MEDIA STATEMENT

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Safer speeds at Chinchilla

Speed limits on the Warrego Highway at the western approaches to Chinchilla will change next month (September) in response to community concerns.

Transport and Main Roads Southern Queensland Regional Director Dereck Sanderson said a speed limit review had been completed.

"We've listened to the community and the Speed Management Committee has undertaken a speed limit review," Mr Sanderson said.

"The review process considers a range of factors such as road function, roadside environment, road construction standards, prevailing traffic speeds and crash history.

"Most of the changes involve a 10km/h reduction in the speed zones as you approach or leave Chinchilla on the western side."

In consideration of these factors, the committee's recommendation is to permanently reduce the following speed limits and locations:

- 80km/h westbound zone just after Charley's Creek bridge will become a 70km/h zone
- 80km/h eastbound zone just east of Rocky Creek bridge will become a 70km/h zone
- 100km/h westbound zone just east Rocky Creek bridge will become a 90km/h zone
- 100km/h eastbound zone just before the turn-off to the Chinchilla Golf Club will become a 90km/h zone.

Mr Sanderson said there would be no change to the 110km/h zone just west of the turn-off to the Chinchilla Golf Club.

"The Speed Management Committee includes representatives from the Queensland Police Service, Western Downs Regional Council and the Department of Transport and Main Roads," he said.

"I urge all motorists to observe the new speed limit signage and to always drive to conditions."

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