

# Road Safety – Speed Limit Review

## FACT SHEET

*This fact sheet provides information regarding the speed limit review process within the Fraser Coast Region.*

### Speed Limits

Speed limits should be set to maintain a balance between a road user's reasonable perception of the speed environment and an acceptable level of environmental amenity for all road and abutting land users.

### Speed Limit Review Process

Upon request from the Queensland Police Service (QPS) or others where merit is demonstrated, Council will progress the matter by undertaking a preliminary investigation to determine if a formal speed limit review is necessary.

If it is determined that a review is necessary, a full investigation and assessment may take several months. If the investigation recommends a change in the speed limit, that recommendation is;

- presented to a Council Briefing or Council Meeting (if warranted)
- presented to the Fraser Coast - Speed Management Committee (SMC) for determination.

The SMC is made up of representatives from the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR), QPS and the Fraser Coast Regional Council.

### Setting Speed Limits

There are strict guidelines set out within the Queensland Road Safety Technical User Volumes (QRSTUV) Guide to Speed Management for any proposed change to an existing speed limit.

This must be referred to by Local Authorities and DTMR when considering an appropriate speed limit.

The factors for consideration can include the:

- road classification/function;
- existing traffic volumes and speeds;
- accident history;
- traffic type (e.g. heavy vehicles, cyclists);
- local environment (e.g. residential, business);
- on-road parking;
- access to property; and
- changes to road function.

### New Speed Limits

Following the implementation of a speed limit, there is a grace period where QPS will not issue an infringement notice to an offending driver, this is typically 60 days from installation.



### Related Documents

Queensland Road Safety Technical User Volumes (QRSTUV) Guide to Speed Management

Available at:

<https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/business-industry/technical-standards-publications/queensland-road-safety-technical-user-volumes/qrstuv-guide-to-speed-management>