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Waka Kotahi  
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On

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## Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2021

The Insurance Council (ICNZ), representing 32 general insurers is pleased to be given this opportunity to provide comment on the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2021.

ICNZ has consulted with its motor insurance provider members on the proposals set out in the consultation document.

The proposal for Waka Kotahi to implement a new regulatory framework for road speed management for New Zealand appears to make sense. Setting a blueprint for all regional roading authorities including private road owners such as supermarkets and car parking operators to approach road speed settings in a consistent manner should have a benefit for road safety going forward.

The Insurance Council agrees that New Zealand currently has inherent dangers around rural schools with current open road speed limits and a variation of reduced speed limits that still may not be safe around rural schools. It is good to see that this going to be an important function of the new regulatory framework for road speed management.


The formation of a national register of all specific location road speed limits may help with current & future technologies for mapping and semi-autonomous features in light and heavy transport.

Road safety improvements are important to insurers. If road safety improvements can reduce accidents this then helps to control the cost of motor insurance.

ICNZ have not identified any proposals that would be of a concern to insurers or insurers customers.

Should you have any questions regarding this submission, please do not hesitate to contact John Lucas: (04) 495 8005 or [john@icnz.org.nz](mailto:john@icnz.org.nz).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Lucas', written in a cursive style.

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