



Safe Speed Review - State Highway 8 (SH8) Tekapo

Even the best drivers, on familiar roads, can make mistakes. But a mistake shouldn't mean death or serious injury.

We want everyone who uses our roads to get to where they're going safely, and as speed increases, so does the likelihood and severity of crashes when they happen. That is why Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency is reviewing safer speed limits throughout Aotearoa.

We have been seeking public input into proposals to set permanent new speed limits on State Highway 8. We are aware the Tekapo community has been calling for changes in speed limits in their township as a result of the increased

traffic, including campers, caravans, and people walking and cycling. We've talked to local iwi, the community, council, police, AA and others about making the highway through Tekapo safer, and have heard that speeds in this area feel too high to be safe.

Following consultation on a proposed speed limit change in August 2021, and a review of the road by safety experts, we have decided to change speed limits through Tekapo. These new speeds will take effect from Friday 10 December 2021.

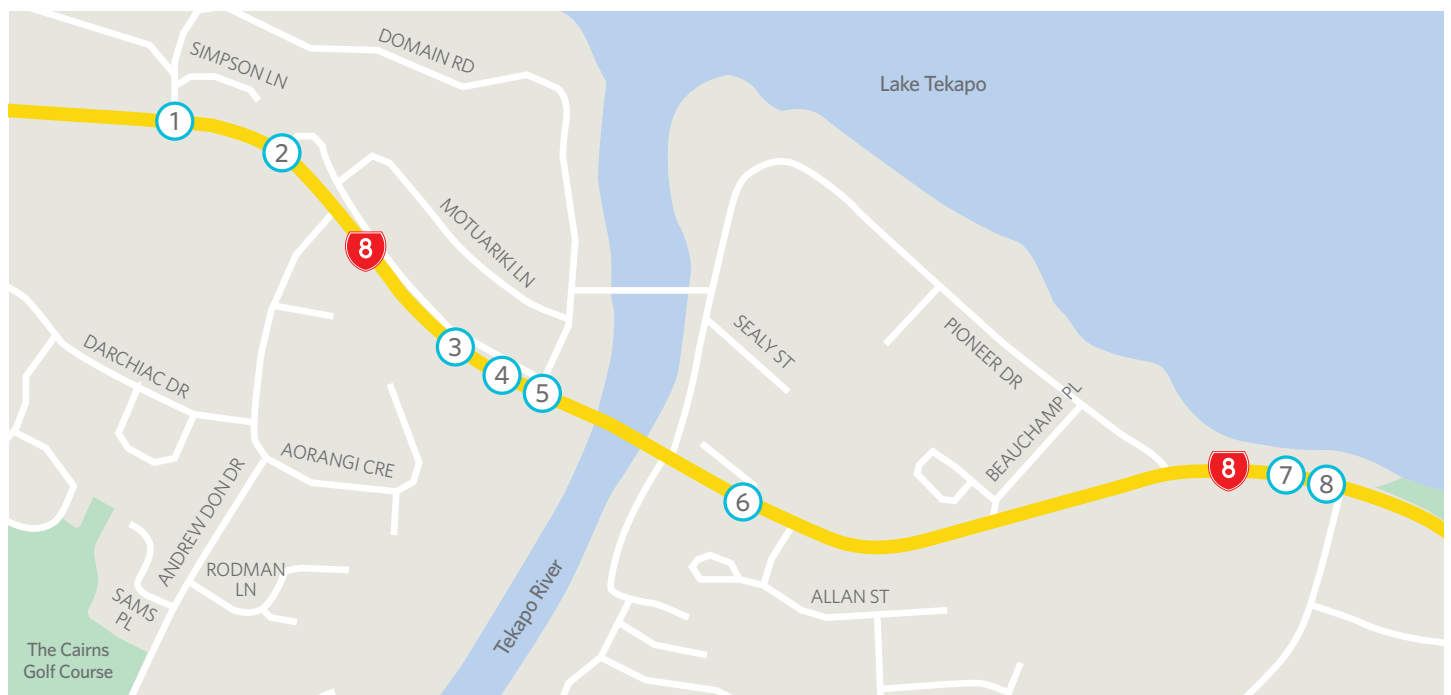


LOCATION	CURRENT SPEED LIMIT (KM/H)	NEW PERMANENT SPEED LIMIT FROM 10 DECEMBER 2021
What we are proposing on SH8		
Existing 80km/h area from 152m southeast of Lilybank Road to 51m east of Greig Street.	80	No speed limit change
Existing 60km/h area from 51m east of Greig Street to 170m west of Lakeside Drive.	60	50
Existing 100km/h area from 170m west of Lakeside Drive to 84m west of Tekapo Powerhouse Road.	100	80

Safety improvements for Tekapo

In addition to safer speeds, we are making a series of other safety improvements along SH8 through Tekapo. This work will be carried out before Christmas, and include:

- ① A new right turn bay into Lakeside Drive.
- ② Extending the existing right turn bay into Rapuwai Lane.
- ③ A new pedestrian refuge (central crossing island) opposite Tekapo Adventures.
- ④ A new right turn bay into the Challenge Service Station.
- ⑤ Extending the existing right turn bay into Domain Road.
- ⑥ A new pedestrian refuge (central crossing island) and kerb buildout on the south side of the road opposite the school bus stop near Greig Street.
- ⑦ A new pedestrian refuge (central crossing island) and kerb buildouts on both sides of the road opposite the look out and parking area (midway between Pioneer Drive and Hamilton Drive).
- ⑧ A new right turn bay into Hamilton Drive.



Thank you everyone who provided their feedback on the proposed speed limits.

More information on the permanent speed limits and our consultation summary, including the submissions can be found at: nzta.govt.nz/projects/sh8-tekapo

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