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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?**

Yes

**Other comments**

E ngaa mana, e ngaa reo, teenaa koutou katoa.

I, Te Miri Tamaki, write on behalf of my whaanau who hold whakapapa connections to the whenua surrounding Oparure Road.

We support the proposal to reduce the permanent speed limit from 80km/h to 50km/h, as this more accurately reflects the character of the area as a lived community space where tamariki, kaumaatua, and whaanau regularly move, gather, and interact.

While the proposal identifies the need for safer speeds near Te Wharekura o Maniapoto and Oparure Marae, it is important that equal consideration is given to Te Koohanga Reo o Oparure, which is also situated along this road. Daily access by tamariki and whaanau, including pedestrian movement and vehicles entering and exiting these sites, creates an environment where lower speeds are necessary for safety.

Oparure Road also supports a wide range of community activity associated with education settings and the marae, including hui, events, and tangihanga. These occasions generate increased and sometimes unpredictable traffic and crossing movements, making higher travel speeds inconsistent with the safe functioning of the area.

The road is further used by heavy vehicles and commercial trucks travelling through the district.

The size and stopping distances of these vehicles heighten potential risk, particularly where young tamariki and pedestrians are present. Although drivers are generally aware of the koohanga, kura, and marae located along this route, observed driving behavior does not always reflect this awareness. It is therefore reasonable that transport operators whose vehicles frequently travel this corridor ensure their drivers comply with posted speed limits and exercise heightened care when passing through this community environment.

Overall, a reduced permanent speed limit to 50km/h will better align with the cultural, educational, and social significance of Oparure Road while contributing to safer outcomes for all who live, learn, and gather in this area.

**Public availability of responses**

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

No

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