



Dear Stakeholder

Consultation on Reducing Speed Limits around Shopping Centres and Community Facilities

I am writing to seek your views on the issue of reducing speed limits around shopping centres and community facilities.

Background Report

Following a motion in the Legislative Assembly earlier in 2009, Roads ACT has engaged ARRB Group to prepare a background report on this issue. A copy of this report is enclosed for your information and comment.

The report notes that targeted application of reduced speed limits would have merit in the ACT context, and would provide improved safety for pedestrians and cyclists. This would be in line with the 'safe system' approach in the ACT Road Safety Strategy, as well as moves towards a stronger 'Vision Zero' philosophy.

Proposed Approach

The report proposes that reduced speed limit zones would be most appropriate in areas with the highest pedestrian movements, such as Town Centres. They could also be applied to Group and Local Centres with high pedestrian movements, on a case by case basis.

If implemented, and in line with standards for other speed limit zones, a minimum road length for these zones would be required to avoid confusion to motorists. In larger centres, a 40 km/h precinct could be put in place, covering a number of adjacent roads. A certain level of engineering works would be necessary to support the lower speed limit.

The report also notes that there is no strong justification for 40 km/h speed limits in the vicinity of community facilities which are not linked to shopping centres. In these cases, other signage or traffic management treatments would be more appropriate. However, the location of community facilities would be considered when setting the boundaries of 40 km/h precincts around shopping centres.

Consultation Process

Comments on the ARRB report may be provided to Roads ACT by contacting David Quinlan on 6207 6190 or david.quinlan@act.gov.au by **4 December 2009**. In particular, we are interested in whether or not you support the proposed approach outlined above.

You, or a representative from your organisation, are also invited to attend a stakeholder consultation workshop on this issue, to be held on **Thursday 3 December 2009** from **12.30 pm to 2.30 pm** (a light lunch will be provided from 12.00 noon). The venue is the **Forest Room, Pavillion on Northbourne, 242 Northbourne Avenue, Dickson** (opposite Macarthur House).

Officers from Roads ACT and ARRB Group will be available at the workshop to provide a presentation on the report and answer questions from attendees. To confirm your attendance, please register by contacting David Quinlan on 6207 6190 or david.quinlan@act.gov.au by 27 November 2009.

I look forward to input from your organisation on this important road safety issue.

Yours sincerely



for Tony Gill
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