



# Safe Speeds Programme

Public feedback on proposed speed limit changes October/November 2021

Feedback related to Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area



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## Part A – Number of submitters from within the local board area

During October and November 2021, 7 people from within the Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area submitted on the Safe Speeds Programme - proposed speed limit changes.



## Part B – Feedback on roads within the local board area proposed for speed limit changes

In the first part of the feedback form, respondents were asked what they thought of the proposed speed limit changes for each road. Specifically they were asked:

- What do you think of the proposed speed limit change for this road? (*tick-box answers*)
- Why do you feel this way? (*open-ended answers*)

This section outlines:

- The sentiment expressed by respondents towards the proposed speed limit changes for each road within the Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area ('What do you think of the proposed speed limit change for this road?')
- A summary of the open-ended feedback received for each road within the Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area ('Why do you feel this way?').

**<<< No roads were proposed for changes in this Local Board area, so no roads, sentiment, or feedback available for this section.>>>**



## Part C – Feedback on roads within the local board area NOT proposed for speed limit changes

Some respondents also identified roads that they thought needed changes, which were not proposed for speed limit reductions. Please note:

- To prevent having lots of themes that were only mentioned once or twice we grouped suggestions into suburbs and used the 'main points' for the themes to identify the roads being mentioned.
- Some suburbs are situated within more than one local board area, as such there may be some roads in this section which are not relevant to the Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area. It saved a significant amount of time reporting in this way.

**<<<No additional roads were proposed for the Great Barrier Local Board>>>**



## Part D – General themes from people who live within the local board area

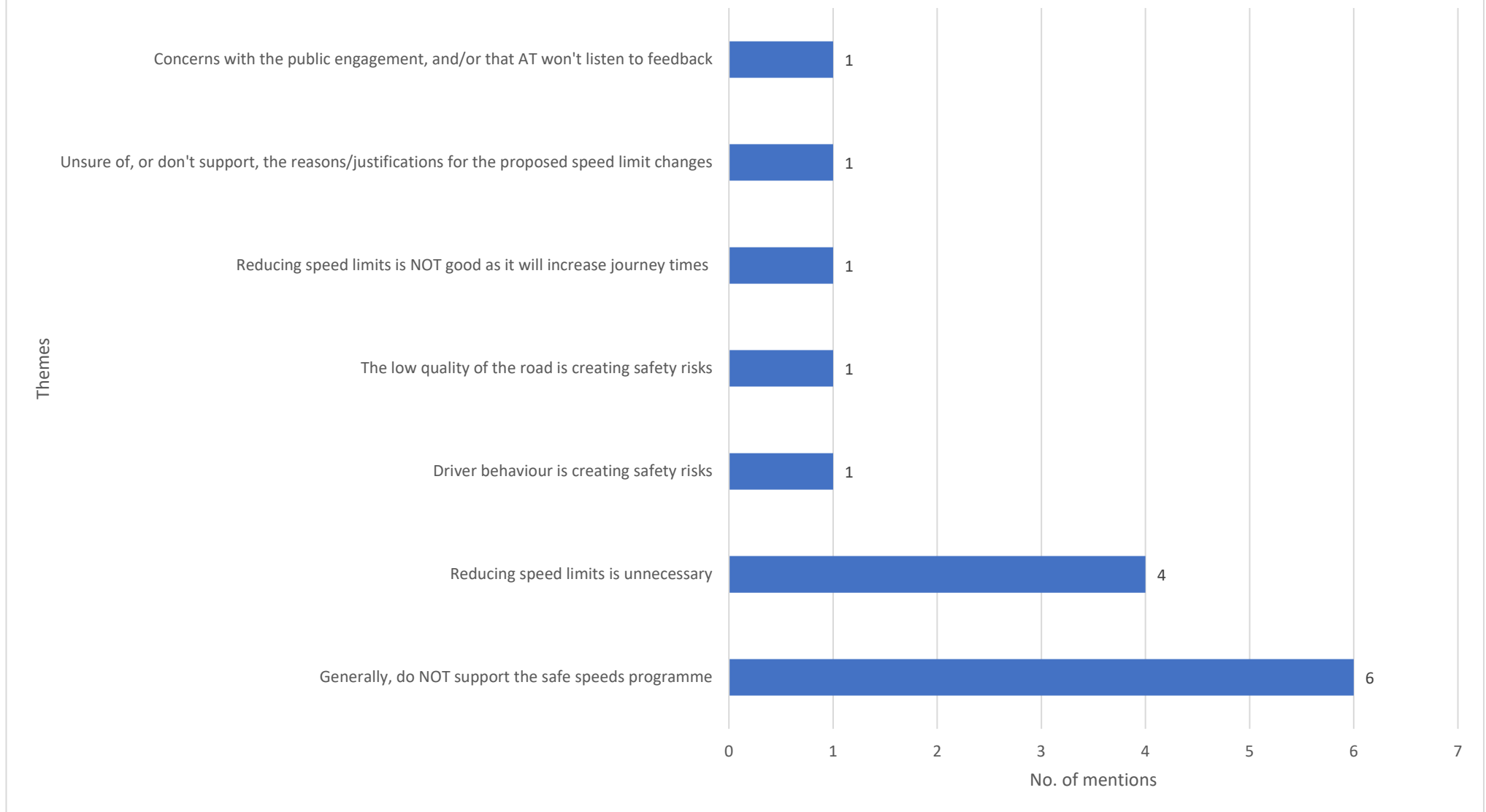
The feedback form also provided the opportunity for respondents to provide general comments on the Safe Speed Programme. Most this feedback was general in nature and could not be attributed to a particular road.

