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To: [Section 7 \(2\) \(a\)](#)
Cc: [\[redacted\]](#)
Subject: Final response - LGDHA 397613 [Section 7](#) - state from 12 months of near misses / minor injuries of 30kph roads
Date: Monday, 30 May 2024 2:38:39 pm
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Kia ora,

We refer to your information request below. Hamilton City Council provides the following response.

Your request:

*Thanks it's like the 60kph along cobhM drive everyone still drives 80kph because it's a safe speed most of the time. 60kph is safe most on most of hamiltons streets most of the time and this is what most drivers are doing. The stupid 5% of dangerous drivers are still going to be the same. 95% of people drive to the conditions by having 30kph for 24/7 when it's only needed a couple hours a day and most drive at 30kph when conditions warrant it regardless of the posted speed means most will continue to drive at 50 or 60 most of the time.
It's time common sense nd balance prevailed at HCC rather than people protecting their jobs and personal agendas.
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Our response:

There are a mixture of fixed/permanent speed limits and variable speed limits throughout the city. Some areas, such as those on key routes that are important for moving people and freight, have the variable signs (digital signs only displaying during the school opening and closing times).

Rhonda Avenue has a permanent speed limit of 30km/h for the section between Collins Road and Margaret Place. Information on the consultation that was completed about the new speed limits, including results, can be found in the agenda report to the [5 December 2024](#) Traffic, Speed Limit and Road Closures Hearings Panel meeting – Agenda Item #7 page 95 of the report.

1. ***We are dumbing down our society we are now dumber Australia. They have 60kph and 40kph during school pickup and drop off bicycles go faster than 30kph what's being done about policing them?***

The NZ Police should be contacted for details on how they enforce bicycles exceeding speed limits. As enforcing speeding laws is not in Hamilton City Council's authority.

2. ***Would love to see the facts in the last 12 months detailing near misses. Minor injuries major injuries death's locations dates and times***

Information on crashes can be found on the NZ Transport Agency Crash Analysis System which can be found here: <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/safety/partners/crash-analysis-system/>

Further information on the new 30km/h speed limits around schools can be found on our website here: <https://hamilton.govt.nz/parking-and-transport/roads/road-safety/safer-speed-limits-around-schools/>

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

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From: [Section 7 \(2\) \(a\)](#)
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2024 11:36 AM
To: [Section 7 \(2\) \(a\)](#) [@hcc.govt.nz](#)
Subject: RE: Safe school zones

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Thanks

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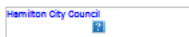
Good Morning [Section 7](#)

On behalf of Mayor Paula Southgate, we have received your below email thank you. In regards to your queries around speed zone and timeframes, I have escalated your questions to the relevant staff to review and respond within a timely manner whilst keeping the Mayoral office in the loop.

Many Thanks,

[Section 7 \(2\) \(a\)](#)
Executive Assistant to Mayor | Mayoral Office

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From: [Section 7 \(2\) \(a\)](#) [@hotmail.com](#)
Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2024 10:43 AM
To: Paula Southgate <paula.southgate@citycouncil.hcc.govt.nz>

Subject: Safe school zones

Hi Paula

Want to know what's happening with these 30kph school zones are they going to be 24/7 or just drop off and pickup????

See a 30kph sign go up in rhonda ave. Never seen anything asking for the residents opinion.

Hope you guys are not stupid enough to have it 24/7 nobody is going to follow this if it is.

Can't believe you are not waiting for the government to come out with a ruling.

All contracts should be allowed to be cancelled before start date.

We are dumbing down our society the we are now dumber the Australia. They have 60kph and 40kph during school pickup and drop off bicycles go faster than 30kph what's being done about policing them?

Really think it's time all you councillors who have been there 2 terms resigned for all the damage you have done to our city and 20% rates increases no respect at all for the ratepayers.

I am disgusted with all that this council has done but know it's all the rich money behind you guys that keep getting you reelected it's no longer a place for the common person with common sense

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