

# Hon Simeon Brown

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Dear Mayor and Chief Executive

I am writing to inform you I have signed the new Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024. The new Rule will deliver on the Government's commitment to reverse blanket speed limit reductions and introduce a more balanced approach to setting speeds.

As you will be aware, the draft Rule was open for consultation earlier this year. The Ministry of Transport received over 8,100 submissions on the Rule. There was overall support for the proposals. I have considered the feedback received and made some changes to the Rule in response. The key changes are:

- road controlling authorities (RCAs) are required to publish a cost benefit disclosure statement.
- the requirement for variable speed limits outside schools has been amended to allow more flexibility and the implementation deadline for school speed limits has been brought forward.
- the new Rule no longer includes the regional speed management plan approach, Speed Management Committee or the proposed Ministerial Speed Objective.

The new Rule comes into effect on 30 October 2024 and outlines the requirements to reverse certain speed limits. The key dates for RCAs are:

- By **1 May 2025**, RCAs must identify the roads subject to reversals and register the new speed limits.
- By **1 July 2025**, all reversed speed limits must be in force, with new signs and road markings in place (any stretches outside school gates must be variable).
- By **1 July 2026**, all roads outside school gates must have variable speed limits implemented.

The new Rule will be available on the NZTA website. The Ministry of Transport will publish the relevant Cabinet paper, summary of submissions and final Regulatory Impact Assessment on its website shortly.

Your sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Simeon Brown'.

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**Minister of Transport**