



# Hope to Wakefield



Between 2009 and 2018, three people died and 18 were seriously injured in crashes along this route.

Too many people are being seriously injured in crashes on State Highway 6 Hope to Wakefield, so Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency has been looking at whether different speed limits could make the road safer. To help us fully understand the issues, we asked locals to give us their views about current speed limits on this road

## WHAT WE DID

- › We delivered flyers to homes and businesses, and we held pop up events and community meetings in Hope, Brightwater and Wakefield. We spoke to people face to face, over the phone and invited people to give feedback online. We also talked to residents living on the road, businesses and organisations including the AA and Road Transport Association.
- › We had many useful conversations and received almost 700 pieces of feedback.
- › From December 2019 to February 2020 we asked the community about current speed limits and other features of the road between Hope and Wakefield.

## WHAT WE HEARD

The main feedback themes were:

### Speed limits

- › A large number of people told us they were concerned about speeding and speed limits through the more built up areas between Hope and Wakefield. Concern was noted around school children being particularly at risk.
- › We also heard that people wished to see more consistent speed limits along the route.

### Safe access on and off the road

- › The safety and ease of intersections along the state highway was a common theme. There were many comments about the difficulty of accessing the state highway from side roads and driveways.

### Dangerous driving

- › Many people commented on dangerous driving by other drivers – such as driving too fast for the conditions and dangerous overtaking.

### Road conditions, signage and other improvements

- › A number of people raised issues such as surface conditions, flooding, and road width. Other people felt there was a need for more signs, such as compulsory stop signs at intersections.

## WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN NEXT?

We've read all the feedback and considered these insights along with our technical analysis of what is safe on the road. Based on this we will be coming back to the community in the near future to formally consult on proposed safer speed limits. The formal consultation will cover off what the proposed safer speed limits are and give locals, and others who are interested, an opportunity to let us know if there are any other factors we should consider when making our decision.

