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INQUIRY INTO SPEED ZONING AND ITS IMPACT ON THE DEMERIT POINTS SCHEME

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The Head,
Staysafe,
NSW Parliamentary Joint Standing Committee on Road Safety.

Here is my submission to your inquiry into speed zones and related issues:

1. On the Central Coast at San Remo, the Pacific Highway speed limit is 70 kilometres per hour (kph) over the long section of the highway from Roper Road all the way to Lake Haven, which passes the Coles supermarket mall; this speed is very successful at calming traffic speeds and flow, and for reducing buffeting, wind noise and vehicle noise for pedestrians and footpath-users.
2. On the Pacific Highway at Lake Munmorah, the speed limit is currently 80 kph between Elizabeth Bay drive and Rutleys Road. This section of the highway passes the new Woolworths supermarket mall (corner of Tall Timbers Road and Pacific Highway), plus two service stations (Shell, southbound; and Caltex, northbound, plus a new fast-food outlet on the highway southbound just north of Boronia Road, Lake Munmorah. All these facilities require traffic slowing and calming for vehicles to enter and exit these businesses. The nature of the highway along here is such that vehicle speeds often exceed 80 kph in reality. With the recent increased traffic, these speeds are now too fast for calming and slowing traffic, reducing buffeting, and for decreasing vehicle wind noise and road noise for the increasing number of pedestrians and footpath-users.
3. I submit therefore, that the speed limit be reduced to 70 kph on the Pacific Highway between Elizabeth Bay Drive and Rutleys Road. The ongoing increase of seniors' villages and resorts in this area has meant that the highway is now becoming more of a suburban road.

Thank you for your attention.
Yours faithfully,
Warwick Kelly



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