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Name of MP

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**Re: Correcting speed limits on our local streets to 30km/h**

Dear […],

With interest I have seen that the City of Yarra, Manly and Liverpool have introduced 30km/h in their councils.

According to Austroads guidance reducing urban speed limit is the most effective way to improve pedestrian safety. In a vehicle- pedestrian collision, the probability of survival for the pedestrian decreases dramatically at impact speeds above about 30 km/h.

I am emailing you to express my support for the adoption of a default 30km/h limit for urban and residential streets. This does not mean “every road”, but that 30km/h should be the norm and higher limits should be exceptions only where there is evidence that such a higher limit will be safe for pedestrians and cyclists. This is as recommended by the World Health Organisation, the OECD, the UN and is global best practice.

There is little benefit from motor vehicles driving above 30km/h on local streets and many disadvantages. Research shows that impact on travel time is minimal when speed limits are reduced on local streets.

It is better for children, better for elderly, better for pedestrians, better for cyclists and better for people living with a disability.

Introducing 30km/h is a fast and low-cost intervention, that will extend the reach of strategic walking and cycling routes and spreads the benefit of existing investment.

The 2020 Stockholm Declaration, adopted by governments worldwide, calls for a focus on liveable streets and, in line with available evidence, a maximum travel speed of 30 km/h where vulnerable road users and vehicles mix. Commitment to this approach must be at the forefront of the new Decade of Action for Road Safety to achieve the Global Goals.

Now is the time to urgently deliver on this call to action by setting and enforcing traffic speeds that are safe for everyone, everywhere, prioritising low speed streets in residential areas and near schools.

Please keep me informed of your progress.

Thank you.

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