
keep our streets safe, sign our petition

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Tēna koutou,

I am writing to you as the Green Party spokesperson for Transport, and as a parent who cares about the safety of our kids.

I'm writing to invite you to sign our petition at https://action.greens.org.nz/safer_speeds_petition to keep our streets safe, and to consider sharing it amongst your community.

The Government's proposed changes to the speed rule will affect effect whole communities. The proposed changes to the rule would ban the evidence-based safe speed of 30kph in most urban places, including near schools outside of a limited time in the day. We know that most deaths and serious injuries happen outside of school pickup and drop-off times.

The proposed change also reverses the recent speed limit reductions put in place over the last 3 years, which were the result of extensive community consultation. **The speed limit reductions have lowered the number of deaths and serious injuries in the areas they were implemented.** When traffic travels at a moderate speed, it also gives back independence and autonomy for kids (and all of us) to get around our neighbourhoods on foot, scooter, or bike.

You may have seen that an expert trauma surgeon and other experts recently wrote in the New Zealand Medical Association journal making the case against the Government's proposed changes to speed limits, as it will lead to much more harm. [You can read about this here.](#)

If you have any questions about the rule changes or road safety issues in general, you can contact me at JulieAnne.Genter@parliament.govt.nz or phone +64 481 76744

Ngā mihi,

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