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Dear Sir/Madam

HORIZONS REGIONAL COUNCIL SUBMISSION ON THE LAND TRANSPORT (NZTA) LEGISLATION BILL

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the Land Transport (NZTA) Legislation Bill. This submission is made on behalf of the Horizons Regional Council (HRC).

HRC works alongside the territorial authorities and other stake holders in the Manawatū-Whanganui region to enable a resilient and safe, multimodal transport network. Horizons also convenes the Horizons Regional Transport Committee (HRTC), which is responsible for developing the Horizons Regional Land Transport Plan under the Land Transport Management Act 2003.

Submissions on this Bill were called for at the end of December 2019. Due to this timing, it has not been possible for the Horizons RTC to convene to prepare a submission. HRC has prepared this submission without the direct input of its local territorial authorities.

HRC makes the following notes and comments:

- HRC **supports** the Clause 12 which will amend Section 106 of the Land Transport Amendment Act 2003 (LTMA) which states that each regional transport committee must also carry out functions conferred on a regional transport committee under any other provision in this act (LTMA) or any other land transport act. HRC understands this clause to relate to the new powers proposed to prepare a regional speed management plan.
- HRC supports in principle clause 101 which will amend Section 157 of the Land Transport Act 1998 (LTA). HRC understands that the Government is intending to introduce a new speed limit setting regime, including the introduction of Regional Speed Management Plans and the removal of the current bylaw-making process.

HRC has **concerns** that introducing this provision in isolation from understanding how the other changes that are also needed to implement a new speed limit setting regime will be made will not provide a holistic approach to speed management. More clarity is needed before local government can be confident that this is a change to a more streamlined and democratic approach. HRC **recommends** that the Minister should be required to have particular regard to the views of the relevant RCA, given their expertise and understanding of their local community context, before exercising this power.


- HRC **supports** the new Section 159A of the LTA which enables ordinary rules to be provided for any matters necessary to establish, maintain and operate the register of land transport records establish under Section 200C of the LTA. This will enable the establishment of a register for speed limits which removes the bylaw requirement for local authorities for changing speed limits on roads under their jurisdiction. HRC **agrees** with the intention of the provision in simplifying the speed limit setting process.
- HRC **supports** the new sections 200B to 200K of the LTA that relate to the creation of land transport records and a register of land transport records with NZTA as the Registrar.
- HRC **supports** the new section 208A of the LTA which confers the Transport Agency as an enforcement officer for certain infringement notices relating to moving vehicle offences, including where the alleged offence is detected by approved vehicle surveillance equipment. HRC **supports** the intention of adopting a high visibility approach to speed management.

HRC thanks the Transport and Infrastructure Select Committee for the opportunity to submit on the Land Transport (NZTA) Legislation Amendment bill.

HRC does not wish to be heard in support of this submission.

For further information on the matters raised in relation to this submission, please contact Horizons Regional Council's Transport Manager, on 0508 800 800.

Yours sincerely



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