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Dear Mr Macky,

Thank you for your email of 30 November 2023 about speed limits on State Highway 30 (SH30) near Lake Rotoiti and the Government's changes to the rules for setting speed limits. I share your concerns about road fatalities and the Government is committed to improving road safety. I will be announcing my priorities in this space later this year.

I want to see a transport system that boosts productivity and economic growth and allows New Zealanders to get to where they want to go, quickly and safely. The Government has started work on replacing the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2022. I will implement a new rule which will ensure Road Controlling Authorities (RCAs) and Regional Transport Committees (RTCs) take a more balanced approach to setting speed limits to ensure that economic impacts, including travel times, and the views of road users and local communities are considered alongside safety. I want to ensure RCAs take a targeted approach to speed limit reductions, focusing on areas with high safety risks, and that they undertake genuine consultation with relevant parties, including communities and road users. I commend any RCAs that are already taking such approach, as you suggest is the case with your community, but I believe further work is required to ensure that this happens across the board.

Consultation on the new rule will take place later this year. I have instructed officials to work at pace on the development of the new rule. It is too early to say what impact the new rule will have on individual RCA and RTC speed management plans or on specific roads. As the New Zealand Transport Agency is responsible for setting the speed limit on SH30, I encourage you to stay engaged with the agency on this issue.

Thank you again for writing.

Yours sincerely

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Hon Simeon Brown
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