		That the drops in speed is too much. Maybe drop to 90 in areas and 80 in others. Traveling at 80 max all that way will just frustrate drivers, then even more stupid accidents will happen.
Survey Response		This will just add to road times for regular travelers of this road like myself, As well as adding to costs for freight services, And of course the additional carbon footprint created by the congestion. On that note... When vehicles bunch up by slower speed areas, those who have a place to be on a schedule are more likely to take a risk to get clear of it.

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Survey Response		These current speed limits were set when the bulk of the traffic was an under-braked Ford Anglia and the like. Modern vehicle handling and safety capabilities (lane departure and the like) have far outstripped the need for reductions in speed as suggested. Make more passing lanes, PLEASE.
Survey Response		Yes, if anything the slow speed limits hold people up enough already and cause impatient drivers to overtake in dangerous places. Personally I will be using different routes to get to Rotorua and Whakatane from here at my home in Te Teko to avoid getting held up further. I used to travel Te Teko to Rotorua every day for study and was often late because of the constant slowing down all the way along SH30 already. As for lowering speed toward Whakatane it's a lot of long straight stretches which people will just overtake on anyway. Sorry but I don't agree with this. Regards, a Whakatane born local to both of these towns (Rotorua, Whakatane). Roads aren't the problem, people are
Survey Response		Ongoing national education on "driving to conditions" coupled with an assurance that roads are kept well maintained in my opinion would add greater value than blanket speed reductions across the board. It is acknowledged that speed can be a contributing factor re level of injuries incurred, the facts are that the most common contributors to incidents remains as "driver distractions" which will continue until these issues are minimised. Whilst I agree with speed reductions within built up residential zones, a change of no more than 10KMH would be sufficient rather than the proposed
Survey Response		An even better and cheapest option is to open up access on Mill road where there used to be a thoroughfare, and give us access to the roundabout there. The Mill road and SH30 intersection is absolutely horrendous and has been for many, many years and has been a whole lot more accidents there than at the Shaw Road intersection.
Survey Response		A speed limit drop of 100 to 50 or 60 is needed to get safely across SH 30. the speed limit needs to be in place from at least Julians berry farm to the 1st roundabout at the hub.
Survey Response		The Mill road, Whakatane intersection DESPERATELY NEEDS a roundabout. NOT at Shaw Road.
Survey Response		Maybe you guys need to invest all this money you are spending on this and, put back the traffic cops back on the road. And for someone to stop trying to justify why they have a job.
Survey Response		There is nothing wrong with the current speed limits, if you actually spent the money, you get from our road user's on maintenance of the roads there would be no real issue. Even at 80kph you are not going to stop the head on's. See it every day while driving my tanker, people just take far too many risks.
Response Form		Support proposed speed limit changes. Move 60km speed reduction on SH30 west of Mill Rd, due to increased traffic at this intersection.
Response Form		Wasting taxpayer money. The roads need money spent on, not new speed signs. Road surfaces need redone.
Response Form		Driver training is required.
Response Form		Doesn't support proposed changes as speed limits have already been reduced, no problem to fix.
Response Form		Proposed changes near Whakatane is not in the best interest of road users. Double lanes coming into WHK have made it safer than previously, now it may get changed.
Response Form		Increasing speed limits from 80-90kms and 60-70kms is a sensible option to stop irritability, impatience and restlessness.
Response Form		Great idea, well overdue
Response Form		Supports as too many are killed
Response Form		Accidents happen by driver inattention. Speed changes will increase inattention, and drivers getting frustrated and taking risks
Response Form		Reduction to 50km in section SH2: 100m west of SH2/30 Awakeri to 80m east of SH2/SH30 Awakeri Junction East. Due to shopping centre and lots of turning traffic, and school in vicinity.
Response Form		Happy to support speed changes.
Response Form		Accidents on this road are due to inattention. Changing speeds will not change this, it will mean people are more careless and will take little notice of limit changes.
Response Form		No speed limit changes are required

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Response Form		Keep current speed limits. Dissapointed that not one 100km speed limit remains the same. Modern cars today have more safety features that save lives
Response Form		Supports change - excellent idea. However, most people will ignore speed limits. Accidents are due to speed/booze/drugs/tail gating
Response Form		Slowing drivers down may cause more people to be impatient & take risks. Invest in more slow lanes/bays so drivers can pass the already slow drivers.
Response Form		Too many speed changes eg from 80>60, 80>50>60 etc - causes confusion. Needs to be more consistent and have better signage.
Response Form		Leave it how it is. It is a SH, lowering the speed will only congest traffix and create more hazards.
Response Form		Ridiculous proposal. This proposal adds another 15-20mins to the already hour safe driving from Whakatane to Rotorua which we commute regularly. This proposal will increase dangerous overtaking because of frustrated drivers. Will not save lives.
Response Form		Should be a "pull of lane" when turning into Shaw Road from the West
Response Form		Disagree with speed changes. It is the slow traffic that causes the issues. The blue highlights on map will cause more issues because of drivers trying to pass the slow vehicles.
Response Form		Road between SH34 Kawerau Junction West & Whakatane - all proposed areas that are to be 80km should be left at 100kms. Road is relatively straight and easy to drive
Response Form		Reduce the speed to 60km to East of the Baptist Church/Keepa Rd - turning right from the church/coastlands nursery is blind and dangerous
Response Form		Around Whakatane 'the hub' speed should be reduced to 60km - most of proposed speed limits seem pretty good. Vehicles approaching/overtaking at roundabouts are too fast and dangerous.
Response Form		If you are going to change the speed limit then make sure you enforce it
Response Form		Leave the straight road speed limits alone. We do not want frustrated drivers crawling along a straight road at 80km swearing at the low speed limit imposed. Why not adopt the Western Australia rule that when an uncontrolled or side road intersection is coming up, an 80km sign is created before the intersection. Traffic can then go back to normal speed which is 100km on the straights of the HW.
Response Form		This is ridiculous. More educating people them to drive would be more beneficial. All this going to do is to create even greater frustration on the roads with already north Islander thinking that the speed limit is 80km witch just pisses me off. Better many of them stick to riding houses to driving their waka. These proposals are pathetic. Check information t more tailgating and road rage. I would think.
Response Form		Before you even start, how bout fixing the roads and getting all the unregister and unwarranted vehicles off the roads. Bikes with no plates and helmets, police pint to it as they say not allowed to chase them unless cops, example Wellington project, cops did nothing for 15 days. Get all illegal vehicles off the road even the once with megaphones on. Get everybody to have insurance, this will get a lot of the roads. Police in this country are useless you need to get your act together. As well as the police - bring back M.O.T
Response Form		Gateway drive to round about @ Whakatane bridge should be reduced to 1 lane only not 2 in both directions.
Response Form		Changes on road and driving education. CTV-Aec/Radio etc. More policing, Remove unregistered and unwarrentedcars off the road place reconition - remove unlicensed people from the road, check for impounded drivers more, The speed limit is ok - for drivers that drive to the conditions and accordance to the roadcode. Remove vehicles that haven't paid road tax. Diesel vehicles usually don't compy with the above.
Response Form		I am not in agreement with the speed limits being lowered. I travel this road every weekday twice a day and to be honest the whole road could be comfortably travelled at 100km. The problem is not the current speed limits on this road, it is people making stupid passes because there are not enough passing lanes/slow bays on this stretch of road. I deal with drivers who go well below the current limits everyday and are a hazard on the road. Reducing speed limits will do nothing to fix road accidents/deaths, it'll just piss more people off

