



Policy

Maximum Speed Limits on Rural Roads

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Further Document Information and Relationships

Related Legislation	Road Transport Act 2013
Related Policies	
Related Standards, Procedures, Statements, documents	Roads and Traffic Authority NSW Speed Zoning Guidelines – 2009

Note: Any reference to Legislation will be updated in the Policy as required. See website <http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/> for current Acts, Regulations and Environmental Planning Instruments.



1. Objectives

- 1.1. To enhance safety for motorists and residents.
- 1.2. To achieve compliance by having consistency of speed zones on rural roads and hamlets.
- 1.3. To reduce wear and tear on rural roads with the potential to reduce maintenance costs over the long term.

2. Policy statement

- 2.1. Council supports a maximum speed limit of 80 kph on all major and minor rural roads (as per the adopted Road Hierarchy) in Byron Shire.
- 2.2. Council supports a maximum speed limit of 50 kph on all roads in village and hamlet locations within Byron Shire, including Main Arm, Federal and Goonengerry.

3. Legislative framework

- 3.1. The Road Transport Act 2013 enables TfNSW to set speed limits on all roads throughout NSW.
- 3.2. The installation of speed restriction signs or interference with existing ones without prior approval of TfNSW is an offence of Part 5.3 Division 2 of the Road Transport Act 2013.
- 3.3. The RTA applies speed zones in accordance with the NSW Speed Zoning Guidelines – version 4, a copy of which can be viewed at:

http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety/downloads/nsw_szg_dl1.html

4. What Council can do

- 4.1. Council will support any reasonable community request for a review of the speed limit and refer the request to the Local Traffic Committee for consideration.
- 4.2. Council will lobby TfNSW and the NSW Government for consistency in speed zones across the Shire.