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

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To whom it may concern

I received two traffic infringements in July as a result of the changed speed conditions on Northbourne Avenue. I have sought to have these waived and am awaiting a response.

I have a number of concerns regarding the revised speed limits. First is the punitive nature of the punishment at the onset of an infringement against the revised speed limit. The monetary fine and loss of a license point for driving are significant, particularly when the level knowledge of the revised conditions was not well known or communicated.

Second is the question of the need for such a significant reduction in the speed limit. The dramatic reduction from 60 to 40 kms/hour appears unnecessary - the grounds of which are also unclear and have not been clearly communicated. If there are concerns about pedestrian safety, why not reduce the rate 50km/hour? To meet this new requirement, it involves taking the foot off the accelerator completely in order to comply with the requirements of driving through civic. Totally ridiculous. If there are concerns about pedestrian safety, why are there not greater efforts to raise the level of pedestrian compliance crossing Northbourne Ave? An over correction of the speed limit in Civic won't lift the rate of compliance of pedestrians who are comfortable illegally crossing Northbourne Avenue - it will encourage them more.

Thank you for your consideration.

Frances Freeman