

Speed limit review

Meeting: Kaipara District Council
Date of meeting: 14 December 2022
Reporting officer: Shawn Baker, NTA Speed Limits Project Manager

Purpose/Ngā whāinga

To appoint a Hearings Committee to receive and hear submissions on the Poutu Peninsula and West Coast Speed Limits Review.

Executive summary/Whakarāpopototanga

The Setting of Speed Limits Rule 2022 requires Council, in its role as a Road Controlling Authority, to consult on proposed changes to speed limits in accordance with the principles of consultation set out in Section 82 of the Local Government Act 2002.

The Poutu Peninsula and West Coast Catchment Speed Limit Review was publicly notified on 28th October with the submission period closing on 5th December. Submissions are now being reviewed. A Speed Limit Review Panel, made up of three Councillors (minimum) is required to formally receive all of the submissions and hear any submitters that wish to present their views in person (Section 82 LGA 2002).

This Agenda item seeks a decision by Council to form a Speed Limit Review Panel and agree the members of that Panel.

Recommendation/Ngā tūtohunga

That the Kaipara District Council:

- a) Agrees to establish a Speed Limit Review Panel to receive and hear submissions on the Poutu Peninsula and West Coast Speed Limit Review.
- b) Appoints [Elected Member name- Chairperson], [Elected Member name], and [Elected Member name] to receive and hear submissions on the Poutu Peninsula and West Coast Speed Limit Review.

Context/Horopaki

Council is a Road Controlling Authority (RCA) under the Land Transport Act 1998. As an RCA, Council is responsible for setting and reviewing speed limits on local roads within the district in accordance with the Setting of Speed Limits Rule 2022, National Guidance and the national "Road to Zero" Road Safety Strategy.

As part of the national "Road to Zero" Road Safety Strategy, Council are required to review all speed limits in the district over time, with an initial focus on high benefit, self-explaining areas. The reviews are being led by the Northland Transportation Alliance (NTA) on a regional basis to ensure consistency across the region and to achieve cost savings.

The review of speed limits on the Poutu Peninsula and West Coast Catchment areas is the second tranche of speed limit reviews undertaken in the Kaipara District. Submissions closed on 5th December and it is expected that any submitter wishing to present their submission in person will be provided an opportunity to do so in February 2023.

Discussion/Ngā kōrerorero

Policy and planning implications

There are no policy and planning implications arising from this decision.

Financial implications

There are no ongoing financial and budgetary implications of this decision.

Risks and mitigations

There are no ongoing risks associated with this decision.

Significance and engagement/Hirahira me ngā whakapāpā

The decisions or matters of this report do not trigger the significance criteria outlined in Council's Significance and Engagement Policy as it provides approval for a Panel to receive and hear submissions.

Next steps/E whaiake nei

Submitters wishing to be heard in support of their submission will be provided an opportunity to do so. It is expected that this will occur in February 2023. Once all community feedback is received, staff will prepare a Recommendations Report that will include an Interim Speed Management Plan that meets the requirements of the Setting of Speed Limits Rule 2022 and associated Guidance.

Full Council will have the opportunity to debate and approve the Interim Speed Management Plan so that it can be submitted to Waka Kotahi for certification.