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> To: Ivan Dean

> Subject: Speed Limit Review

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> Dear Ivan

> I've now been living on the West Coast for almost 5 years and have struggled with the speed limit especially during tourist times which can be most of the year.

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> The majority of passing lanes on the Lyell Highway (road between New Norfolk and Queenstown) are between 200 & 300 metres in length and as always drivers who reach those 'straighter' sections speed up. The suggested distance between cars is 50 metres so the possibility of passing a vehicle safely and within the current speed limit is almost an impossibility. If the speed limit is reduced to 90 kph it will be absolutely impossible.

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> In the past 5 years there has not been one death due to speed on this road - I'm unaware of serious injuries except around the Tarraleah area where there is a major corner where some roadworks have been done recently but no extra barriers have been erected especially on the 14 Mile Rd corner where there are frequent accidents.

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> Please don't change the speed limit on this road or at least don't penalise people who are going about their lawful business and who pass people who don't have any awareness of the road, conditions or other road users.

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> Yes, travelling at 90kph will only add 10-15 minutes to the total time for the trip but it is very difficult to travel for 30 or 40 kms behind a driver who travels at 60kph through the 'difficult' (for them) parts of the trip and then hit 100kms for 200 metres every 5/10 kms.

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> Please keep the good drivers in mind as you make decisions about future speed limits.

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