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Tēnā koe

I am writing to let you know that Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency has considered all submissions received during consultation undertaken in accordance with the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2017 and the transitional provisions of the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2022 on speed limit changes for **State Highway 30, Tikitere to Whakatāne** in the Bay of Plenty region.

We appreciate the time you spent providing your thoughts on this speed review. This insight provides us with valuable information about how communities use our roads, so we can ensure speeds are safe and appropriate for the road for everyone, no matter how we choose to travel.

Based on the information gathered through consultation and our technical review process, our decision is to proceed with the following speed limit changes.

The following new speed limits will come into effect from Monday 14 August 2023*:

Location	Existing speed limit (km/h)	New speed limit (km/h)
Tikitere - From 353m east of SH30/SH33 Te Ngae Junction to 650m east of Curtis Road.	100	80
Ruatō Bay/ Lake Rotoiti - From 650m east of Curtis Road to 905m west of Morehu Road West.	100, 80, 100	60
Lake Rotoehu - From 905m west of Morehu Road West to 120m west of Oxford Road.	100	80
Lake Rotomā - From 120m west of Oxford Road to 2460m west of SH30/SH34 Kawerau Junction West.	70, 100	60
Rotomā - From 2460m west of SH30/SH34 Kawerau Junction West to 412m west of Huia Crescent.	100	80
Rangitāiki River bridge - From 412m west of Huia Crescent to 325m east of Te Teko Road.	50	No change
Te Teko - From 325m east of Te Teko Road to 100m north-east of Galatea Road.	70	60

Te Teko East - From 100m north-east of Galatea Road to 185m south-west of SH2/SH30 Awakeri Junction West.	100	80
Awakeri - From 185m south-west of SH2/SH30 Awakeri Junction West to 705m north-east of the SH2/30 Awakeri Junction East	70, 100	60
Awakeri - From 100m west of the SH2/30 Awakeri Junction West to 80m east of the SH2/SH30 Awakeri Junction East.	70	60
Whakatāne - From 705m north-east of the SH2/30 Awakeri Junction East to 310m west of the centre of the SH30/Gateway Drive/Phoenix Drive roundabout.	100	80
Whakatāne bridge - From 310m west of the centre of SH30/Gateway Drive/Phoenix Drive roundabout to 100m north of northern abutment of the Whakatāne Bridge.	80	60

The submissions did not identify any issues that Waka Kotahi had not already considered, however, there was feedback supporting lower speeds where they had not been proposed or at speed limit change points.

At Te Puna Whakareia, based on community concern and feedback received, Waka Kotahi supported implementing the lower speed limit of 60km/h for this section.

There was also strong community support to extend the 50km/h speed limit change point at Te Teko, so it was safer for people entering and exiting Eivers Park, Waka Kotahi agrees with moving the speed limit change point.

Concerns were also raised about the speed limit outside Awakeri School and support to extend the lower speed limit of 60km/h south of the school. Waka Kotahi agrees that moving the speed limit change point is appropriate.

As we have completed the decision-making process on these changes, there is no further opportunity to provide submissions on this speed review.

For more information, including a map of the speed limit changes, the consultation summary and submissions, visit www.nzta.govt.nz/BOP-speed-reviews.

Ngā mihi

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*Note: Installation of the new speed signs starts Monday 14 August 2023. Due to the nearly 80km long corridor, approximately 200 new signs will be installed over 2-3 weeks, weather permitting. Once the new sign is in place, that is the legal and enforceable speed limit.