

5. 2003 SPEED LIMIT ASSESSMENT

The Board was provided with an information report and asked to support the continuation of the process outlined to progress the 2003 speed limit assessment.

Harewood Road and the Waimakariri Road/Watsons Road area were the two locations under review in the Board's area.

Members expressed general opposition to the intended increase from 50 to 60km/hr on the section of Harewood Road from Greers Road west to near Nunweek Boulevard on the grounds that such a change would result in a multiplicity of speed limits along this section of Harewood Road through to Johns Road which had the potential to confuse motorists and to increase the dangers for other road users. The observation was also made that the actual speeds being monitored were seemingly being used as a basis for the setting of speed limits.

The Board noted that further work was still to be undertaken and the results of this would be reported back to the Board.

The Board **decided**:

1. That the information be received.
2. That the continuation of the process as described in the report be endorsed.
3. That it be strongly recommended to the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee that for safety reasons, the present 50km/hr speed limit on Harewood Road (Greers Road to a point 50 metres west of Nunweek Boulevard) be retained.