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**Do you agree with our proposal to change the existing 80km/h speed limit on a section of Oparure Road to 50km/h permanently?**

No

**Other comments**

I am writing to provide feedback on the proposal to introduce approximately 1,400 metres of 50km/h speed limit. I appreciate the intent to improve safety in the area; however, I have some concerns about whether this extent of low speed zoning is the most effective approach. A 50km/h limit around the school area, dropping to 30km/h during pick up and drop off times, supported by electronic signage like that used within town, would in my view achieve the desired level of safety for tamariki.

Although this is the Village area along with the Marae, it is important to note that there are no footpaths and that most tamariki arrive and depart by school bus or by private vehicles. The bus and vehicles use a dedicated off road area that keeps children well away from traffic, which reduces the need for such an extended 50km/h zone.

As in the past when there is an event at the Marae, event signs have been used along with wardens and cones – I believe that should continue, rather than a permanent 50km/h in this area. I believe a 70km/h limit across the remainder of the proposed area would strike a more appropriate balance between safety and traffic flow.

I am also concerned about driver behaviour on the eastern approach toward State Highway 3. At the bottom of the dip (which needs a long-term fix) before Fullerton Road, some drivers become frustrated with prolonged low speed limits and accelerate or overtake, which increases the risk of accidents. Over the 16 years I have resided here, we have had on average 2 accidents annually causing damage to fences directly below our property particularly on Were's Property. This issue has been discussed previously with the roading team, who acknowledged that driver behaviour is difficult to manage, but advised that yellow lines and additional signage would be introduced to mitigate the risk (this has yet to happen).

The consultation document (page 3) notes that safety improvements can include measures such as signage and line marking. These interventions seem well aligned with the specific risks identified and may provide a more effective solution than the extended 50km/h zone.

For these reasons, I respectfully encourage reconsideration of the proposed length of the 50km/h zone and suggest exploring a more targeted approach that supports both safety and practical travel conditions for the community.

I sincerely hope that you genuinely take on all the feedback from the submissions, hoping that a concrete decision has not already been made.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.

**Public availability of responses**

**I wish to speak to Council about my submission**

No

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