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25 February 2011

Road Safety Advisory Council
C/- Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources
GPO Box 936
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Dear Sirs

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ROAD RULES 2009
Reducing Rural Default Speed Limits in Tasmania**

The above matter was considered at the 21 February 2011 meeting of Council. I note, however, that the period for consultation closed on 18 February 2011 which was prior to the Council meeting date.

Despite Council's late submission of comments in relation to this matter, I urge you to take cognisance of the input provided.

The following was the decision of Council at the 21 February 2011 meeting (minute ref. 053/11):

Cr Goninon/Deputy Mayor Downie

That Council advise the Road Safety Advisory Council that they do not support the proposal as:

- i) Insufficient information is available as to how the scheme will be implemented with regard to the sections of the road network which will be speed zoned above 90km/h;*
- ii) The research indicates the major benefits are by reducing the speed limit on the main arterial road network, it is understood that much of this network will be outside the proposal, i.e. no speed reduction proposed.*
- iii) No specific information has been provided in the reports on rural accident locations where the speed limit may be reduced and accordingly the expected benefits cannot be defined.*

Carried unanimously

Attached please find a copy of Council's report in relation to this matter.

On behalf of Council, I wish to thank the Department for the opportunity afforded to Council to contribute to this process.

Yours sincerely

Adam Wilson
GENERAL MANAGER