

SPEED LIMITS AND ROAD SAFETY IN REGIONAL NSW

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THE THREE TOWN AREAS OF WALGETT, LIGHTNING RIDGE & COLLARENEBRI

Council would like to propose a speed limit of 40 KPH for the above three Town areas of Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri. This would improve the pedestrian safety around the three Town areas where majority of the residents live and work. Given the present single lane traffic, farm logistics, road works and industry traffic through the Towns enforcing a speed limit of 40 KPH would improve road safety for locals, visitors and school children using these roads.

This would also reduce the risk of any potential accidents in the Town areas thereby reducing the delivery times to and from farms, travellers reaching their destination on time and minimising the delays for school bus services pick-up and drop-off times.

Majority of vehicles used in these Towns are manufactured post any vehicle technology such as intelligent emergency braking systems to avoid any collisions with vehicles and pedestrians therefore enforcing a speed limit of 40 KPH would assist in avoiding or reducing damage caused by collisions. The three Town areas have limited pedestrian safety barriers to provide protective shield between your pedestrians and the hazards of the road traffic.

Given the above safety reasons and benefits to the road users, Council recommends a 40 KPH speed limit in the three Town areas.