

12 December 2017

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Dear Anita,

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 23 October 2017 regarding the reasoning behind the 80km/h speed restriction on Ngauranga Gorge.

There are two documents that fall within the scope of your request:

Document type	Document Title	Date
New Zealand Gazette notice	Bylaw Regulating the Speed of Vehicles on State Highway No. 1, Ngauranga Gorge	15 February 2001
Research report	Effectiveness of Variable Mandatory Speed Signs within the Wellington ATMS, New Zealand - Transfund New Zealand Research Report No 253	2004

Please note that the Gazette notice is publicly available on the New Zealand Gazette website at: <https://gazette.govt.nz/notice/id/2001-au1031>.

The speed limit in the Ngauranga Gorge is a variable speed limit. The minimum speed limit is set at 50km/h, but can be increased in 10km/h intervals up to a maximum of 100km/h.

The research paper specifically looks at the outcomes achieved by the variable speed limit, and has been provided as Attachment 1.

The NZ Transport Agency understands that the use of the 80km/h speed limit, as allowed by the bylaw, was predominantly established following a request from the NZ Police. The request was made after a number of vehicles travelling up the Ngauranga Gorge lost control, resulting in severe injury crashes.

The Transport Agency apologises for the delay in getting this response to you. A number of historical files were stored offsite and needed to be collected and reviewed in order to ensure there was no other information available that was in scope of your request.

If you would like to discuss this reply with the Transport Agency, please contact Graham O'Connell, Portfolio Manager, by email to graham.oconnell@nzta.govt.nz or by phone on 021 964 975.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Brett Gliddon', written in a cursive style.

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