

10. ANZAC DRIVE SPEED LIMIT

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The purpose of this report to seek approval to extension of the existing 70 km/h speed limit on ANZAC Drive along the new section of the Burwood - New Brighton Expressway, see attached plan.

BACKGROUND

When the first section of the expressway was opened, the Council, through a speed limit setting process, adopted a 70 km/h regime for the expressway from the roundabout at Travis Road through to the Tunnel Road roundabout at Ferry Road. At the time, Bexley Road, from a point 200m south of its intersection with Birch Street to the roundabout at Bridge Street and all of Dyers Road was and still is, a 70 km/h arterial route.

It is proposed that the new section of expressway to its intersection with Bexley Road be named ANZAC Drive. Once agreement has been reached with owners who have properties fronting Bexley Road, it is likely that a recommendation will be made to rename the southern section of Bexley Road to the roundabout at Bridge Street, ANZAC Drive.

SPEED LIMIT

The LTSA advises that a gazette notice declaring the new section of ANZAC Drive to be a 70 km/h arterial road can be processed once the Council has agreed to this course of action. Although the arterial route is mostly rural in nature and ANZAC Drive is a limited access road, the underlying speed limit is 50 km/h. Under existing procedures it is necessary for the LTSA to gazette a 'change' to 70 km/h.

The only other requirement to satisfy the criteria to create a new speed limit is the endorsement of the Police, the LTSA and the NZAA. Arrangements are being made to obtain agreements from all of these organisations and the Road Transport Association.

Due to the time frame required to ensure that the new speed limit is gazetted before the opening of the new road to traffic, it is recommended that the consultation process for this procedure be limited to one that informs residents and businesses of the decision.

CONCLUSION

The new road will be opened in April 2003. The existing 70 km/h speed limit along other sections of the arterial route needs to be extended to include the new road.

- Recommendation:**
1. That a 70 km/h speed limit be adopted for the new section of ANZAC Drive and Bexley Road commencing at a point 400m south-east from Wainoni Road to a point 200m south of Birch Street.
 2. That the LTSA be asked to gazette the new section of roadway 70 km/h.