Speed Limit Reviews in Queensland

The Queensland Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) and its supplements, within the context of the Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995, contains the design of, and the methods, standards and procedures in relation to every sign, signal, marking, light or device, installed on a road.

Information contained in the Queensland MUTCD supplements provide further guidance or requirements under the relevant Queensland MUTCD clauses. For a full outline of MUTCD please click here.

Speed limit setting

Control of speed is an important aspect in effective and safe management of traffic. Involvement of speed related factors in road crashes is well established and generally understood by road users.

TMR’s Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices Part 4: Speed Controls (MUTCD Part 4) defines the approach used within Queensland to review and revise speed limits on existing roads within the Queensland road network.

How are speeds set in Queensland?

The procedure for determining a speed limit for a speed zone in Queensland is an eight-stage process outlined in Section 3 of TMR’s MUTCD Part 4.

Broadly, the aim of the speed limit review process is to determine and implement a speed limit that appropriately balances the road environment, the function of the road and the safety of all road users such that speed limits are realistic, consistent and, consequently, encourage voluntary compliance.

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