

10. SCHOOL (SPEED) ZONES PROJECTS 2003/04

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The purpose of this report is to advise the Board of the status of the School Zones project for this financial year.

There are three School Zones to be developed in 2003/04. They are:

- Breezes Road, between Avondale Road and Wainoni Road. This zone will be effective for Avondale Primary and Chisnallwood Intermediate Schools.
- Breezes Road, between Wainoni Road and Pages Road. This zone will be effective for Aranui High and Aranui Primary Schools.
- Innes Road, between Nancy Avenue and Mahars Road. This zone will be effective for Our Lady of Fatima and Mairehau Primary Schools.

Planning and consultation is underway for all of these three zones. All Boards of Trustees are in the process of being consulted. Those spoken to so far support the zones, and they appear comfortable with the commitment from them for continued activation operation of the zones.

Discussions during the year have resulted in equipment manufacture and supply that is likely to be cheaper than that of previous years. However, as tenders have yet to be let, this is not fully confirmed.

The original intention was to have these three School Zones operating by the first day of school in the new school year 2004. Unfortunately, the required amendment to the by-law - necessary to legalise the part-time speed limit restriction - cannot be made in the required time frame. The Local Government Act 2002 requires that the by-law undergo the full by-law revision process, which is expected to take up to six to seven months from this date. Previously, the by-law amendment process could be conducted through a series of Council decisions but this is no longer the case.

However, the legal advice is that when the by-law is appropriately amended, all future School Zones can be enacted more simply, by a Council resolution.

The Board is advised that the School Zones will therefore not meet the initial due date of the start of the school year, and are more likely to be implemented by the start of term 3 in 2004.

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Recommendation: That the information be received.

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