

# SH35 TE PUIA SPRINGS TO TOKOMARU BAY SPEED REVIEW

## Speed consultation submissions

#	Submitter	Formal submission
1	Individual submitter	<p>This consultation review is a total waste of money. Any person who can drive faster than your proposed limits would be totally reckless and a danger as the roads do not allow it.</p> <p>You would have been better in 'channelling' this money in fixing the road.</p>
2	Individual submitter	<p>Lowering speed limit between Puketiti hill and Tokomaru Bay to 80 km/h to 70-74 km/h will not change.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Driver behavior problems = this year alone (2020) I have witnessed drivers passing and even three abreast each other on this section of road, one truck and trailer, one people mover and a utility, and driver bad behavior.</li> <li>2. Lowering the speed limit to 80 km/h will increase driver frustrations to take risks.</li> </ol> <p>Have noted that tourists are actually well behaved.</p>
3	Individual submitter	<p>Overtaking lanes before &amp; after these townships would greatly reduce the need to speed through these places.</p> <p>In fact more overtaking lanes would really help. For myself if I see a logging truck in front of me, my first through is, I don't want to be stuck behind it! If you're in Te Puia the only place to get past (with the help of the truck driver in most cases) is opposite the hotel, to do this however you need to break the speed limit. The passing lane on Puketiti is way too short &amp; dangerous. Likewise Tokomaru Bay, no safe place to pass, until you get to 3 bridges, but people do overtake travelling up Busbys hill, dangerous again.</p> <p>So my ten cents worth is it's not the speed it's the lack of overtaking lanes especially for drivers that are not very confident.</p>
4	Individual submitter	<p>These new limits will do nothing to stop the incompetent and the drunk/drug drivers from doing stupid things.</p>

5	Individual submitter	I am a regular user of this piece of road (3-4 times per week), the local consultation I have undertaken with other regular users of this road suggests that rather than reducing the speed limit between Tokomaru Bay and Te Puia Springs, NZTA should focus on repairing and maintaining the road - particularly the section between Puketiti Rd and Mangahauini Bridge No. 3. There is a dangerous dip near the bottom of the hill adjacent to the only fatality on this strip of road in the past seven years and it has been getting worse over the last couple of years and nothing done about it. Reducing the speed limit will cause more frustration - just maintain the surface properly.
6	Individual submitter	I would love to see Okitu also be a 50kmh speed zone. I agree with the new proposal of 80kmh on the open road, followed by 60kmh and within Te Puia township 50kmh. Very good move NZTA!
7	Hawkes Bay & Gisborne District Council of the Automobile Association	<p>Thank you for consulting with the Automobile Association.</p> <p>The Hawkes Bay/Gisborne District Council of the Automobile Association represents circa 65,000 members. We are advocates for our members and in representing our members the Association seeks a transport network that is safe and efficient for its users.</p> <p>The Speed Management Guide requires roading authorities to focus on the top 10% of high benefit opportunities. The sections of road under review are not noted as being in the top 10%.</p> <p>We have reviewed the information provided and the MegaMaps data and we support the proposed speed limits for the following as they align with the recommended “safe and appropriate speed” limits: 60 km/h for the open road section between Puketiti Road and Te Puia Springs 80km/h for the open road between Tokomaru Bay and Puketiti Road</p> <p>We do not support the proposed 50km/h for the Te Puia Springs Township. The MegaMaps recommended “safe and appropriate” speed limit is 60km/h. The mean speeds through the village are 55-59km/h. Also the village is typical of many small villages on the State Highway network with speed limits of 70km/h.</p> <p>We will support a decrease in the speed limit to 60km/h. This would provide some consistency of speeds in the region and is more in line with the mean speeds.</p> <p>On behalf of our AA District Council and our members we thank you for the opportunity to complete this submission and we look forward to working with you going forward.</p>
8	Individual submitter	I support the proposal to reduce the speed limit through the Te Puia Springs township to 50 km/h.

		<p>The open road section from 180 m north west of Cemetery Road to 470 m west of Beach Road, I suggest the whole highway between those points be reduced to 80km/h.</p> <p>It is confusing for 'some' motorists to have a change of speed in relative close proximity that geographically has many corners and a hill to traverse.</p>
9	Nga Hapu e Rua o Tokomaru Bay	<p>This feedback is on behalf of Nga Hapu e Rua o Tokomaru Bay. As a resident who drives the road daily and engagement with hapu members/kaumatua/kuia here are our recommendations, they are the same recommendations that were made when the last community consultations were undertaken last year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Te Puia Springs Township – 50km from Cemetery Road – 4799 Waiapu Rd and install a speed hump to enable safe crossing within the township to and from the bus shelter/hospital.</li> <li>- Open Road between Puketiti Rd and Te Puia Springs – there is no justification for 60km speed limit, amazing how the coast is penalized! How about ensuring the road is safe to travel, after the last weather event areas are still in the same bad condition!</li> <li>- Open rd between Puketiti Rd and 470 west of Beach Road. Obviously there has been no consideration for the residents and their children who live along Mangahauini Straight all the way into Tokomaru Bay by the police station. What I do know, there is a 50km sign coming into Tokomaru from Te Puia springs, vehicles are still doing 100kms when they pass the 50km sign. There are children who walk and ride their bikes and horses as well as residents who are putting themselves in danger everytime they exit their driveways onto this stretch of road. My recommendation is that there is a 70km sign erected outside of 3879 Waiapu Road as vehicles drive up to 12380km along the Mangahauini Valley Straight and this to drop down to 50km from 3811 Waiapu Road. Residents travelling from Te Wehi Rd are elderly and need to cross the road on what can be a blind corner when drivers are speeding.</li> </ul> <p>Other feedback:</p> <p>Not happy with the additional time to travel into Gisborne given the new 80km speed limit from Pouawa that will drop to 60kms for campers during the holiday season. Residents are already hindered by the current BAD state of SHWY 35, heavy vehicles and the decrease in speed is actually having a negative affect on driver behaviors. From when I attended most East Coast drop in sessions 90% said no to the reduction in speed but obviously NZTA already had their plan and</p>

		didn't listen. I would appreciate receiving the data and feedback collected to prove me wrong but I doubt there is any.
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