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Dear Simon,

## OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST

I refer to your official information request dated 2 October 2024 for information in relation Additional 50kmh signs in Findlay Street, National Park Waimarino.

Please provide details of correspondence relating to this issue between Ruapehu District Council and Waka Kotahi; and details of the regulatory obstacles to placing further 50kmh signs along Findlay St.

Council have decided to refuse your request under section 17(e) of the LGOIMA Act - that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist.

There was no correspondence between Waka Kotahi and Council as the information required regarding the placement of traffic control devices is on the Waka Kotahi website. The original request from the Community Board related to the placement of the the 50km sign on Findlay Street, National Park.

The 50km/h sign on Findlay Street, National Park has been installed at approximately 23 meters from the intersection, please refer to Land Transport Rule, Setting of Speed Limits 2024, Section 8.1(1) and (5)(b). Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024

### **8.1 Requirement to provide signs at, or near, point where speed limit changes**

- (1) A road controlling authority must install a speed limit sign on the left-hand side of a road under its control at or near, and not more than 20 m from, the point on the road where a speed limit changes.
- (5) A speed limit sign may be installed otherwise than as required by subclause (1) if—



- (b) a road user might not easily see, or readily understand or react to, a sign that is installed on the left-hand side of the road; or

While no investigation was actioned by Council regarding the placement of repeater signs, please refer to Additional Technical Information, Speed management guide: Road to Zero edition, page 2 Speed management guide: Road to Zero edition 2022. Following the recommendations from NZTA, the Council does not believe that a repeater sign is appropriate in this instance.

## Intervals between speed limit signs

Repeater signs are generally used where the speed limit is above 50km/h and below 100km/h.

They are not usually necessary if the nature of a particular length of road is such that a road user would reasonably understand that the speed limit displayed on the last speed limit sign remains the speed limit on the road throughout the whole of that length of road.

In deciding on the use and placement of repeater signs, RCAs should monitor mean operating speeds as well as speed limits on adjacent and connecting roads.

Where repeater signs are appropriate, RCAs can refer to the following guidance on the recommended maximum intervals between speed limit signs (see Table 1).

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact [info@ruapehudc.govt.nz](mailto:info@ruapehudc.govt.nz) or Dick Scheyvens [Dick.Scheyvens@ruapehudc.govt.nz](mailto:Dick.Scheyvens@ruapehudc.govt.nz).

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