This general feedback has been sorted into themes, and similar themes have been grouped together in topic areas. The feedback themes from respondents that said they live within the Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area are outlined below.

### Please note:

- The “*Mentions*” in the themes column of the tables indicates the number of times that theme was mentioned by people from the Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area.
- It is possible that some main points listed next to the themes in the section below are not applicable to this local board area, as we could not filter main points by the Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area, just themes.

### All Themes: Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board Residents



## Overall sentiment towards the Safe Speeds Programme

Feedback Theme	Main points
<p>Generally, do NOT support the Safe Speeds Programme</p> <p><i>Mentions: 6</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Don't think speed is the issue, road maintenance is.</li> <li>• Don't think speed is the issue, poor driving is.</li> <li>• Don't think speed is the issue, poor enforcement is.</li> <li>• Drivers who decide to speed now will speed anyway.</li> <li>• Will make traffic congestion worse.</li> <li>• Previous programme to lower speed has not had an effect on accidents or deaths.</li> <li>• Current 30km/h hour speed limits are not working and will not work.</li> <li>• Speed limits below 40km/h are unrealistic.</li> <li>• Think speed limits should be raised.</li> <li>• Do not support speed reductions on entire roads, rather just the stretch affected by accidents.</li> <li>• Do not support speed limit reductions, except around schools.</li> <li>• Don't support reducing speed on rural roads.</li> <li>• Programme with various speeds will cause confusion and people will be fined.</li> <li>• Aotea/Great Barrier community said don't change it.</li> <li>• Thinks programme is pointless.</li> <li>• Thinks programme is a guise to force people out of using private cars.</li> </ul>



