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**To:** Tom Wise  
**Subject:** Speed limits on rural roads

Dear Committee,

I oppose any proposal to reduce speed limits on rural roads because:

1. Governments, Economists, & Business leaders are concerned that Tasmanian Industry (and that of all other States) is inefficient and productivity must be improved. Reducing speed limits will further reduce productivity as business travel and delivery of all goods will take up to 10% longer. I am not aware of similar proposals in any mainland State.
2. The lower speed limits are unlikely to significantly reduce death and injury from road accidents. In so many accidents, especially those resulting in death, a driver is unlicensed, disqualified, drunk, affected by drugs and/or driving an unregistered vehicle.. To expect these people to respect speed limits is unreal to everyone other than the Road Safety Committee. In addition real "accidents" like those recently on the Bass Highway (one involving a loose wheel and the other a trailer becoming unhooked) would not have been avoided by a reduction in speed limits.
3. Fatigue, and its attendant problems, would increase with a lower speed limit,

Show the same resolve that you have on the "Forest Agreement"

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