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Response Form		As a keen road cyclist I support any measures which reduce the risk on the roads. I would also support SH's allowing in the roading design adequate lanes for road cyclist. Additionally, as a car driver (when not cycling) I would agree in speed reductions being implemented.
Response Form		I think it is ridiculous. The speed outside my home 5 min from CBD Whakatane will be higher than a rural highway. The cars race past here 80km from Whakatane to Awakeri is ridiculous. It is straight rural road. The people who already speed are the problem not the speed limit. To travel for 1 hour at 80km or under to get to Rotorua will stop people going. I Would just go to Tauranga instead or consider going another route. It will not stop the problem drivers, will crease frustration. Although this road is windy and there are some houses it is a state highway. Drop Valley R2 Whakatane to 50km first. Cars travel at or over along have every. This will not save lives. Together bad drivers more people will be overtaking slow trucks etc.
Response Form		Speed limits are not the problem, it's the people who disrespect the limits set. Reducing speed limits on main highways will cause more accidents due to impatient and slower drivers that do lower that the exciting speed limit. It's time to take action on these drivers speeders and slow driver to prevent accidents. Why punish the drivers who abide the current speed law. Crush cars of people who don't abided the law, who has ongoing speed tickets, Boy racer vehicles. Yet harder, stop taking it out on people who drive safe.
Response Form		Yes all dood idea all round
Response Form		I believe the speeds should not be changes - speeding will occur regardless of the speed limits. If worth wile focus were imposed on speeding that would stop it. Like cars confiscated for second offences. The drink driving offence would be the same - example drunk driving at 400mgm do not cause accidents. Over 600 mgm closes and we still get a lot of accidents over 600 with the level on 250. The lower level hasn't stopped road accidents heavy fines will.
Response Form		Great Idea. The sooner the better, 100kpm is to fast for most areas on the map, (Maybe 90kmp on some it. Whakatane to Awakori, Awakori to Te Toke)
Response Form		How can this be consultration. This form received 17/2/2022 (late) reed on 18/2/2022 and was therfore unable to be used as feedback. Bit useless really, Another & waster.
Response Form		1. The speed limit from TiKitere to the change at Rauto Bay remaind at 80.
Response Form		From there the limit should be 60 with n o 80 in the middle (2) and 60 at the area newar Totorua (3)
Response Form		(4) at TeTeko the limit should be 50kph
Response Form		(5) from Te Teko to Awakeri then to Whakatane, limit as shows, In the above plan there are too many changes.
Response Form		We agree with proposed changes to speed limits. But, the Kawerau Rd limit should also be reduces 80: the intersection McDonalds Rd/Western drain rd. be re addressed to reduce blind sports and facilitate safe entry/exit from State highway 30 e.g. Safe turning lanes of a roundabout. This intersection is lethal, we have had many close calls. If you would like to send someone down here we would-be delighted to show you the problems
Response Form		When you reed this pamphlet it is obvious you have already make your decision to reduce the speed limits to what is advertised. I leave the speed limits as they are!! As a user of local roads, you are now going to force people to break the new speed limits. Before you do anything else fix the road surfaces. Maintenance has been sadly neglected for the last 20 years. You are reducing speed limits only to cater for the less competent drivers on the roads. Put more effort into driver skills and education in all of NZ.
Response Form		When you reed this pamphlet it is obvious you have already make your decision to reduce the speed limits to what is advertised. I leave the speed limits as they are!! As a user of local roads, you are now going to force people to break the new speed limits. Before you do anything else fix the road surfaces. Maintenance has been sadly neglected for the last 20 years. You are reducing speed limits only to cater for the less competent drivers on the roads. Put more effort into driver skills and education in all of NZ.
Response Form		1. Road transport operators time constrains. 2. Speed limits from Rotorua to the Lakes are slow enough already. 3. Drivers not capable or not skilled to drive at present speeds shouldn't be on these roads. 4. Speeding lawbreakers will continue, regardless of limites.5. Leave as is target the lawbreakers.

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Response Form		We live on State Highway 30 between Awakeri and Te Teko. We fully support this proposal and encourage you to put it into place as soon as possible. We see and hear "near misses" regular. Thank you. We hope you receive this in time for the 18th it arrived on February 11th - we more Rural mail till Monday 14th.
Response Form		The intersection into shaw road subdivision is difficult to access in holiday periods and lowering the speed as indicated will improve the opportunity to access safely. The bridge at this (shaw road) access had indents in the reseal on both outer edges and large track & trailers with wider axels thump into these indentations, especially during re night & tail gates and chains rattle and it sounds like huge claps off thunder-truck after truck - remedy, this would be dream of the subdivision!
Response Form		Ten deaths in 10 years. Hundreds of thousands use this road safely, as usual this many state we live in punish the majority of law abiding people because of a few idiots. I travel this road a lot and have done for 49 years. I have driven on bush tracks in better conditions every where you look, you see pot holes or patch up jobs. FIX THE ROADS, you can not legislate for idiots leave the speed limits the same.
Response Form		Although we agree with the total proposal, we and most residents in the Shaw Road subdivision feel that lowering the speed limit pas the junction of SH30 and Shaw road is absolutely urgent. There has already been a life lost there and close calls are happening daily.
Response Form		Yes Fix the roads to be able to do the existing speed limits as of now!!. What a confusing mess, its going to result ins more frustration.
Response Form		Lowering the speed in part will add to the travel frustration of this journey. Passing in dangerous places will occur. You can't change anything to stop the reckless, you can't place every inch of road you have to allow the stupid to follow the rules. You just need to be sensible. This is not sensible it is just making rules for the bottom 2% of drivers. Perhaps carless days should be added as it is in the same level of thinking's. I am told this will happen and consultation is just window dressing.
Response Form		Delete the short section of 80km at Lake To Toiti and make the length from Ruato bay to Lake Toroeho all 60km. In summer there are cars, trailers, campers vans and boat trailers parked all along both sides of the road with people coming and going. 60km is plenty fast enough.
Response Form		I live on State Highway 30 and helped with several serious accidents, this intersection need a round about, would slow traffic on main road and keep it moving. The white lines leaving Mill road are in the wrong place, giving a blocked view of the second car entering into Mill Road. Please take into consideration.
Response Form		For years "Te Teko" residents have asked of a lover speed limit though their town. I see approaching the town speed limits have been lowered (east and west), but it is still 50km from (huia crescent) to the bridge through the shopping centre. Pedestrians crossing the road to schools and housing are at great risk from traffic coming east over the bridge, Tahina road and shops, change from Mapou (Galatea turn off) to 50kms through town 40km - extra few seconds of travelling
Response Form		60/70lm through "Rotoma's" where these are residences
Response Form		These are very confusing speed limits, jumping up and down through out a journey between Kawerau-Rotorua of Kawerau-Whakatane. The current 100 km should remain - at 80 km these roads. Simple become a revenue raiser rather that decreasing road toll. . Better still - create more passing lanes through out the area!!
Response Form		Reducing speed to (50) going past Awakeri school, even though its (70) at the moment, most people are speeding up to the 100 which is right after the school. I don't know how much longer it will be until there is a serious of fatal accident at the school intersection. The (100) or proposed (80) sign should be moved a lot further down past the school.
Response Form		No matter what changes are made or not made, all that needs to be done is to enforce the present limits and make worthwhile penalties and/or vehicle confiscation apply to the small percentage of blatant and persistent miscreants. The once who no matter if this limit is 30km as roadworks or 110 km on motorway exceed the limit by wide merging, tailgate, passing on yellow centrelines and generally have no self control or social responsibility. No matter what regulation are changed or introduces, no one has ever been able to legislate for fools or idiots. I therefore notable, enforcement is the only thing that will work.

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Response Form		Lowering the speed will not remove the hazards responsibility for incidents. The condition of the road is the issue. I see no issue with line of sight etc. Allowing for this warrants speed. The pot holes and unbroken state of the road are what are causing incidents. I am positive drugs and alcohol would be a contributing factor to some the incidents/deaths. Maybe the NZTA should stop and have a look at its policy on road worthy vehicles and look at vehicle worth roads.
Response Form		The speed limit going over the Whakatane bridge is 50km. Going through the round about was always high at 80km - good move to reduce it to 60km
Response Form		Reducing the 100 km limits to 80km + 60km isn't going to stop people speeding- unless you're going to have hidden speed cameras to cut out policemen on the side of the roads. What happened to barriers in the centre of the roads. What about speed bumps at the round about.
Response Form		Are these accidents caused through frustrated drivers due to slow traffic + few passing areas? What is the cost to these changes? The changes having 3 x different speed limits appears ridiculously confusing - ABSURD. Repair the roads instead, Provide passing bays.
Response Form		I am of the opinion that the changes that have been proposed will lead to frustration and impatience for the following reasons: 1. Chopping and changing speed limits causing uncordially of what the speed limit is. 2. No stretches of open road speed limit to be able to pass trucks, trailers and boats considering he few passing lanes. 3. so much of the stretch of road is rural with not many intersections. 4. The increase in time it will take to travel between the two towns. There is also the question of how the limits will be enforced and the resentment caused if it seems it isn't being enforced.
Response Form		I have driven over these routes since 1984, the speed is sufficient. Lowering the speed limit will increase accidents, there will always be drivers who don't obey the speed limits, lowering the speed limit is not going to change this problem. There is a big volume of vehicles on our roads now, there will always be accidents through human error, it is not the speed limit that's need addressing, it is drivers, the cell phone usage driving while drunk and drugged, that needs addressing! Waiting money for changing the signage, it would be well spend on fixing our roads that have deteriorated.
Response Form		It would be easier to make it to all the way except for Te Teko, Awakeri. Whakatane to Awakeri need no passing lines all the way regardless of the speed limit.
Response Form		A very good idea. Cut all open add speed to 80km ware it 's at present 100km.
Response Form		I am very happy to support the speed changes. I would also like to see the speed on SH35 changes as well (80-60km). More road space to ride cycles would be safer.
Response Form		The majority of accidents on this road are NOT due to road conditions but driver. In attention/speed this will not improve by changing speed limits. That will simply make people careless at keeping to speed limits. Constant changing of limits mean drivers take little notice.
Response Form		With such large reductions over such long distances people will take a lot more changes to overtake & more risky.
Response Form		Ruato Bay Rotorua & other such places should be reduced to 60km as proposed as they are build up.
Response Form		Te Teko should not be increased as the houses are closer to the road than other sections (90) may be a good compromise in some sections instead of (80) depending on local feeling
Response Form		Truck driver may fee frustrated as they have to slow now to climb hills but can catch up some time on the straights wit the new lower limit they won't be able to catch up any time.
Response Form		Who makes these stupid changes. Accidents happen by drivers inattention changes of speed limits will cause more inattention by drivers looking at speed signs if we all drove at current speed limits, not 10-20 below driver would not get frustrated and take risks.
Response Form		Speed limit would be safety on state highway 30 from Whakatane Bridge to the end of the hub shopping centre if it was reduced to 50
Response Form		after hub speed increased to 80 till get to Rotorua/Tauranga turn-off. Its very dangerous at resent with an 80 speed limit.

