

Moutere Hills Residents Association Submission to the Tasman District Council

Response to Proposed Bylaw Amendments 2014 Old Coach Road, School Road (Mahana)

Response

The Moutere Hills Residents Association supports the proposed amendments to Chapter 4 of the Consolidated Bylaw relating to speed limits in the area approaching the Mahana School, but we suggest some minor alterations which we feel would be of benefit to the safety of all road users in the area, including the children travelling to and from the Mahana School.

Proposed Amendments

1) We support the provision of a 60kph limit on Old Coach Road from its intersection with Dominion Road/George Harvey Road and extending in a southerly direction for 1700 metres. However, a driver heading south on Old Coach Road from Dominion Road would be in 60kph zone for 1700 metres and then enter an 80kph zone just prior to being advised of two 45kph corners, a difficult intersection, a further nearly blind corner and then 300 metres to the Moutere Highway junction. We feel it would be less confusing and better from a road safety point of view continue the 60kph zone through from the Dominion Road junction to the Moutere highway.

2) We support the provision of a 60 kph limit on School Road (Mahana) from its intersection with Old Coach Road/Apple Valley Road and extending in a westerly direction for 220 metres. However, a further proposal put forward as part of the current review will allow drivers heading west towards Carlyon Rd beyond the 220 meters specified to increase speeds to 80kph. There are three bends on this 780 metre stretch of shingle road where there have been previous accidents. It is not a road suited to driving at 80 kph and is quite likely to be used by children walking or cycling to Mahana School. We consider the proposed 60kph limit on School Road should logically be applied over the full one kilometre distance from the junction with Old Coach Road to the junction with Carlyon Road.

Other Pending Submissions

The Moutere Hills Residents Association have had no feedback from the Tasman District Council concerning our two other submissions. These submissions related to (1) Lower Neudorf Road to the Moutere Highway, and (2) the Moutere Highway past the Moutere Hills Community Centre to the village of Upper Moutere.

These submissions were originally presented to the 2013 hearing, but through an administrative error had not been investigated by the TDC at that stage and were carried through to the 2014 process. As there has been no opportunity to discuss these submissions with the TDC since they have been investigated, we request that they be included in this Hearing.

The submissions mentioned have already been re-submitted to the current bylaw review and are on file with TDC.