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Submission No 4 – Monica Kyburz

Inquiry into the impact of revised speed limits in Civic – Petitions 31-21 and 38-21

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Minister for Business and Better Regulation

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Minister for Transport and City Services

Honourable Mark Parton MLA  
Member of the Standing Committee Planning Transport and City Services

Dear Minister Cheyne,

### **Change to Speed Limit Corner Northbourne Avenue and London Circuit**

I recently received two infringement notices for speeding through the intersection of Northbourne Avenue and London Circuit. Each fine carries a penalty of \$301 and the loss of one demerit point. I suspect I may have another two penalties making their way through the post to me for the same offence.

I am extremely disappointed with the ACT Government's decision to issue these infringement notices.

I have travelled through this intersection for over 20 years. In a period of 18 months this intersection saw the introduction of the tram services and two electronic scooter providers along with heavy construction activity. Combined with heavy pedestrian traffic this has made this intersection an extremely chaotic part of Civic.

Given the busy nature of this part of Civic any changes to road rules need to be **PROMINENTLY** displayed in order to grab the attention of motorists. The change from 60km/hr to 40km/hr has not been prominently displayed nor advertised. Any reasonable person on hearing that this intersection (along with its neighbouring intersections also now subject to 40km/h limits) has raked in over \$5 million in a month would conclude that the Government has failed in its duty to inform motorists of the change.

As I am a cautious driver and aware of the dangers associated with this busy intersection I always drive below the speed limit. Due to the Government's failure to adequately inform me of the change to the speed limit I was operating under the assumption that the limit was still 60km. I was booked driving 46km/h and 47km/h - hardly the pace of a reckless driver. I have been driving for over 21 years and have never been booked for speeding.

It is burdensome to impose these fines during a period of economic downturn as a result of a global pandemic. The community has been encouraged to shop local and support local businesses during this difficult time. Over 23,000 fined motorists will now have reduced funds with which to support their local economy. The imposition of these fines under such circumstances demonstrates a complete disregard for the wellbeing of the community.

I urge the ACT Government to carry out an adequate campaign informing motorists of the change. Further, I respectfully request that the Government waive all fines issued to drivers operating vehicles under the previous speed limit of 60km/h until such time that better signage and better awareness raising is carried out. It is unconscionable to enforce these fines until the ACT Government has carried out its duty to its constituents.

Yours sincerely,

Monica Kyburz.