

# The issue of speed on State Highway 58

**We're proposing to bring down the speed limit on State Highway 58 from 100 to 80km/h between Pauatahanui and State Highway 2 to help reduce the number of deaths and serious injuries that occur on this part of the highway.**

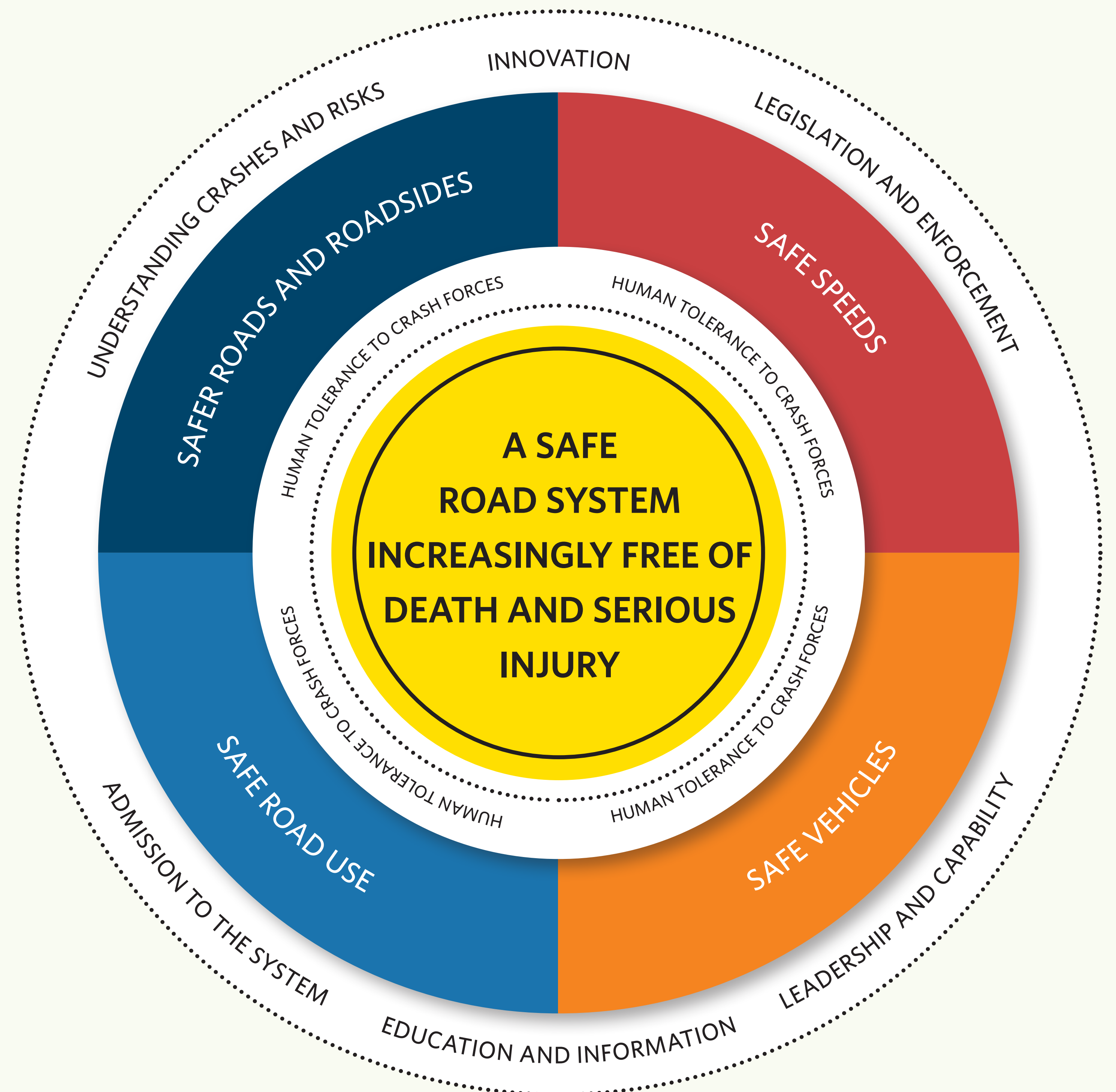
We also propose to reduce the speed limit between the Postgate Drive and Pauatahanui roundabouts to 70km/h.

Speed increases the likelihood of a crash, as well as the consequences that may occur when a crash does happen.

We want to set speeds that are optimal for the function, design and use of State Highway 58. Due to the geometry of the road, drivers are not able to safely maintain the current 100km/h speed limit. With its many bends, hills, driveways and side-roads, an 80km/h speed limit on this road will feel safer and easier to drive. Most importantly, it will reduce the number of crashes and hence the number of deaths and serious injuries we suffer on this road.

## The Safe Systems approach

A safe system recognises that people make mistakes and are vulnerable in a crash. It reduces the price paid for a mistake so crashes don't result in loss of life or limb.



We recognise that mistakes on the road are inevitable, but deaths and serious injuries from road crashes are not.

The proposals we have for State Highway 58, including lowering the speed, are a key part of our Safe Systems approach to road design, improvement and management. This will assist us to do everything we can to make sure simple mistakes don't turn into tragedies.

The Safe Systems approach aims to create a forgiving road system based on four principles. These are that people make mistakes, are vulnerable, need to share responsibility and that we need to strengthen all parts of the system.

As you think about the information here today, consider the changes we're proposing and how they can address future crashes that might occur on the road, at the roadside and at the multiple intersections along this route.



### Questions

Do you support the speed limit being lowered to 80km/h on the SH58?

If not, why not?