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Aucklanders urged to back safe and appropriate speeds to save lives

Trafinz, New Zealand's longest serving organisation dedicated to road safety, is urging Aucklanders to get behind Auckland Transport's Speed Limits Bylaw consultation starting on 28 February.

As part of the safe infrastructure programme, Auckland Transport is proposing to change speed limits across Auckland, by setting new safe and appropriate speed limits for 10% of roads under its control.

"Trafinz strongly supports the proposals of safe and appropriate speed limits to be set for Auckland's roads because we know slower speeds are the most cost-effective way to save lives". says Mr John Goettler, Trafinz spokesperson and Vice President.

"Auckland's rising rate of deaths and serious injury is unacceptable. Speeds limits across urban and rural areas are not currently posted at safe and appropriate speeds for road users.

Trafinz urges Aucklanders to respond to the consultation by supporting these speed management proposals that focus on saving lives.

Reducing inappropriate and unsafe speeds will make Auckland's roads safer and improve the livability of Auckland for everyone," says Mr Goettler.

Auckland Transport's consultation is open until 31 March 2019.

For further information contact the Institute the Vice President John Gottler President or the Institutes' President Councillor Andy Foster or go to the web site for details <http://www.trafinz.org.nz>

Trafinz

Trafinz or the New Zealand Local Authority Traffic Institute was formed in 1948, it represents local authority views on road safety, land use integration, traffic management and control in New Zealand. It acts as a forum for collectively pursuing transportation issues of interest to local authorities, and for sharing information and advice. It exists to lobby the government, to influence decision making on road safety, transportation and land use integration. Member local authorities represent more than two thirds of the NZ population.

Trafinz serves the public interest by advocating for safe, efficient, sustainable, economic transportation planning and the management of traffic. Trafinz has a wide interest in pursuing all aspects of road safety, traffic management, land use integration, roading reform, effective community involvement, environmental issues, parking, traffic operations, transport planning, worlds best performance and innovative solutions.

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