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Transport Commission Direction for the installation of speed limit signs on various roads in the Launceston metropolitan area

Mr Michael Stretton
Chief Executive Officer
City of Launceston
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Dear Mr Stretton,

Thank you for the correspondence of 11 July 2023 from Nigel Coates, Engineering Officer – Traffic, requesting a reduction of the speed limit at eight locations within the Launceston metropolitan area.

The eight locations are as follows:

- Bathurst Street, Launceston, reduced from 60 to 50 km/h (drawing no. D10427)
- Wellington Street, Launceston, reduced from 60 to 50 km/h (drawing no. D10427)
- High Street, East Launceston, reduced from 60 to 50 km/h (drawing no. D10369)
- Invermay Road, Invermay and Mowbray, reduced from 60 to 50 km/h (drawing no. D10370 and D10397)
- Newstead shopping zone, reduced from 60 to 50 km/h (drawing no. D10368)
- Launceston central business district, reduced from 50 to 40 km/h (drawing no. D10319)
- Kings Meadows shopping zone, reduced from 50 to 40 km/h (drawing no. D10311)
- Mowbray shopping zone, reduced from 50 to 40 km/h (drawing no. D10310)

The Tasmanian Road Safety Strategy embraces the Safe System approach which aims to establish a road network system which operates without any deaths or serious injuries. The use of lower speed limits in urban areas, where vulnerable road users are more prevalent, is one of the mechanisms to achieve this.

Council's proposal is supported and the Transport Commission, acting pursuant to Section 59(1) of the *Traffic Act 1925*, hereby issues a Direction for the use of speed limit signs as described in Council's submission and depicted on the above drawings. It is noted that, while Bathurst and Wellington Streets are State-owned roads, it is desirable for all of the speed limits changes to be arranged simultaneously.

Council is responsible for communicating the changed speed limits with the community and relevant stakeholders.

Please complete and return the attached *Notification of Completed Traffic Facilities Modifications* form within two weeks of installing the new signs. For more information, please contact Donald Howatson by email at donald.howatson@stategrowth.tas.gov.au or telephone on 6166 3327.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Swain".

Yours sincerely

Gary Swain
Commissioner for Transport

22 August 2023