

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Safer speeds on New England Highway

The speed limit on the New England Highway at Allora and the Cooyar Range will change this week in response to community feedback.

Transport and Main Roads Southern Queensland Regional Director Kym Murphy said the change had been implemented following the completion of a speed limit review.

"We've listened to the community and the Speed Management Committee has undertaken a speed limit review of both locations," Ms Murphy said.

"The review process considers a range of factors such as road function, roadside environment, road construction standards, prevailing traffic speeds and crash history.

"In consideration of these factors, the committee's recommendation is to permanently reduce the New England Highway speed limit on the approaches into Allora from 100km/h to 90km/h.

"The speed limit between Forest Plain Road and South Street in Allora will also be reduced from 80km/h to 70km/h.

"As part of these changes, we will also install enhanced signs and clearing roadside hazards to improve visibility for motorists turning onto the highway."

Ms Murphy said the New England Highway speed limit would also be reduced from 100km/h to 60km/h from Kingaroy–Cooyar Road to the bottom of the Cooyar Range.

"This section of road is rather steep and susceptible to strong winds, and both of these factors contributed to the reduction in speed," she said.

"The committee includes representatives from the Queensland Police Service, local council and the Department of Transport and Main Roads.

"Southern Downs Regional Council was involved in the committee for the Allora speed change, and Toowoomba Regional Council was involved for the Cooyar Range reduction.

"I urge all motorists to observe the new speed limit signs and to always drive to conditions."

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