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Response Form		For every action there's a reaction when I was suggested cars should give extra distance when passing cyclist NZ driver's started crossing the white line NZ'ers can't judge side distance so being across the white line has become normal. Expecting the oncoming vehicle to move over, better driving will only be changed with a more visible police force. Expecting drivers to drive 80km on the open road will cause IDIOT decision i.e. dangerous passing inattentions, having driver trucks make the 80km to 90km and 60km-70km is a sensible options to stop impatience, irritability and restiveness. So spend mor eon a VISIBLE police force, dedicated otherwise slowing traffic is a road to failure.
Response Form		That you are wasting tax payers hard earned money! It's the road that need money spend on not new road speed signed, (or one that flash to say *slow down"). The road surfaces that driver training is what is required. What a waste!!
Response Form		Suggest roundabout at SH3 and Thornton Road toward airport & Tauranga. Improvement to SH30 turnoff to Huna road. Jillian's Berry turn several accidents and lots of near misses and aggression of drivers seen in the last
Response Form		Approaching speed limit of 50km before SH30 and Thornton Road.
Response Form		We approve whole heartly of the decisions. Please do not yield to the speed hoons.
Response Form		I Fully support proposed changes. As former traffic & road safety engineer (UL and NZ) I have sometimes been confused as to what speed limit apply where, because NZ seems to use far finer "repeater" speed limit signs than we did in UK., also, in NZ they are usually the same dimension as the terminal signs.
Response Form		Totally Agree
Response Form		SH30 Mill rd. - Keeper Rd roundabout, reduce the speed to 60km to east of the Baptist Church, Keeper rd. Reason: turning right from the Church/coastlands nursery is blind and dangerous.
Response Form		Slow speeds cause inattention and driver boredom facilitating distractions and frustrations, Increasing risk manoeuvres and subsequent accidents. Slow speed natural fast areas will increase the amount of texting dna cell phones use while driving plus other disturbing distractions that cause accidents
Response Form		The section from Tekitere to Moose lodge corner should remail at 100km
Response Form		the section at the other end from the Kawerau turnoff at the bottom of the rotoma's to Whakatane also remail 100km
Response Form		With the exception of 60km through Rauto Bay, Rotoma, Te Keko and Wakeri all sections between Moose Lodge corner ant the kawerau turnoff could re reduces to 90km which is a more practical and it seems to be the defaults speed of the average driver through here, although the current existing 80km area around Lake Rotoiti seems reasonably complied with.
Response Form		I live in the area for 40 plus years and drive from Kawerau to Rotorua at least three time or more a month. If you reduce the speed limit as suggested to such ridiculous levels you will create more problems that you will solve. Speed is the default excuse used for accidents. Always has been. It's the easiest one to blame but head ones and run off roads are cause by driving errors such as inattention, texting, changing the radio etc and poor driving skills. Even 10km is too fast for these conditions.
Response Form		Fully appose proposal. Focus on driver qualification and licence system instead.
Response Form		Lake Rotoma increased to 80km.
Response Form		The speed limit at the Hub State highway drive to Whakatane Bridge should be 60km
Response Form		All other speed limits are appropriate. The just need to be enforced.
Response Form		I have an orchard in Awakeri. I employ staff, truckers, consultants and other service providers, that use these roads, all of them charge there services by the hour. By restricting speed zones in these proposed areas will cost thousand over a year, cost that we can not afford to carry. I strongly approve these changes to existing speed zones.
Response Form		Reducing the speed limit between Te Teko & Awakeri, will encourage traffic to travel down western drain rd., a road used a lot by road cyclists. This will make western drain rd., death trap.
Response Form		Lowering the speed will not help! It will cause more frustration for divers stuck behind logging trucks, campervans. There are very few places to overtake safely (not double lanes - only Te Kitere) so more drivers have to make the break when they can into because they want to speed up because its a long trip behind a slow vehicle (fast on straights, slow on bends.) Between Te Teko & Awakeri there is nowhere t pull over to the side safely (or to pass) guard rails no room,. I guess it will be good for review.



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Response Form		These proposals are an attempt to restrict accidents that will still accord regarding WHY? Because of the appalling standard of driving in NZ. If you are servantly interest in saving live improve the competency of driving, stiffer penalties for drunk drivers, drug and alcohol abuse, this has prove unsuccessful across the world, with inventing another wheel when there is a proven and advance available.
Response Form		Remove of the wire rope barriers aloge the sides of the road. They case people/vehicles to cross the centre line to get around statinary vehicles that cannot get off road. You can't safety across around a vehicle that has to stop on side of road. Irrespective of 80km or 100km people get seriously hurt when they stop/accelerate suddenly. Barriers are the problem, if anything add more control barriers. Yes some roads could to with speed reduction but this goes to far. Why just pich on this road other that are on this map are far worse. Why not drop the speed on Acc roads back to 80km.
Response Form		The only section of highway in need of a speed reduction so from the Awakeri junction right through to the Whakatane Bridge.
Response Form		I do not agree with the reduction of speed in the now 100km to 80km anywhere along the rest of the highway - leave them alone. To expect people to travel at 80km or less from the Tekitere junction through to Whakatane bridge is just not workable - especially for deliver/transport/ etc. The eastern bay will suffer economically if this is implemented.
Response Form		I don't agree with straight roads being reduced to 80km. All pas the lakes yes, Rotoma & Rotate.
Response Form		I personally do not have a problem with any of the road. It is hedrivers. There is not enough policing, when I travel at 70km around Lake Rotom & 80km around Lake Rotoiti, I always getting passed. More speed cameras would be good. The same will happen at the lover speeds. I have put my suggestions on your diagram above. Goon on you for thinking about this.
Response Form		100km is too high on the winding sections of Rotoma from the Kawerau turnoff to Rotoma Village. However a reduction 80km on less for the whistle trip from Tekitere to Rotorua. There are section of good straight road here, and all are to be reduced to 80km e.g. Awakeri to Te Teko could easily support a normal 100km speed limit. A reduction on 9-km on the mor difficult stretches of 100 would most likely reduce accident rates/ severity sufficiently. 80km for much of this road is to serer a retraction.
Response Form		Im my opinion, altering the speed isn't gong to achieve anything, as the people who speed now, will continue to do so. I think the more pressing situation is introducing electric cars. In my onpion the gigest drawback, is that you don't hear themcoming. People with hearing and visual problems are at risk. Also children are move likly to be hit for the same reason. I think there will be an inclease in pedestrian accidents and deaths, because of the reasons I havementionld above, re electric cars. People at supermakets are experiencing near misses, as they didn't hear the electric card coming.
Response Form		I oppose the lowering of the speed limits on SH30. Freight commpanies will have to put more trucks on SH30 to deliver the current rakes of freight at extra cost to the consumer. There are locations on this route that are clearly 100km zones. Tikitere passing lane the straing east of Morehu Rd. All the rest of the changes are too great. Texting driver are a problem. Driver doddy potholes vering into oncoming traffic. I received this on 19/2/2022 a little lat & hurried to submit.
Response Form		Why not adopt the western Australia rule/observed that when a uncontrolled or side road intersection is coming up, an 80km sigh is erected before the intersection. The traffic can then go back to normal speed which is 100km on the long straights on this highway. What we know, we do not know the mental state of these drivers who were killed, maybe going through a separate or bereavement? What we do not want is frustrated drivers crawling along a straight road at 80km swearing at the low speed limit imposed. Driving should be a present experience with a challenge to drive better with sensible limits, an not watching the speeds all the time straight road speed limits alone!
Response Form		The condition of the road surface is very often substandard at multiple locations along this route at any time causing motorist to take evasive action to avoid damaging tyres, It would not matter wheat the speed limits was but evasive actions cause accidents. It is most dangerous at night time. Changing speed limits signs will not stop the frequent uses of the section of SH30 from travelling well over the speed limits and passing in precarious situations. The presence of speed camaras permanently placed at positions know for frequent offenders and a greater Police presence, would be more effective in changing attitudes. I am fed up with been harassed on this section of SH30.
Response Form		We support your proposed changes, well done, hope you police it as the main problem is speed

