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DISTRICT COUNCIL

Ōpunake Road Speed Limit Review

Council is proposing to amend the speed limit on Ōpunake Road from 100kmph to 80kmph and is asking for your feedback this month.

The speed limit review comes after a report by Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency which sought to identify the top 10% highest risk roads that are located within each local authority boundary across New Zealand. This work was part of the Government's *Road to Zero Strategy*, which aims to reduce the road toll in New Zealand by 40% before 2030.

Stratford District Council Director Assets, Victoria Araba says, "Waka Kotahi has identified Ōpunake Road as a high risk road within the Stratford District and the statistics match their findings."

"In the last five years there have been 57 crashes that have occurred on Ōpunake Road, and sadly some of these have been fatal," she says.

"Considering this information and the report from Waka Kotahi, a local review of the current speed limit is timely. We encourage our community to have to a

say, whether you agree or disagree, please share your thoughts before feedback closes."

The section of road the proposal covers is from RP0.0 (Intersection of Elizabeth Grove) to RP16.75 (Stratford District boundary with the South Taranaki District).

The proposed speed limit will take effect from 1 December 2021, subject to the outcome of community engagement.

How to have your say

Please send your comments for consideration by **4.30pm Monday 13 September 2021** using one of the below:

- Email feedback@stratford.govt.nz and use "Ōpunake Road Speed Limit" as the subject line
- Write to Roding Asset Manager, Stratford District Council, P O Box 320, Stratford 4352
- Complete our online form at stratford.govt.nz/our-council/have-your-say

More information on this proposal is available on our website: stratford.govt.nz

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Public Notices

Meeting Schedule - August 2021

Policy & Services Committee - Hearing

Tuesday 24 August 2021 at 2.30pm.
To hear and consider submissions to the draft Mobile or Travelling Shops Bylaw 2021.

Policy & Services Committee

Tuesday 24 August 2021 at 3.00pm

All meetings are held in the Council Chambers, Miranda Street, Stratford.

S Hanne

Chief Executive

Representation Arrangements Review 2021

Under sections 19H and 19J and clauses 1 and 2 of Schedule 1A of the Local Electoral Act 2001, Stratford District Council is required to carry out a review of its representation arrangements for the 2022 triennial local authority elections.

Statement of Proposal

On 10 August 2021, Council resolved to adopt as its initial proposal, the following:

a) Stratford District Council to comprise the mayor elected at-large and 11 councillors elected under the ward system, specifically ten general ward councillors and one Māori ward councillor;

b) Stratford District Council be divided into three wards, these being:

(i) Urban General Ward (represented by six general councillors) being the existing Stratford Urban Ward as contained in SO Plan 13061 with the boundary amended to include additional residential properties that associate more closely with the urban ward than the rural ward including an area of Pembroke Road to the west and Mercade Estate at the east end of Pembroke Road.

(ii) Rural General Ward (represented by four general councillors) being the existing Stratford Rural Ward as contained in SO Plan 369065 with the boundary amended to exclude residential properties that associate more closely with the urban ward than the rural ward including an area of Pembroke Road to the west and Mercade Estate at the east end of Pembroke Road.

(iii) Māori Ward (represented by one Māori councillor) being the entire district;

c) no community boards be established.

d) the reasons the total number of councillors is proposed to increase to 11 (plus the mayor) are:

(i) to provide effective representation to Stratford District residents and ratepayers (whilst still ensuring accessibility to a large area made up of populated towns and sparsely populated rural areas); and

(ii) to provide effective representation of the Māori population of the district;

e) the proposed wards, the number of councillors per ward, the ward populations (2020 population estimates) and population ratio per councillor are as follows:

Ward	Population	Councillors	Average	% Variation
Urban General	5570	6	928	1.98%
Rural General	3530	4	883	-3.01%
Māori	780	1*	780	N/A

*The number of Māori Ward councillors depends on a formula set by legislation (Schedule 1A of the Local Electoral Act 2001). (Māori electoral population) / (total district population) x (total number of councillors).

In accordance with section 19V(2) of the Local Electoral Act 2001, the population that each general ward Councillor represents must be within the population range of 910 plus or minus 10%.

Further Information

Copies of the Statement of Proposal - Representation Review are available from Council offices at 63 Miranda Street, Stratford. You can also view this document on Council's website stratford.govt.nz

Submissions

Any interested person or organisation may provide a written submission to this review. Submission forms can be found online at stratford.govt.nz, at Council offices at 63 Miranda Street or at the Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre.

Your completed submission form needs to be with Council no later than 4.30pm on Friday 19 September 2021. You can:

- Email it to submissions@stratford.govt.nz and put "Representation Review 2021" in the subject line
- Deliver it to Stratford District Council, 63 Miranda Street, Stratford 4332
- Post it to Stratford District Council, ATTN: Representation Review, PO Box 320, Stratford 4352
- Do it online at stratford.govt.nz

Council will read and consider all submissions. Please clearly state if you wish to speak in support of your submission. Please note that any submission made will be available to the public. Hearings and meetings on the review will be open to the public.

S Hanne

Chief Executive

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