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Subject: Final response - LGOIMA 399222 **Section 7 (2) (a)** - Nawton school electric sign
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Kia ora,

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

Your request:

Last week Nawton School in Hamilton had an electronic sign. This week they don't.

What did you do with it?

Rototuna still has one, as does Southwell school.

Why are the people of Nawton expected to drive at 30km/hr at 9pm at night (the signage does not include limitations on when it applies) when the people of the more affluent areas still have their electronic signs which are only at 30km/hr immediately before and after school hours?

Provide a list of schools and whether their signage is electronic or not.

Our response:

The areas around each of Hamilton's 58 schools were assessed individually to ensure that the infrastructure supports a permanent or variable (during certain hours) 30km/h speed limit. This work included a safety assessment to evaluate the existing infrastructure and consider whether crossing upgrades or other traffic calming treatments were required. At the same time, we worked with schools to understand routes that students were taking to determine whether adjustments were needed to the school zone to cover additional areas such as a longer section of road or any side streets and back entrances that are frequently used on the journey to school.

We also considered each of the locations separately to determine whether permanent or variable 30km/h speed limits would be most suitable – on key routes that are important for moving people and freight, variable speed limits will remain in place instead of implementing permanent 30km/h speed limits in these areas.

The cost for a new electronic variable sign is \$10,000. With the change of speed limit around schools, we looked to utilise existing variable speed signage where they no longer required (e.g., Livingstone Avenue for Nawton School) in locations that did require variable speed limits and previously didn't have any signage in place (e.g., Wairere Drive for Knighton Primary School). This approach was used to help keep costs down as we have only needed to pay for relocation of the signs.

Many schools have both fixed and variable speed limits in place. For example:

- Southwell School has a variable speed limit on Peachgrove Road and a permanent speed limit on Enderley Avenue.

- Rototuna School has a variable speed limit on Thomas Road and Hukanui Road and permanent speed limits on Strathmore Drive, Lockhart Place, Gengoyne Place, MacCallum Court and Coleraine Drive.

More information for Safer Speed Limits around school can be found [here](#).

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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Subject: Official information request and formal complaint

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Hi NZTA

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Under the official information act please complete the following:

Provide a list of schools and whether their signage is electronic or not.
I would like a list that includes all Waikato schools, and another list for all schools nationally.

Thankyou. I look forward to your answers about Nawton School immediately.

From

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