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Response Form		You got be kidding me!!!!. lets make it 50km joke. Not sure when you have looked last every time I am on this road 1. I don't see any people walking. 2. Never a lot of traffic.
Response Form		There is a need to put a roundabout at the intersection of Mill rd. & state Highway 30 to takeaway the very dangerous merging lane. In the near future also a roundabout at intersection of Thornton rd. & state highway 30. Both these roundabouts would slow down and control the flow of traffic.
Response Form		These are crazy low speeds. Ok to have low speeds in build-up area of the road. Generally this will slow productivity down for the B.O.P. Slower tankers & other delivery vehicles will be impatient and overtake dangerously. There is no logic to this decision. The roads are well designed with a great distance that should be 100km. Also there are too many changes of speed limits that motorist forget what speed they are suppose to be traveling.
Response Form		It took me 3 months to realise you were Transit NZ after changing your name to something I don't understand. How must time & money have you wasted? Why can't you say the Rotorua turn off?? This is a very poor reaction in which seems already decided to a very complicated multi frustrated issue from speed, driver behaviour, skills & road conditions. This will just annoy people??
Response Form		80km limit in the 100km areas will build up traffic. Drivers will take unnecessary risks passing, unless policed driver with still do 100km. These restrictions will make drivers take alternate routes i.e. country roads. Transferring the hazards from the main highway to the country. Where in NZ do you drive for an hour at and average speed of 80km (Ridiculous)
Response Form		From the SH30 turnoff to Airport/Tauranga 70 speed limit and right out to passed the red barn 70. From where SH30 and SH2 join right through the gateway roundabout 70km as shaw rd., thud rd. and Mill road (this a very dangerous intersection and exit for Mill road to gateway) Bunnings roundabout could be even better especially with more industrial business going in. Be good if a roundabout was installed at Paroa Rd/SH3/SH2 intersections. If Paroa rd. could be re configures to Tauranga turnoff/Airport.
Response Form		Only 10 deaths in 10 years. Fix the roads, bloody potholes etc. 100km reduce to 90km would be more appropriate. And this is a wast of time you have already decide, this is just arse covering, to say you consulted the public.
Response Form		Yes reduce speeds though the Awakeri area (shops area) from 70km to 60km. This is a safe idea.
Response Form		Absolutely do not change SH2/30 Awakeri to Gateway drive Phoenix Dr roundabout from 100km-80km. This is a main highway for commuters going to work each day. This road is essential for drivers to get to work on time-reducing the speed will cause frustration & driver errors. Let the traffic far at 100km & where there are bus stops ensure it is law for children to minded under the age of 14 years by an adult as it law to stay at home!.
Response Form		80km for the 100km zones is far too low. The road has a SH designation, many areas now have side barriers, almost all the entre road has formal tar sealed shoulders. The accidents data you register to is 2010-2019. All of the safety improvement look place after 2019. You need to give more time to access these safety improvement or if it is unsafe as you say shy did transports spend millions upgrading it. What a complete waste that could have give to traffic calling schemes in town and pedestrian zones. Yes lover populated zones with driveways & footpaths. No to dropping from 100 to 80. Compromise at 90km
Response Form		In my opinion 80km on the open road e.g. Kawerau turnoff to Whakatere is ridicules, there will be more head on crashes because of impatient people, more road rage, people getting run off the road. This road is used by a lot of people going to and from work, who will now be held up. Good luck with thinking there will decrease accidents. I think it will have the opposite affect. At the end of the day its some of the drivers that have no responsibility, and this will not stop them from speeding, so as always the majority are affected because of the minority.
Response Form		More impatient drivers taken mor risks & vehicle on the longer. Fuel cost will rise. Driver intention ease of accidents if drivers drive to current road conditions that is nothing wrong with speed limits. Fix up the road before trying to slow down the traffic. How do we know if the submissions will be read or is it already decided.
Response Form		Leave it alone - there is no benefit to regular users in reducing speed only to Police collections and public persecutions. Any reasonable person knows that the public drive to the conditions, as its in their own interest to complete their journey-up-down only annoys driver and promotes diversion of attention for the roads. If you want to be good ban slow drivers from the road and tourist/campervans etc.

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Response Form		What a lot of bollocks, we can hardly believe the proposed speed limit changes that you people are trying to implement with very little thought of the consequences of State Highway 30. We think its about time you people got off your tricycles, got rid of your dummies, and get perspective on life and grow up. There ar lots of area within your proposal that are defintly not requires by lowiring the speed limit, will only encourage impatience fraustraten, carelessness and extra cost and will not reduce accidents or death. It is much more important to concentrate on decucation for impaired divers etc. This is a total waste of money and only a revenue gathering exercise!
Response Form		New Hi-engine powered vehicle are becoming more prevalent on the roads. Tailgating and overtaking on yellow single lines, with the occasional overtaking on double yellow lines. More speed cameras please, along highway with long stretches on straight roads. Perhaps more testing required of the maturity of drivers when purchasing high engine powered vehicles of the kind.
Response Form		Use a 50 or 60km limit should apply (TeTeko & Awakeri) elsewhere here around the lakes, 70km should be low enough.
Response Form		I have suggested several stretches of road to remain at 100km. The lack of passing opportunities where the road is otherwise flat & straight will create mush frustration if lowered to 80km or less. Most of the cheese cutter on both sides of road TeTeko-Awakeri is a waste of resources. If the locals cannot drive safely nothing will change, maybe a couple of speed cameras may help. If the total trip time is slowed down too much, people like me will go via Matata & Peangaroa. I live near Awakeri.
Response Form		It may be helpful to know where injury accidents & deaths accrued, to make an informed comment. Could the 80km speed restriction be raised to 90km in keeping with other restricted major roads (unless already at 80km). (Note upgrade existing riding to enable safe driving in this area) at 9-km. Allow 50 & 60km to be introduces for safety reasons. Provide hot mix roading to all corner surfaces. Provide pull off areas for slower vehicles & sign post here (I drive a fiat RV) & would welcome
Response Form		We fully support the continuous reduction and speed from 100/80km to 60km for the section of highway that winds around the southern Lake Rotoiti lakeshore. This generally covers the complete 11km from Moose Lodge to the eastern end of Hongi's Truck.
Response Form		At a loss to understand why the proposal suggests that a very short, one km only, 80km zone, has been abruptly inserted into the continuous 60km zone that is being crated around the lake. This one km section from Tuato Bay (140m east of Okataina Road to approx. 366, west of Te Uruamahue Road is being proposed for no obvious or explained reason. Apart from defeating the thrust of the proposal to reduce the number of speed zones. it creates unexpected short abrupt speed change zone in a area that is renowned for accidents.
Response Form		This if from motorist, private and commercial, who has been driving for over 50 years without a motor accident. There is absolutely nothing wrong with the present speed limits between Rotorua and Whakatane. The problems are drunk impaired driving, not enough Police on the road enforcing the law and very bad road services. Tether more NZ Transport Agency cannot stop driver fatigue or stupidity causing accidents and suicide attempts on road. You guys at NZ Transport Agency waste huge amounts of OUR money on stupid ideas like these proposed ne speed limits. An very shoddy road repairs, where road repairs only seem to last a matter of weeks, if that. Huge amounts of money are wasted on traffic management and roading barriers either down the centre line of roads or on the verges of roads. A lot of these barrier are more dangerous that without them. I recently drive from Whakatane to Wellington and back and my truck got a hammering. The roads are in a disgusting condition with rough surfaces and huge numbers of deep pot holes, YOU ARE THE PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS! Con on NZTA, for once do the right thing. All we want from you is to fix and maintain our roads so that the roads are safe and in good condition. So here is my feedback regarding the speed limits: BLOODY WELL LEAVE THE SPEED LIMITS AS THEY ARE!
Response Form		I am delighted with and strongly support the changes proposed. I do not think, for such a small length of state highway, that commercial concerns over lengthened journeys carry any wight against these proposed changes. Is there a need for accidents black spot signage at Lake Rotoma, considering that many recent fatalities aid serious injuries along that section?