General comments and suggestions about the Safe Speeds Programme and road safety

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<p>Unsure of, or don't support, the reasons/justifications for the proposed speed limit changes</p> <p><i>Mentions: 1</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need to show why they justify the speed limit reductions.</li> <li>• AT need to show how many fatal crashes on the roads proposed justify the speed limit changes.</li> <li>• Show how many crashes were caused by speed and not due to other factors.</li> <li>• Using reports of accidents to make decisions is flawed as not all accidents are reported.</li> <li>• Accidents caused by texting and alcohol should not impact speed decisions.</li> <li>• Seems driven by ideology not practicality.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Proposed changes are unrealistic.</li> <li>○ Model is flawed/decision is based on incomplete or incorrect data.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• People are capable of driving to the conditions.</li> <li>• Congestions means speed self-limits where necessary.</li> <li>• Speed limit reductions are a guise to force people out of using private cars.</li> <li>• The increase in injuries is probably in correlation to Auckland's growth.</li> <li>• Reducing rural roads to 80km/h is an attempt to ensure roads last longer, not for safety.</li> <li>• Proposal is based not on reducing speed reducing harm, but on cost being a limiting factor in providing safe roads.</li> <li>• These changes are being made to hide how bad AT has made Auckland's traffic congestion.</li> <li>• What are the reasons for these changes?</li> <li>• The roads mentioned for speed changes are inconsistent.</li> <li>• Too many roads have been selected.</li> </ul>
<p>Reducing speed limits is unnecessary</p> <p><i>Mentions: 4</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is no need to lower speed limits/existing speed limits are safe.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Roads are safe for the current speed limits (flat, straight, visibility is good, very few hazards on the side of the road, no side roads).</li> <li>○ Suggested roads already have speed calming measures (speed bumps, chicanes).</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Proposed speed limits are slower than necessary.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 50km/h is a safe speed limit, no need to reduce below that.</li> <li>○ 30km/h speed limits are ridiculous / too slow / unnecessary.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speed limit reviews are a waste of time and money.</li> <li>• Many roads require maintenance/upgrading to improve safety, not speed limit reductions.</li> <li>• Due to congestion people already travel around the city at less than 50km/h.</li> <li>• Many of the proposed speed limit reductions don't make sense.</li> <li>• Enough roads have had speed lowered already.</li> <li>• Vehicles do not speed on this road(s).</li> <li>• There have been no, or very few, crashes on this road(s).</li> <li>• Cars are safer than ever.</li> <li>• Vehicles are of better quality now and can travel at faster speeds safely.</li> <li>• There are no proposed developments in this area that would make this road significantly busier.</li> <li>• The justification that this limit should be reduced to be in keeping with surrounding roads isn't a satisfactory justification.</li> <li>• There is already a variable speed limit for the dangerous part of the road.</li> <li>• Road will still be unsafe for walking at the reduced speed limit.</li> <li>• The changes are being made to slow journeys to get people to ride bikes.</li> <li>• Just use LSZ signs.</li> </ul>
<p>Reducing speed limits is NOT good as it will increase journey times</p> <p><i>Mentions: 1</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reducing speed limits will increase journey times.</li> <li>• Reduced speed limits increases pollution.</li> <li>• Reduced speed will impact traffic flow.</li> <li>• Reduced speed will increase congestion.</li> <li>• Driving around rural roads in Aotea/Great Barrier will take too long at lower speeds.</li> <li>• Longer journey times mean increased risk of accidents.</li> <li>• Increased journey times will create risky, impatient drivers.</li> <li>• Want to be compensated for wasted time.</li> <li>• Want to be compensated for wasted fuel.</li> </ul>
<p>Driver behaviour is creating safety risks</p> <p><i>Mentions: 1</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve driver education to reduce crashes.</li> <li>• Drivers that should not have been given licenses is the issue.</li> <li>• Driver education should focus on more than speed, e.g. how to identify when it is safe to pull out, how to accelerate up to speed of other traffic.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drivers should have to do a practical test every 10 years when they renew their licenses.</li> <li>• Better driver training/refresher courses. Use a hydraulic synaptic feedback chair to learn better risk assessment and understanding of poor driving decisions.</li> <li>• Require driver refresher courses that provide driver trainer in a hydraulic synaptic feedback chair.</li> <li>• Dangerous drivers are ruining it for the majority who drive within the current limits.</li> <li>• Driver education for teenagers in rural areas is required.</li> <li>• Bus drivers need more training as they create a risk.</li> <li>• Good driving should be rewarded to encourage better drivers.</li> <li>• Not fair to reduce speed limits and punish the vast majority of drivers who drive safely, for the minority that drive dangerously (who will drive dangerously anyway).</li> <li>• Drivers using mobile phones is causing crashes.</li> <li>• Cars that are poorly maintained or in poor condition are the cause of crashes, more than speed.</li> <li>• People are regularly running red lights which is dangerous. Install more red-light cameras.</li> <li>• Slow speed limits (and slow drivers) cause driver frustration and dangerous driving, such as risky overtaking.</li> <li>• Reduced speed limits have increased incidences of dangerous driving.</li> <li>• Removing passing lanes is resulting in risky overtaking.</li> <li>• Unless there is frequent signage drivers won't know what speed to go and will be distracted looking for signs.</li> <li>• Any motorist obeying a 50kmph limit who crashes and causes a fatality or serious injury is either elderly, pathic, or on drugs/intoxicated. 30kmph won't change the cause.</li> <li>• I work for insurance and monitor claims. 98% of our crash report claims are due to poor driver behaviour. 85% of faults causing death and serious injury are elderly. What is your strategy doing about the real cause for these areas?</li> </ul>
<p>The low quality of the road is creating safety risks</p> <p><i>Mentions: 1</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roads are dangerous due to lack of road maintenance.</li> <li>• Improve road quality with more crossings, stop signs, give ways etc.</li> <li>• Improve road signage and markings.</li> <li>• Various maintenance issues of concern, such as potholes, uneven surfaces, road slope, road surface, narrow roads, and subsidence.</li> <li>• Poor repairs and maintenance work that don't last or are in poor/uneven condition from the time of the repair are a problem.</li> <li>• On street parking is causing safety issues - obscures vision on residential streets, and on major roads parked cars reduce lane widths leading to congestion.</li> </ul>

Other comments and concerns

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<p>Concerns with the public engagement, and/or that AT won't listen to feedback</p> <p><i>Mentions: 1</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AT will not listen to public feedback.</li> <li>• AT did not listen to feedback regarding last speed limit review in Aotea/Great Barrier, it is now more dangerous.</li> <li>• AT needs to communicate their responses to feedback better.</li> <li>• There is very limited opportunity to provide feedback.</li> <li>• The outcomes have already been decided as you state, "no change is not an option".</li> <li>• AT only listens to vocal minority groups.</li> <li>• Sick of the government deciding things without consulting the ratepayers.</li> <li>• AT never propose increased speed limits.</li> <li>• AT need to release statistics to show proof of speed limit reduction requirements on each road.</li> <li>• Consultation website was poorly designed and difficult to navigate, meaning that an informed assessment cannot be made.</li> <li>• Concerns the map in the brochure drop is deceptive - the dots are incorrectly placed.</li> <li>• Had technical issues with the online survey and/or interactive map tool.</li> <li>• Concerns the leaflet is propaganda and doesn't contain accurate statistics.</li> <li>• Stop using Facebook groups for feedback.</li> <li>• Need an option for people to be added to the mailing list once feedback is gathered that doesn't require giving feedback.</li> <li>• Future proposals should be posted on local community boards.</li> <li>• AT should communicate directly with locals and drive the roads to better understand the problems.</li> </ul>