



The Hon Melissa Horne MP

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Dear Mr Mercurio

Thank you for your email of 20 November 2023, on behalf of several of your constituents regarding speed limits along Frankston-Flinders Road between Balnarring and Flinders.

The Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) receives many suggestions for changes to speed limits across the state's network. So that speed limits are set in a consistent and credible way, and provide an appropriate balance between safety, mobility and livability, the Victorian Speed Zoning Technical Guidelines outline the decision-making principles to follow. This includes consideration for the safety record of the road, volumes of different road users, the level of access points along the route, the nature of the road environment, adjacent speed zones, and other characteristics of the road.

It is not unusual for speed zones along a road to be set at different limits, like those set along Frankston-Flinders Road. This is necessary to ensure specific road and roadside characteristics, as well as consistency and alignment with numerous decision-making principles including those above. The speed limits along this road align with the Guidelines and are appropriate.

For example, through the township of Balnarring, the speed limit along Frankston-Flinders Road is 50km/h to reflect the different roadside environment (compared to that on approach to the township) and the various land uses that generate vulnerable road user activity along and across (like the local shopping/business centre, community and recreational facilities, and paths through the wetlands). Furthermore, the speed limit reduces to 40km/h during school times near Balnarring Primary School to create a safe environment for children walking to and from school.

In addition, and like many other roads across Victoria's road network, advisory warning signs are present at various locations along Frankston-Flinders Road to alert motorists to changing conditions (such as curve warning signs to warn motorists of the presence of a left- or right-hand bend in the road ahead).

Whilst DTP has advised there are no plans to implement changes to speed limits along Frankston-Flinders Road at this stage, DTP will consider the feedback shared as part of its management of Victoria's road network.

Thank you for sharing your constituents' concerns. The feedback is important to the Allan Labor Government as it continues to work hard to improve road safety in Victoria.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Melissa Horne', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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