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Response Form		The road death toll of 10 during the time frame in question is regrettable but not surprising given that the majority of crashes were head on, runoff road and speed related. The causation of these accidents is clearly driver error and poor decision making was evidently arrived at during the investigations. What we are not told is the circumstances that related to these deaths. Were alcohol/drugs involved? Where the vehicle registered/warranted?. Where the drivers licensed? Where the vehicle road worthy? Was dangerous driving witnessed? etc. <u>General driving standards:</u> The Rotorua/Whakatane are is probable high in the statistics when it comes to general poos drinking attitudes. Take a wander through the Hospital/Supermarket car parks and view the unlicensed/unwarranted vehicles. Seatbelts are considered by many as a nuisance and using a cell phone while driving is a rite of passage for many7. Road rage is everywhere and most drivers will now not sound their horn if a major indiscretion is involved for fear of physical reprisal. AS for night time driving in the city I was unaware that displaying lights was optional! But of course the authorities involved in road policing are fyully aware of my protestations.
Response Form		To the stets provided, most of those incidents could have been avoided if said drivers where paying more attention, driven to conditions. What about the other 99% of us that have driven that road over and over for years without incidents. Those that cause accidents should be retested again as they clearly show lack of skill. To reduce that whole road by 20km is B/S. We will be forced to drive the whole way in a lower gear as most vehicles don't engage top gear until 90km, increasing fuel consumption. A big NO to this proposal
Response Form		Don't change speed limits. Fix the roads. Pot holes - make roads better. Whakatane main road is really bumpy
Response Form		Too many un wof/reg vehicles on road. Should be better spot checks for unfit vehicles and motor cross bikes on the roads. How when there are not enough cops out there to monitor speed on our roads now, do you expect to monitor these proposal - you could end up with a worse situation
Response Form		Roads with 100km - reduceed to 90km would be more appropriate
Response Form		Only 10 deaths in 10 years. Fix the roads, bloody pot holes etc. Waste of time as you have alreadyd ecided - this is just covering to say you have consulted public.
Response Form		Welcomes all proposed changes. However, travelling from Whakatane to Tauranga - the turn off onto SH2 is extremely dangerous with speeding from SH30 traffic Awakeri direction . 70km approaching?
Response Form		Mill Rd - face speeding traffic from both directions. 70km east & mill rd to whakatane.
Response Form		Reducing speed between Te Teko & Awakeri will encourage traffic to travel down Western Drain Rd - Road used by cyclist, this will make Western Drfaion Rd a death trap
Response Form		Strongly oppose these changes to existing speed zones. This will affect business, as I employ staff (truckies/consultants) etc who use these roads and charge by the hour. These changes will cost thousands over a year, that we cannot afford to pay
Emails		Integrity of the SH, corners, surfaces, width to accommodate traffic volumes fails in these areas. Bridges/Road widths have not been kept up with modern vehicles/populations & recognising the need to move goods/people safety. Road to zero is a failure because decisions are made in WLG with no regard for thpse that use the road.
Emails		100km ought to remain and you ought to put passing lanes in at least every 10km & widen road margins
Emails		In the summer period mid Dec-end Feb 70km through the lakes Rotoma/Rotoiti but no other changes.
Emails		Total waste of time and resources. Current speed limits aren't enforced, new ones will be less enforced. Little to none policing of roads. Money spent on driver education as no one takes responsibility for their actions. Slower limit will create drivers frustration and more dangerous overtaking.
Emails		Dropping speeds through perfectly fine roads to 60km/80km is stupidity. Should be teaching people how to drive properly. People will still crash from long hours/driving at 80
Emails		Support Lake Rotoiti Community Associations Submission on the proposal that 'the speed limikt of 60kph is applied to the full section of SH30 between 650m East of Curtis Rd and 950m West of Morehu Rd West including the section between Ruato Bay and Gisborne Point'
Emails		Speed limit on SH30 from Te Waitii - needs to be reduced to 60km or less

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Emails		Fully supports the proposed speed limit changes on SH30. Safer speed limits must be set, to prevent further loss of life, serious injury
Emails		Concerned that if limit is dropped between Te Teko & Awakeri - more cars will drive down nearing roads Western Drain Rd/Tahuna/Edgecumbe, which will cause danger for cyclist
Emails		Objects to speed reduction from intersection of SH34 & SH30 through to Whakatane reducing from 100km to 80km. Waka Kotahi speed reviews are creating highway dysfunction and confusion with constant speed variations, that aren't well sign posted.
Emails		Agree with the 60km limit through Te Teko to Awakeri
Emails		Living on Braemar Rd, travelling to Whakatane most days - 100km speed limit which is to be reduced to 80km is not a high risk road
Emails		Unsafe roads due to placement of the wire safety barriers, no room on the side of the roads/safety bays to pull over to change tyre/have a rest/avoid potential danger. Lack of policing of nz roads, driving test could be improved. State of roads could be improved
Emails		No issue with proposed limits around Kawerau West Junction, but as a busy junction a roundabout would be more appropriate
Emails		Leave speed limits alone, focus on the condition of the roads. Ludicrous - how can you justify changing limit from 100km to 60km on the open road.
Emails		Would make more sense to make max speed at either 90/80km rather than varying speed between 60-80. It's easier to stick to one speed, rather than chopping and changing
Emails		Prefer speed reductions to be 90 not 80. Perhaps max speed on all roads in the district could be 90km.
Emails		60km half way around Rotoiti would be confusing, best to keep it simple
Emails		Do not agree with proposed changes. We need safer, well maintained roads/respectful safe drivers/more traffic policing to protect from reckless and impaired drivers
Emails		Totally agree with reduction in speed. Windy bends are very hazardous, lower speeds will reduce stress of road users and first responders due to injury/fatalities.
Emails		Overall, we support the proposal to reduce speeds along SH30. We encourage NZTA to consult with local transport providers to inform them that contracted service times will likely require changing. This includes public transport, and school services.
Emails	NZ Police	With Safe System principles in mind, Police supports the new and lowered speed limits proposed to be enacted on the SH30 between Rotorua and Whakatane.
Emails		Proposed reductions in speed limits are too low. No need to reduce the limits just repair the damaged pieces of road
Emails		These speed reductions are definitely not going to help. Nothing good for businesses and communities. Accidents on the roads are due to people not driving to the limits, useless driving and poor training.
Emails		Lowering the speed will increase drivers to become impatient and incur dangerous driving. Better to make roads safer by upgrading them.
Emails		I don't believe there is any point as consultation feedback is not listened to. Please give some consideration to the public of New Zealand. This is the lifeline between Rotorua and Whakatane.
Emails		Got this in our Rural Delivery box this afternoon. GREAT cut off date was yesterday. How can we have our say when 1000s of us don't get the doco until today.
Emails	Automobile Association (BOP)	AA supports all areas with housing settlements have been reduced to 60km Ruato, Lake Rotoiti, Lake Rotoma and Awakeri. Signage should be made clear at entry and exit points.
Emails	Automobile Association (BOP)	Areas with tight or numerous bend sections have been reduced to 60km. This includes Rotoma Hills section and Hongis Track. AA doesn't support the reduction to 60km. To ensure consistency of speeds 80km is more appropriate. Overall concern that the speed changes across this route is clear for motorists. Would prefer to see a medium speed agreed. This would eliminate frustrated drivers and dangerous passing.

