

**Question: Do Austroads have any position on the chevrons and the variable speed limits?**

Variable speed limits are commonly used for congestion management on busy arterials and motorways. They are also used commonly for safety purposes in school zones and busy pedestrian precincts. Variable speed limits are briefly discussed in Austroads Guide to Road Safety Part 3. See pp.32-33 and p.39.

Variable speed limits for rural intersections have been used and evaluated in New Zealand ([Long-term speed and safety outcomes from New Zealand's Rural Intersection Active Warning System - Australasian College of Road Safety \(acrs.org.au\)](#)) and Victoria.

A comprehensive review of variable speed limits was published by Austroads in 2009. See [Austroads Report](#)

Painted chevron markings have been used in sites in Queensland, NSW and Victoria for the purpose of assisting drivers in maintaining a safe following distance. Austroads is not aware of any comprehensive evaluation of these. Austroads has not conducted any evaluation on painted chevron markings, and does not provide any guidance in relation to their use. The committee may be interested in investigating overseas deployments, here: [https://www.sabre-roads.org.uk/wiki/index.php?title=Road Markings/Chevrons \(Distance\)](https://www.sabre-roads.org.uk/wiki/index.php?title=Road_Markings/Chevrons_(Distance))