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Government's "GO SLOW" with Country Schools Road Safety

Murchison MLC Ruth Forrest today responded to the State Government's intention to roll out safety signs to all Tasmania schools over the next three years.

"I wrote to the Minister for Infrastructure back in early July 2007 advising of the obvious need for traffic signals at Boat Harbour Primary School which is on the Bass Highway in an area now infamous for its road accidents" Ms Forrest said.

"At present the speed limit is 80 km/hr through this section of the Bass Highway and it is a nightmare for parents during the morning and afternoon to try and access the school safely with the continuous flow of heavy vehicle traffic".

Ms Forrest raised this issue with the State Government last year at the instigation of concerned parents.

"Whilst I appreciate the Government has acknowledged that a 60 km/hr speed limit is needed during morning and afternoon school periods, I do not accept that it could take up to three years to implement, especially given this school sits on the Bass Highway which is a notorious hot spot for accidents" said Ms Forrest.

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