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## **SPEED LIMITS AND ROAD SAFETY IN REGIONAL NSW**

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit to this inquiry.

I live in Maitland, a fast-growing inland city, with lots of old speed limits related to its rural past and which are not suited to the increase in population, housing density and number of cars on the roads.

For example, the road on which I live has 2 schools, a railway station - and no pedestrian crossings and a speed limit of 60. Which is 'interpreted' as 70 or above by many motorists

There are now many more houses along this road and families than when the speed limit was set.

Previously, when I submitted to the council to have this speed limit reassessed I received an answer stating that this was not possible because it would impede traffic flow. We now park on the street because it is dangerous to back out of our driveway into the constant traffic. One wonders if it would take the death of a child for this to be reassessed.

There are other similar roads around Maitland where the speed limit is too high for the safety of the residents.

Another issue is the constant change of speed limits within the city precinct - 50 60,70. There should be one speed once you are in a town, so there is no doubt, and to make it a safer and more 'liveable' community.

Thank you for your consideration.