Submission No 29

SPEED LIMITS AND ROAD SAFETY IN REGIONAL NSW

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Hello to the Committee

I'm not sure if I have the correct email to address my concerns but will send this in the hope that you can redirect or reply to me to the correct email..

I live at Borambola NSW 2650 and travel into Wagga Wagga most days.

There have been a lot of crashes in recent times on this piece of the Sturt Hwy.

1. I feel a lot of problems are from the drivers not driving to the road conditions.

2. Changing the speed limit from Forest Hill to the eastern side of Alfred town would only frustrate drivers more and may lead to more accidents.

3. Some of the reasons to me are due to different things with the hwy itself.

4 I had contacted someone about my concerns for traffic turning in and out of the service station at Alfred town.

5. There really needs to be a turning Lane but most of all the trees and foliage on (left side of road) near the old bridge coming from Wagga to the east need to be cleared. This would allow all traffic to see each other before they were too close to stop or slow down.

6.I also know that the guard rails between the 2 hills have a cemented edge. This has built up with dirt and grass and when it rains the water runs on the road and pools at the bottom because there is no drain to allow it disperse off the road way.

7. Also heading east off the second hill in pouring rain is very dangerous as the water floods down and the camber of the road makes you aquaplane.

8. I noticed they have recently dug a trench and put cement barriers in place. This maybe due to what I have explained in item 7.

9. There is the same problem with the first hill on leaving Alfred town travelling east. you can see just off the edge of the road a deep drain starting where the water runs.

10. I am concerned also about the Sturt Hwy at the turn into Bakers Lane at Gumly Gumly. The Post office and general store are on your left coming out of Wagga and there is no turning lane for people wanting to turn into Bakers Lane. I have witnessed many times vehicles going out and around the (waiting to turn vehicle) and nearly cleaning up people who are exciting their vehicle to enter the Gumly Gumly store. It truly is an accident waiting to happen.

Thank you for taking the time to read my concerns.

If you wish to contact me my Mobile is

Kind Regards