

**Submission
No 17**

SPEED LIMITS AND ROAD SAFETY IN REGIONAL NSW

Name: Ms Vivien Panhuber

Date Received: 12 June 2022

Speed Limit Reduction on Pindimar Rd Pindimar (from 100km to 80km)

- The Pindimar/Bundabah Community Association are calling for a speed reduction from 100km to 80 km.
- The sealed road is approximately 9km, 6km of which has a 100km speed limit.
- The remaining limit is 80km lowering to 50km around the villages.
- The road is too narrow for mid road markings and is in poor condition due to recent rain events.
- There have been x2 deaths and numerous accidents involving kangaroos and deer, due in part to excessive speed.
- There are entrances to properties which due to the camber of the road are difficult to enter and exit.
- If two trucks have to pass they must pull over onto the edge of the road to do so.
- Since Covid there has been an increase in resident population and hence an increase in road traffic.
- The nearby Myall Way which is the main thorough fare into Tea Gardens and Hawks Nest and has mid road markings has a speed limit of 90km.
- A submission was made to regional roads NSW and the attached unsatisfactory outcome was received. Their findings are based on outdated 2013 data.

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED] - Reply from Transport for NSW (TfNSW) [REDACTED]
Date: 16 March 2022 at 2:57:57 pm AEDT
To: TfNSW Customer Relations [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your response.

I note that the review was conducted in 2013 - 9 years ago. Since then there have been many rain events which have caused a deterioration in the road surface. There have been numerous crashes with vehicles hitting kangaroos and deer. There was also a fatality last November where a vehicle travelling at an estimated 140km/hr crashed into a parked vehicle (well off the road) in the 100km zone and unfortunately a community member died.

The Pindimar/Bundabah Community Association members voted in favour of having the speed limit lowered to 80km.

I would like to take this matter further so will contact the office of David Elliot.

Vivien Panhuber
President PBCA



On 16 Mar 2022, at 2:40 pm, TfNSW Customer Relations [REDACTED] wrote:



Dear Vivien,

Thank you for your enquiry about Pindmar Road, apologies for the delay in providing a response.

Transport for NSW Community & Safety team have reviewed your correspondence and provide the following in response.

A speed zone review was conducted in 2013 of the full length of Pindimar Road and was assessed in accordance with the NSW Speed Zoning Guidelines. The speed limit review assessed a number of factors including the crash history, road geometry, road environment (e.g. hazards, clear zones etc), road usage, adjacent development, traffic mix, traffic volumes and the number of access points along each of these routes.

The 2013 review recommended to extend the existing 80km/h just north of Bundabah Road which was approved and implemented. The remaining existing 50, 80 and 100 km/h speed zone were considered appropriate and recommended that they remain unchanged.

There have been no significant road environment changes or crash rates that would influence a change in the existing speed zones and the existing speed zone are considered appropriate on Pindimar Road.

It is therefore recommended that no change be made to the existing speed zone limits on Pindimar Road, Pindimar.

I hope this is of assistance.

Regards



Transport for NSW

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