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Emails	Automobile Association (BOP)	AA has strongly argued to central govt in recent years that we believe 70km and 90km should continue to be options in suitable environments where they can balance safety with credibility for the driving public.
Emails	Eastern BOP Safety Operational Group	It is not speed that is causing DSI's - Driver frustration/bad behaviour will worsen. Slower speeds in location where higher speeds can be safely accomodated by the road environment will increase frustration and increase bad driver behaviour leading to potentially more accidents.
Emails	Eastern BOP Safety Operational Group	Some stretches of this road where 100km should remain, frustration and bad driver behaviour could be addressed by providing safe overtaking facilities on these stertches. Involves road widening, passing lanes, possibly centre line barriers
Emails	Eastern BOP Safety Operational Group	Change of location for the 50km sign be a high priority. Unanimous agreement by residents/councillors that the 50km speed sign needed to be moved back to the west of the Eivers Park entrance by approx 100m. WK committed to this change as an easy/low cost safety change. Would allow traffic to slow to the 50km prior to the entrance making it safer for entering/exiting. Eivers Park is well used by the community with high amounts of traffic turning off and onto the highway. Roadside sellers utilise this stretch also.
Emails	Eastern BOP Safety Operational Group	Roundabout or raised intersection or similar speed control device at the Te Teko Road and SH30 intgersection (as per consultation meeting due to fatalities at this location) Again, request that WK follows through with the raised intersection proposal.
Emails	Eastern BOP Safety Operational Group	The speed limit for the whole of Awakeri be reduced to 60km per hour to be consistent with possible school speed changes, and that the speed sign be placed at a suitable distance (approx 200m) to allow deceleration before vehicles pass the school entrance.
Emails	Eastern BOP Safety Operational Group	The overall speed reduction as part of the review is supported, more specifically the reduction to 80k from Thornton Road intersection through to Shaw Road.
Emails	Eastern BOP Safety Operational Group	In the absence of investment of a roundabout at Mill Road we request that the speed limit from Shaw Road to Whakatāne be reduced to 60k. We recommend Shaw Road entrance be moved east to align with Mill Road and roundabout be installed.
Emails		To reduced Main Road speeds on the Tikitere -Whakatane highway to 60 and 80 Kph is inviting problems. Speeds to slow for the conditions cause: inattention , driver boredom and distractions, texting, cell phone use driver anger and frustration.
Emails		The other end from the Kawerau turnoff at the bottom of the Rotoma's to Whakatane also remain 100kph
Emails		The section from Tikitere to Moose lodge corner should remain at 100 Kph
Emails		all sections between Moose Lodge corner and the Kawerau turnoff could be reduced to 90 kph which is a more practical and it seems to be the default speed of the average driver through here, although the current existing 80 mph area around Lake Rotoiti seems reasonably complied with although generally around 85+ mph
Emails		With the exception of the 60 kph through Rauto Bay, Rotoma, Te Teko and Awakeri all sections between Moose Lodge corner and the Kawerau turnoff could be reduced to 90 kph which is a more practical and it seems to be the default speed of the average driver through here, although the current existing 80 mph area around Lake Rotoiti seems reasonably complied with although generally around 85+ mph
Emails		If you reduce the speed limit as suggested to such ridiculous levels you will create more problems that you will solve. Speed is the default excuse used for accidents. Always has been. It's the easiest thing to blame but head ons and run off roads are caused by driving errors such as inattention, texting, changing the radio etc and poor driving skills.
Emails		Totally oppose - SH30: From approximately 353m east of SH30/SH33 Tikitere Junction to approximately 650m east of Curtis Road. There is no reason to reduce speed on this perfectly good section of road – all it is doing is slowing traffic down on what is already a slow trip – at this rate it will take 2hrs to commute between Whakatane and Rotorua. It should remain at 100km.
Emails		Oppose - From approximately 650m east of Curtis Road to approximately 380m west of Lake Okataina. There should tie in with the zone to the east of it and be set at 70km – agree 100km is too fast, but 60km is too slow
Emails		Oppose - SH30: From approximately 140m east of Lake Okataina Road to approximately 366m west of Te Urumahue Road. This should tie in with zones either side of it and be set at 70km

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Emails		Oppose - SH30: From approximately 366m west of Te Urumahue Road to approximately 420m east of Tamatea Street. This should be pulled into line with Lk Rotoma and become a 70km zone – there are new footpaths almost the entire length. I agree that 80km is too fast but 60km is too slow – there is hardly ever foot traffic on the footpaths.
Emails		Totally Oppose - SH30: From approximately 420m east of Tamatea Street to approximately 905m west of Morehu Road West. There is no reason to reduce speed on this perfectly good section of road – all it is doing is slowing traffic down on what is already a slow trip – at this rate it will take 2hrs to commute between Whakatane and Rotorua. It should remain at 100km
Emails		Partly Support - SH30: From 120m west of Oxford Road to 530m west of Matahi Road. I don't believe 60km is warranted through this section – there are footpaths or tracks for most of the way. The existn 70km limit could be extended to just passed the Matahi Rd exit though, as traffic turning there can be dangerous even with the turning bay.
Emails		Oppose - SH30: From 530m west of Matahi Road to 2460m west of SH2/SH34 Kawerau Junction West. There is no reason to restrict speed on this section of road, if people are driving to the conditions. There are enough signs indicating the suggested speeds on this section of road without limiting speeds further. There are several slow traffic lanes which could do with being formalised to assist with truck traffic.
Emails		Partly support - SH30: From 2460m west of SH2/SH34 Kawerau Junction West to 175m west of Huia Crescent. The 80km zone should end just west of the SH34/Hallets Rd intersection. There is no reason to restrict speed on a perfectly good section of road, if people are driving to the conditions
Emails		Partly Support - SH30: From 175m west of Huia Crescent to 325m east of Te Teko Road. This area should be extended out to include the sports fields on the western side of Te Teko township
Emails		Support - SH30: From 325m east of Te Teko Road to 100m north-east of Galatea Road
Emails		Oppose - SH30: From 100m north-east of Galatea Road to 185m south-west of SH2/SH30 Awakeri Junction West. This section of road has had significant infrastructure built and money spent on it to make it safe at 100km – dropping the speed limit in this area makes a mockery of the improvements that you have made – what is the point of them?
Emails		Support - SH30: From 185m south-west of SH2/SH30 Awakeri Junction West to 410m north-east of the SH2/30 Awakeri Junction East
Emails		Support - From 100m west of the SH2/30 Awakeri Junction West to 80m east of the SH2/SH30 Awakeri Junction East. Extend this 60km proposal to include Te Rahu Canal Bridge, which then includes the Awakeri School entry/exit.
Emails		Partly Support - SH30: From 410m north-east of the SH2/30 Awakeri Junction East to 310m west of the centre of the SH30/Gateway Drive/Phoenix Drive roundabout. The 80km area needs to go from Gateway Dr as proposed but only as far as just passed the Tauranga turnoff – Thornton Road. Safe travel at 100km from there to the Te Rahu Canal Bridge is possible. The significant intersections have pilling in/off lanes.
Emails		Support - SH30: From 310m west of the centre of the SH30/Gateway Drive/Phoenix Drive roundabout to 100m north of the northern abutment of the Whakatāne Bridge. This area has an increasing number of cyclists accessing Keepa Rd, and Gateway Drive, cycling through roundabouts on the road where there is safe cycle access – 60km will be much safer.
Emails		The new freight hub at Kawerau will see an increase of heavy vehicles on this road in particular. Reduced speed limits will significantly impact their driving hours, resulting in more vehicles being required on the road to move the same amount of freight , with a resulting impact on road surface and high-risk road users.
Emails		You would be better off ensuring drivers were properly trained, tested and retrained on a regular basis and that vehicles were up to scratch - not slowing everyone down due to the minority of appalling drivers, sub par vehicles and road maintenance.
Emails		Your proposals in respect to setting 60 kph on all the high lighted green zones is reasonable and I agree with that part of the proposal.
Emails		complete opposition to your proposed blanket 80kph along all the rest of the hi-way. This is quite unreasonable

