

Living Streets Aotearoa



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Submission from Wellington Living Streets on Traffic Resolutions for Safer Speeds in Karori

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General

We support the proposals for safer speed zones in Karori.

Analysis of before and after data for the first ten suburban centres with 30km/h zones showed injury crashes reduced by 82%, with a 57% reduction in the social cost of crashes of around \$417,000 a year. This data clearly shows the benefit of safer speed zones.

We commend the Council for the maps provided to support these proposals, they are clear and easy to understand.

Karori Shopping area

We are particularly pleased to see that the safer speed zones extend along side streets for a distance, this will help improve the walking experience for pedestrians

- Chamberlain, Parkvale, Raine, Beauchamp and Campbell Streets

Marsden Village

We support the safer speed zone in Marsden Village and support the extension to the side streets in this area.

Future speed zones

Living Streets supports extending the safer speed zone to include all of Karori Road from Marsden Village to the Karori Shopping area. This would improve safety for both Karori Normal School and Marsden College. This road is very busy and difficult to cross currently, usually meaning that primary school children need to be accompanied to help cross this road. Independent walking for school children is a key part of setting them up for a healthy future.

We would like to be heard in support of our submission.

About Living Streets

Living Streets Aotearoa is New Zealand's national walking and pedestrian organisation, providing a positive voice for people on foot and working to promote walking friendly planning and development around the country. Our vision is "More people choosing to walk more often and enjoying public places".

The objectives of Living Streets Aotearoa are:

- to promote walking as a healthy, environmentally-friendly and universal means of transport and recreation
- to promote the social and economic benefits of pedestrian-friendly communities
- to work for improved access and conditions for walkers, pedestrians and runners including walking surfaces, traffic flows, speed and safety
- to advocate for greater representation of pedestrian concerns in national, regional and urban land use and transport planning.

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