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Hi there

Road safety is about driving to the conditions, not to the limit.

Thankfully more recent road safety adverts address this vital point.

But reducing speed limits blanket fashion is flawed thinking. For example, on many Tasmanian rural roads there are severely limited opportunities for passing slow vehicles; a lowered limit will mean that passing slower vehicles (legally) will be all but impossible. This vital aspect needs to be explained /expored in more detail before any changes are made.

Lower speeds mean less accidents but truth is most of the worst accidents reported seem to be highly excessive speed, nothing to do with the limit. For example (not a rural road) in my area on Bass Highway at the Don, the limit was reduced after 2 incicents; 1 at truck early hours crashed at high speed well over the limit 2 a cattle truck tipped over. As a result the limit for Don has been dropped blanket fashion despite there being no evidence for a reduced limit. I submitt, safety is about driving to the conditions, not the limit.

So my first point is that lack of rural passing lanes needs to be addressed before any changes are made (& not much chance of that !).

A second point is sheer frustration that someone in govt seems hell bent on this blanket approach despite submissions from individual people such as myself and motoring group RACT.

My third point is that submissions are rarely acknowledged someone should remind powers that be that submissions should always be.

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