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Emails		I would maintain on the other hand that most accidents are caused by driver failure, inattention, excessive speed, cell phone discussions whilst driving, texting while driving etc. Lack of a genuine policing policy and presence to improve driver behaviour and reduce excessive speed, is the most obvious cause of accidents on this road.
Emails		We submit to you that you should put our funds and your efforts into constructing safer roads by having an agreed standard of road surfacing. (Road side barriers, Conditions of roads, Effects of speed restrictions)
Emails		Wish to see a greater police presence on our roads to promote safer driving habits and through law enforcement, restricting speeding above the safe 100kph and eliminating inconsiderate driving and un-road worthy vehicles.
Emails		A roundabout is needed at the Tauranga Awakeri intersection turning right onto Thornton Rd. Cars will not lower their speeds approaching this dangerous intersection, cars always accelerate around this bend. Speed cameras are required to deter speeding, cars do well over 100km an hr now and don't see how a 80km sign is going to stop people speeding, roundabouts do.
Emails		Need a roundabout at Mill Rd before Phoenix drive.
Emails		I am convinced that decreasing the speed limit is not the action you should be taking. Cars need in the first instance to be safe. Your reduced speed limit is not going to make the vehicle any safer. Many accidents that occur on roads are a result of driver error/lack of road education.
Emails		To reduce Main Road speeds on the Tikitere -Whakatane highway to 60 and 80 Kph is inviting problems. Speeds slower than necessary cause: Inattention, Driver boredom and distractions, Texting, Cell phone use, Driver anger and frustration, All increasing risky manoeuvres, irresponsible driving and subsequent accidents.
Emails		The section from Tikitere to Moose lodge corner should remain at 100 Kph
Emails		The section at the other end from the Kawerau turnoff at the bottom of the Rotoma's to Whakatane also remain 100kph
Emails		With the exception of the 60 kph through Rauto Bay, Rotoma, Te Teko and Awakeri, all sections between Moose Lodge corner and the Kawerau turnoff could be reduced to 90 kph which is a more practical and it seems to be the default speed of the average driver through here
Emails		Although the current existing 80 kph area around Lake Rotoiti seems reasonably complied with although generally around 85+ kph. Reducing the speed limit as suggested to such ridiculous levels will create more problems that you will solve.
Emails	Ngati Pikiao	The speed reductions at kura, kohanga and marae are necessary. The failure by NZTA to reduce the speed limit from 80 to 60 between Ruato and Puna Whakareia is a mistake.
Emails	Ngati Pikiao	NZTA management of speeds on this highway have historically cost the live of both Ngāti Pikiao and Tangata Tiriti. Ngāti Pikiao take our obligations to manaaki our manuhiri very seriously, and it is entirely inappropriate to allow ours and those peoples' lives to be put in harms way as a result of poor decision making regarding appropriate speed designations.
Emails		I would say that these all relate to unsafe overtaking, driver distraction (cell phones, excessively loud stereos etc). Maybe raise the fine for cell phone use to \$200/300 first time then the next one, confiscate phone forever.
Emails		The posted limit of 100kms is totally unrealistic through "The Rotomas" so changing this to 80kms is logical.
Emails		I can't see why 80 kph should be the maximum on this 44.7 kms of this highway.
Emails		Between Kawerau and Tikitere there is only ONE passing lane, the long uphill one which is appreciated when stuck behind large trucks. There are several long straights with good visibility to enable safe overtaking within the existing 100km areas – bring this down to 80 and it won't be possible.
Emails		The proposed reduced limit of 60kms for the Awakeri area is good seeing how busy it is. However, the areas should be extended at both ends – from West to give traffic more time to reduce speed before coming to the SH2/SH30 intersection, and to the East past Awakeri School to also give traffic more warning of reduced speed area before reaching the school entrance (Maybe at the Te Rahu Canal Bridge)
Emails		Probably goes too far with speeds reduced over the whole stretch of road in some cases from 100km to 60km which will increase commute times



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Emails		I think reducing speeds in this area is a good thing, the section which I think is really necessary is the windy (and narrow in places) part from Lake Rotoma to the Kawerau turn off. This is the part that drivers think they are race car drivers and follow too closely.
Emails		The proposal will significantly increase commute times and will make the SH 2 option from Whakatane to Rotorua via Paengaroa more popular and put more stress on other roads
Emails		I do not agree that the speed limits on the open road should be reduced to 80km/hr. The speed seems to be the main tool for achieving reducing DSI. Perhaps another goal could be to make sure the roads are in a good condition for traffic to flow smoothly with more passing lanes. This enables business and economy to function effectively and productively.
Emails		Safer, well maintained roads with more passing lanes, Safer drivers who respect the road rules and are penalized if they do not, Protection from the impaired or reckless drivers with more traffic policing
Emails		If you were going to lower the general speeds on the roads I would suggest you make the now 100kph down to 90kph at least this just might be accepted. Speed is NOT the problem people are.
Emails		I guarantee this lowering of road speeds will increase the death toll by about 10 to 15% because of impatience, longer driving times, nowhere to pass slower traffic including big rigs and inattention because some drivers will be watching the dashboard for speeds.
Emails		One of the biggest problems on our roads of course is the lack of highway patrols, I have driven to Rotorua, Whakatane & Taupo a few times over the last couple of months and in that time, I have seen only 3 police cars
Emails		I object to the proposed speed limit reductions. A lower speed limit will add to the congestion and increase frustration of most drivers. the deaths and serious injuries quoted will be for reasons beyond the current speed limits.
Emails		For traffic and agricultural machinery on the road passing lanes need to be built and staggered between directions. The placement of side safety barriers have made the road more dangerous in that there is: No escape route for possible head in collisions, No room to pull off the road for break downs or flat tyres, No room for slower agricultural machinery to pull over.
Emails		Roads need to be made safer by design and better maintained. Eg , potholes constantly needing repair. Once fixed, they seem to quickly reappear and get even worse. There is nothing wrong with the speed limits as they are. Lowering the speed limit is not the answer
Emails		At the very least the sections of open road should remain at 100km per hour, especially from outside Te Teko to Whakatane. The proposed changes will slow traffic needlessly.
Emails		We do not agree with the proposed changes. We need safer, well-maintained road, safer drivers who respect the road rules, protection from reckless or impaired drivers with more and obvious traffic policing.
Emails		I don't support some of the changes proposed, which have the potential to make sections of the road more dangerous due to the likelihood of increased potential for driver impatience and associated unsafe behaviours.
Emails		"road to zero deaths" is a nice goal, however unobtainable all the time so many other contributing factors remain unchecked. You will cause more issues than you resolve unnecessarily slowing so many roads
Emails		DSI is due to distractions, silly decisions, cellphone use, road conditions, frustration, lack of passing lanes, dui
Emails		You are going to unnecessarily slow the traffic far too much, particularly in some areas where there is a clear and easy vision, on safe parts of the road. This will slow down traffic enormously and cause frustration among many drivers. The topography of this road often dictates the speed you can safely go anyway without these radical changes.
Emails		strongly oppose your proposed speed limit reductions on the SH30 stretch of road from Tikitere to Whakatāne.
Emails		For many people in modern cars, a speed limit of 80 kph will make for impatience and frustration and drivers will undoubtedly be tempted to overtake which is itself a risky maneuver.
Emails		Majority of fatalities are in fact due to impatient drivers carrying out risky overtaking maneuvers. Lowering the speed limit is not going to improve this situation. It could however make NZTA more revenue.
Emails		In general I am supportive of reducing speed limits in 'built-up' or populated areas along SH30, but not supportive of the blanket reductions along its whole length from Tikitere to Whakatāne. Reducing speed limits where it is not required is likely to increase driver frustration and a maximum speed for long stretches in unpopulated and rural areas of 80kph is unwarranted.

