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ITEM 1 - CARGO ROAD 80 KPH SPEED LIMIT

REPORT IN BRIEF

Reason For Report	Advise Council of RTA intention to proceed with the extension of the 80 kph speed zone to Cargo.
Policy Implications	Nil
Budget Implications	Nil
Area of Responsibility	Main Roads
Annexures	1. Cargo Rd - Proposed speed reduction 2. Letter from RTA - Cargo Road Speed Zoning Review
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DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNICAL SERVICES' REPORT

Council would be aware the RTA has undertaken a speed zone review on the Cargo Road between Orange and Cargo. Based on the results of this review the RTA has advised intention to implement an 80 kp/h speed limit for the section of Cargo Road between Orange and Cargo.

Council submitted an objection to the implementation of the speed limit requesting community consultation be undertaken before any action is taken. A letter has also been sent to the Minister for Roads advising of Council's concerns. Letters were also sent to Councils affected by this review, including Cowra, Orange and Weddin. Response from these Councils has been positive supporting Cabonne Council's stance.

It is also noted that the Superintendent of the Canobolas LAC submitted comment on the RTA proposal. The police support the extension of the 80k to Paling Yard Creek (about 9 kms east of Cargo) however suggest the remaining section of Cargo Road is conducive to 100 km/h speed zone noting the road alignment and road widths improves from this point.

Council received a letter from the RTA dated 4 January 2009 advising that based on the speed zone review the speed limit reduction from 100 km/h to 80 km/h on the Cargo Road between Neales Lane Orange and Cargo is deemed to be appropriate and that the reduction will be put in place early in 2010.

The results of the speed review would seem to justify the extension of the 80 km/h limit west from Orange, through Nashdale, based on road alignment, width and conflict with access points. However the road alignment and width improved significantly as you approach Cargo and the 80 km/h limit would

seem to be inappropriate. In this instance Council would support the view of the Canobolas LAC.

In light of the RTA letter of intent to proceed, it is recommended that Council consider the following course of action;

1. Reply to the RTA letter expressing Council's disappointment with proceeding without further consultation, especially in the light of the Police comment.
2. Suggest that the 80k speed zone be extended to a point west of Nashdale, to be determined in consultation with RTA, Police and Council staff as a trial (say six months).
3. Police to monitor driver behaviour during trial period.
4. Council to place traffic classifiers to record vehicle counts and speeds.
5. Matter to be considered by Traffic Committee at end of trial.
6. Send copy of letter to the Minister for Roads.

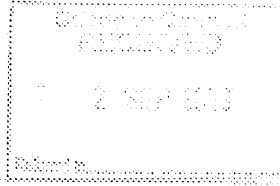
RECOMMENDATION

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Yours faithfully,

GLP Fleming
GENERAL MANAGER



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The General Manager
Cabonne Shire Council
PO Box 17
MOLONG NSW 2866

Dear Sir

Review of speed limits on Cargo Road MR237

Please find the attached report from the Canobolas Local Area Command regarding the above subject. The report has been forwarded for your information.

Should you have any further enquiries, please contact Tony Hendry on (02) 6861 1687.

Yours faithfully

Ashley Kirwan
Government Trainee
Western

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Subject Congo Road.

Urgent For review Please reply For information As requested

Message

Tony

Regards

Jeff

Noted. Please forward a copy of the report to Gen. Mgr, Cabonne Shire for information. Please forward acknowledgment letter to Police. Wednesday 26.8.09

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Tony HENDRY
Road Safety and Traffic Management Manager, Western
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PO Box 334
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Dear Tony,

Re: Review of speed limits on Cargo Road MR237, Orange and Cabonne LGAs

Thank you for your correspondence dated 18 August 2009 in relation to the abovementioned issue.

I requested an analysis and comment from Sergeant Peter Foran, Highway Patrol Supervisor, Canobolas Local Area Command (Orange Police Station). Sergeant Foran can be contacted on 02 63636399.

The attached report dated 26 August 2009 contains submissions for your consideration.

Please contact me if you wish to discuss this matter further.

Yours faithfully



Jeff Philipp
Superintendent
Relieving Commander
Canobolas Local Area Command.
26 August 2009

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ISSUE:

Reduction of the current 100km/h sign posted speed limit on Cargo Road from Neals Lane, Orange to the Cargo Township.

