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Tēnā koe Toni,

Request for Information – Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA) 1987

We refer to your official information request dated 30 September 2025, seeking information on speed limits outside Wainuiomata schools. Specifically, you requested:

A question RE 30kmh zones outside schools in Wainuiomata. I thought the requirement had changed to Variable Signs requiring 40kmh outside urban schools at start/end of school day? While 30kmh is fine on some streets (eg. outside Konini School works ok because it's a residential road, rather than an arterial, and it has other traffic calming infrastructure), 30kmh feels too slow outside Arakura School at all hours of the day. Only the buses are actually travelling at 30kmh outside Arakura School and it feels very silly/too slow most of the time, particularly when children aren't around. Is the traffic speed at this location due to be updated?

Answer:

In accordance with the Speed Limit Reversal Guide, Road Controlling Authorities (RCAs) are required to reverse recent permanent speed limit reductions on specified roads by reinstating the same permanent limits that were in force on 31 December 2019.

However, there are specific exceptions to these reversal requirements. These include roads situated directly outside school gates, where RCAs must change

existing permanent speed limits to variable limits, consistent with the provisions set out in the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024.

With respect to Wellington Road outside Arakura Primary School, the current permanent 30 km/h limit will be replaced with a variable 30 km/h limit operating during school pick-up and drop-off periods. These changes are being implemented in accordance with clause 2.2 of the Guidance – Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024, which applies to Category 1 schools.

Arakura School is classified as a Category 1 school, as Wellington Road is an urban Activity Street where active modes are common. Therefore, under the Rule, the speed limit outside the school will be changed to a variable 30 km/h.

We are currently in the process of updating these speed limits outside the affected schools to comply with this requirement.

We have attached the links for the rule

1. <https://nzta.govt.nz/assets/Safety/docs/speed-management-resources/guidance-setting-of-speed-limits-rule-2024.pdf>
2. <https://nzta.govt.nz/assets/resources/rules/docs/land-transport-rule-setting-of-speed-limits-2024-as-at-15-january-2025.pdf>

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Ngā mihi nui,

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