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Emails		I don't support reducing this 100 kph to 80kph. It consists of easy rural road with good visibility, minimal driveways or side roads, and in the engagement phase there was no real indication of a desire for the speed to be reduced (other than one person who wanted a blanket 60kph along the whole road). It will only serve to frustrate people. As with other sections of SH30 the lack of adequate maintenance by Waka Kotahi and appalling state of the road surface is more of an issue than speed.
Emails		I support the above proposals (from approx. 650m east of Curtis Rd to 905m west of Morehu Rd West), although I would be equally happy to see the first section east of Curtis Rd to 380m west of Lake Okataina Rd be set at 80kph, and likewise the section of road from 420m east of Tamatea St to 905m west of Morehu Rd be set at 80kph
Emails		Consider reducing to 80km from just west of Manawahe Rd intersection to condition traffic
Emails		fully support the reduction from 70kph to 60kph around Lake Rotoma. Alternatively the 60kph area could be extended to just west of Manawahe Rd to 530 west of Matahi .
Emails		Please keep the speed over the Rotoma Hills at 100 kph in line with feedback received – ie only 1 pin asking for a reduction to 80 (not even 60!) that was not supported by others There is a section of the road that needs to be taken slower but the very nature of this section limits speed and for the rest of the road there are no intersections, no driveways, no cars parked along the road and no reason to reduce it.
Emails		We fully support the proposed 60km/hr speed limit from west of the Gateway Drive roundabout to Whakatāne Bridge.
Emails		We also support the proposed 80km/hr limit from the Awakeri Junction to west of Gateway Drive roundabout.
Emails		The blanket 80km/hr speed limit from Awakeri to Kawerau may make the narrower local roads busier with more use by drivers as 'rat runs'. These roads are often used by road cyclists as a safer option for riding, but increased car traffic on minor roads may make them less safe for cyclists and other users
Emails		I support the need to make SH30 safer for all users, including cyclists and walkers. However, as a very frequent user of the entire SH30 road, I don't support some of the changes proposed, which have the potential to make sections of the road more dangerous due to the likelihood of increased potential for driver impatience and associated stupid behaviours. Some of the new 60 km/hr speed limits suggested by Waka Kotahi will also be slower than much more built up areas within urban Rotorua City. My suggested speeds are set out in the table below.
Emails		As a general comment, the map provided with the consultation document is confusing and is not easy to align with the written text on the Waka Kotahi website
Emails		Some of the changes proposed, will have the potential to make sections of the road more dangerous
Emails	Kawerau District Council	We support the speed reductions in Te Teko and have supported the reduction of speeds through the town for several years. We suggest that the 50 km/h speed limit be moved further west towards the Kawerau intersection to allow safer access to Eivers Park.
Emails	Kawerau District Council	We support the speed reductions in Awakeri and suggest that a speed limit of 50 km/h be considered, especially at the school entrance or extend the current speed limit further towards Whakatane.
Emails	Kawerau District Council	We are concerned that the whole-scale reduction of speed limits in areas where higher speeds are viable, will lead to increased risk-taking by impatient drivers and thereby increasing the risk of accidents and road fatalities. The reduction from 100 km/h to 80 km/h needs to be reconsidered in areas that are suitable for higher speeds.
Emails	Kawerau District Council	We are concerned that the speed reductions will increase travel times and therefore more heavy vehicles will be needed on the roads to maintain the current delivery services.
Emails	Kawerau District Council	Reducing speed limits will not necessarily increase road safety unless the roads are appropriately policed and all road rules and regulations are enforced. We need more policing and enforcement in our region.
Emails	Kawerau District Council	Council have requested several times during the preceding years that the speed limits on SH34 leading into the industrial area from Whakatane into Kawerau be reviewed and be reduced to a safe level. These requests were ignored, and we are concerned that this road is again left out of the road speed review.

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Emails	Kawerau District Council	The long-term solution to road safety is not decreasing speed limits but rather ensuring safer roads. Investment in our roading infrastructure is woeful and together with inadequate policing, the main causes of traffic accidents and fatalities in our region.
Emails	Log Transport Safety Council	parts of this proposal do not make sense especially the fact that intermittent changes to speed limits can cause confusion and the driver can spend more time looking out for road limit signs than focusing on defensive driving as they should.
Emails	Log Transport Safety Council	Delays due to reduced speeds will result in more trucks on the roads and an increase in the carbon footprint and potentially greater risk of accidents due to congestion.
Emails	Log Transport Safety Council	We also question the strategy around reduction of speed versus quality of the roads and infrastructure which also raises concerns around the spend of RUC's which the industry contributes to significantly each year.
Emails	Log Transport Safety Council	Concern around the reduction in "one step" from open road limits at 100kph to 80kph where the general motorist will not accept the imposition and have difficulty following heavy trucks at the same speed. 90kph would be more palatable and mitigate the frustration issues which result in poor decisions and unsafe passing manoeuvres.
Emails	Log Transport Safety Council	Current road toll is more related to poor decision making and lack of skill by the general driver. Application of putting more funds into driver training would give a far better result
Emails	Log Transport Safety Council	Reduce speed to 90km along most of the road with exception to urban and high built-up areas
Emails	Log Transport Safety Council	Challenge the cause of accidents to rationalise the decision to reduce the speed limits – fatigue: under the influence of Drugs & Alcohol: suicide: driver competency
Emails	Lake Rotoiti Community Association.	Speed limit of 60kph is applied to the full section of SH30 between 650m East of Curtis Rd and 950m West of Morehu Rd West.
Emails	Lake Rotoiti Community Association.	Strongly submit that the speed limit for the section between Ruato Bay, (140m east of Lake Okataina Road and 366m west of Te Urumahue Road), and Gisborne Point communities also be reduced to 60kph.
Emails	Lake Rotoiti Community Association.	We fully support the reduction of the speed limit to 60kph from Moose Lodge to Hongis Track reflecting the current road side warnings and the population density risks.
Emails	Lake Rotoiti Community Association.	Submit that the 1km section between Ruato Bay and Gisborne Point - where it is proposed that the speed limit be retained at 80kph - is also reduced to 60kph.
Emails	Lake Rotoiti Community Association.	At very least, all speed limit changes should be considered transition zones: drivers do not suddenly change from one speed to another.
Emails	Whakatane District Council	Section SH30: From approximately 140m east of Lake Okataina Road to approximately 366m west of Te Urumahue Road. – This is an approximate 1.5km section of road which under the proposal will be 80kph bounded by 60kph road sections. As per previous feedback Council does not support short sections of speed limits of increased speed as this can increase driver confusion as speeds constantly change. We would like to see this section reduced to 60kph.
Emails	Whakatane District Council	The existing speed limit threshold at the Western end of Te Teko is not appropriately located. The threshold is located adjacent to community facilities including a playground netball courts, sports fields, and public toilets. The area is also a popular stop for roadside sellers. We request that the location of the speed threshold is moved to a location approximately 500m west of Huia Rd; recognising that the speed change should occur outside of this busy area which has a high number of pedestrians and vehicles either stopping or turning.
Emails	Whakatane District Council	Request that the speed threshold at the eastern end of Awakeri is shifted to 700m east of the SH2/SH30 intersection. Extending the speed threshold out further from the school will allow vehicles to slow down ahead of Awakeri School.
Emails	Whakatane District Council	Request that the section of SH30 between Thornton Road and Gateway Drive is reduced to 60kph. This section of road is considered by locals to be our most high-risk road corridor, with Paroa Road, Shaw Road, Huna Road and Mill Road exiting onto the state highway in this relatively short 2.5km stretch of road. Shaw Road and Mill Road have a high number of unprotected right turn movements and there is strong community concern about the safety of these intersections. Gaps in traffic are short and far between during busier periods creating situations where drivers feel compelled to take significant risks amidst pressure from queuing traffic.

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Emails	Whakatane District Council	Whakatane Mill have expressed strong concerns about the safety of their staff in exiting Mill Road, saying that many of their staff have stories of near miss incidents at this intersection. While the proposed 80kph will likely alleviate some of the risk we believe the chance of fatal and serious injuries at these intersections will remain intolerably high particularly when compared with minimal difference in travel time this will make.
Emails	Whakatane District Council	The proposed reduction in speed limits will encourage users on to the local road network where there are higher speed limits, and which have not been engineered to the same safety standard as the SH network. The Western Drain Rd, Luxton Rd alternative to SH30 is likely the best example of this.
Emails	Whakatane District Council	With speed limit reviews also under way for SH2 and our local road network there is potential for messaging to the public to become disjointed and confusing. Alignment of timeframes across the review process and, in particular, implementation, will allow simpler, more effective communication with the public and result in better rates of compliance.
Emails	Rotorua Lakes Community Board	SH30: From approximately 140m east of Lake Okataina Road to approximately 366m west of Te Urumahue Road. We support the limit remaining at 80kph for this section of road.
Emails	Rotorua Lakes Community Board	SH30: From 120m west of Oxford Road to 530m west of Matahi Road. Fully support the reduction in the speed limit along the Rotoma shore and through the community from 70kph to 60kph.
Emails	Rotorua Lakes Community Board	In general we support the moving of 80 and 70kph areas to 60kph, but do not support the reduction of 100kph areas to 80kph. We feel that in general those sections of the road are safe with a 100kph speed limit, and in fact it is the lack of adequate maintenance by Waka Kotahi of SH30 that is at fault on these sections of the highway.
Emails	Ia Ara Aotearoa Transporting	We are unable to either support or oppose the proposed speed changes. We are also concerned that Waka Kotahi's approach of speed reduction is shifting its responsibility on to road users to manage the inherent risk – often for poorly maintained and/or poorly built roads
Emails	Ia Ara Aotearoa Transporting	Waka Kotahi work closely with telematic providers so any changes are widely publicised and drivers get a fair and reasonable chance to adapt to the changes
Emails	Ia Ara Aotearoa Transporting	not seen+A1:D1134g evidence of investment in an overall safer system and Waka Kotahi's performance on completing capital projects and engineering safety improvements, such as barrier systems, on plan has been extremely poor.