BACKGROUND:

See attached file.

COMMENT:

Police have reviewed the information contained in the submission presented to police by the Roads and Traffic Authority, in relation to the reduction of the sign posted speed limit from the current 100km/h to 80km/h in an effort to reduce injury collisions along the Cargo Road between Orange and Cargo.

Police support the initiative taken by the Roads and Traffic Authority to reduce road trauma and injury related collisions, by reducing the speed limit from 100km/h to 80km/h along this section of road.

Police have conducted a visual assessment of this road with regards to the issues raised in the report and feel that the speed limit should be reduced from Neals Lane, Orange to 1.4km South of Paling Yard Creek, where the road and the shoulders are narrow along with the tree canopy covering the roadway causing frost and ice patches during winter months. Driver behaviour by the reduction of speed through this section of the journey between Orange and Cargo will have a significant impact on collisions in this area.

Police feel that the road between Cargo and 1.4km south of Paling Yard Creek is conducive to a 100km/h sign posted speed limit. This portion of road is wide and the shoulders of the roadway are sufficient where by if a vehicle leaves the marked lane and veers to the shoulder of the roadway their tyres will not fall off the edge of the road requiring the driver to take evasive action in order to return the vehicle to the lane of travel.

Vehicular access from the side of the roadway and residential premises along this 9km section between Cargo township and Paling Yard Creek is extensively reduced to 2 intersections and a small number of farm entrances further reducing the need for an 80km/h along this section of roadway.

Police constantly patrol this road and feel that through the reduction of the speed limit along the 28km from Neals Lane to 1.4km South of Paling Yard Creek will have a significant impact on road trauma in conjunction with speed enforcement, reducing casualties by a significant amount.

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RECOMMENDATION:

This report be forwarded through the chain of command to the Roads and Traffic authority and a copy be forwarded to Cabonne Council for information.


M.HEVERS
Highway Patrol
Orange Highway Patrol
26/08/2009

Duty Officer Traffic, Insp ATKINS

*Supported re reduced speed limits for zones as outlined by
A/Sgt Hevers. Insp P. Atkins Inspector.*

Canoblas LAC SUPT-SZALAJKO

*Supported. Please give a copy of these submissions
to Mr Hendry given time frame for reply*

Roads and Traffic Authority, Mr Tony HENDRY

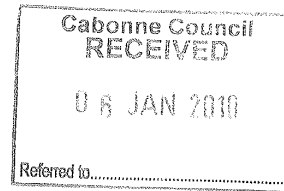
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Dear Sir

Cargo Road (MR237) - speed zoning review

Thank you for your letter dated 27 November 2009 regarding the implementation of speed zoning changes Cargo Road (MR237).

The Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) is legislated under the Transport Administrative Act 1988 and is identified as the lead agency for delivery of road safety in NSW. The Road Transport (Safety and Traffic Management) Act 1999 enables the RTA to set the speed limit for vehicles through traffic regulations. The speed zones are administered on NSW roads by the RTA. To this end the NSW Speed Zoning Guidelines have been developed to make the roads and roadside environment safer for all road users. There is scope for relevant stakeholders (e.g. local council, members of public and road safety experts) to make requests to the RTA for change in speed zones. By providing a state-wide point of reference, the NSW Speed Zoning Guidelines ensure a credible and consistent application of speed limits throughout NSW.

In the case of the Cargo Road speed zone review the requirements of the NSW Speed Zoning Guidelines were followed, with copies of the review being forwarded to the Police, Cabonne Shire Council and Orange City Council in August 2009, including a request that the Local Traffic Committee members be made aware of the results. While it is important that stakeholders are informed, it is essential that the integrity and credibility of speed limits is maintained by applying standard documentation and procedures to speed reviews based on the characteristics of the road and traffic using it, function, crash history and roadside development.

Based on the speed zone review a speed limit reduction from 100 km/h to 80 km/h on the Cargo Road between Neales Lane, Orange and Cargo is deemed to be appropriate. The reduction will be put in place early in 2010.

For your information further information on speed and speeding is available on the RTA internet site <http://whome.rta.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety/speedandspeedcameras/index.html>.

Should you have any further enquiries please contact me on (02) 6861 1687.

Yours sincerely


Tony Hendry
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