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| <u>Section</u> | <u>Description of ground</u>  |
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| 6(c)           | prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial   |
| 9(2)(a)        | to protect the privacy of natural persons   |
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| 9(2)(ba)(i)    | to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public |
| 9(2)(ba)(ii)   | to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely otherwise to damage the public interest  |
| 9(2)(f)(ii)    | to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect collective and individual ministerial responsibility  |
| 9(2)(f)(iv)    | to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials  |
| 9(2)(g)(i)     | to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any public service agency or organisation in the course of their duty   |
| 9(2)(h)        | to maintain legal professional privilege  |
| 9(2)(i)        | to enable a Minister of the Crown or any public service agency or organisation holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities   |
| 9(2)(j)        | to enable a Minister of the Crown or any public service agency or organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)  |

Office of the Minister of Transport

Cabinet Legislation Committee

## Minister's Response to the Petition of Hon Julie Anne Genter: Safe streets

### Proposal

- 1 This paper seeks approval of the Minister of Transport's response to the Petition of Hon Julie Anne Genter: Safe streets.

### Background

- 2 The Petitions Committee referred this petition under Standing Order 380 to the Minister of Transport for a response by 13 May 2025. The petition urges the Minister to keep permanent speed limit changes outside schools, continue the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2022 (the 2022 Rule) requirements for Road Controlling Authorities to set speed limits on local roads, and stop the reversals to speed limit changes made since 1 January 2020. It notes that 4620 people have signed a similar online petition.
- 3 The Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024 (the 2024 Rule) revokes and replaces the 2022 Rule. The 2024 Rule sets out new processes for setting speed limits and reverses speed limits on certain types of roads that were introduced since 1 January 2020. The 2024 Rule also requires variable speed limits to be put in place on roads outside school gates by 1 July 2026. The variable speed limits outside schools will be in place during school travel times (at drop-off and pick-up times).
- 4 The 2024 Rule reversal provisions require speed limits on rural and interregional connector sections of state highways lowered since 1 January 2020 to reverse by 1 July 2025, unless New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) can show that there is public acceptance of these lower speed limits. Lower speed limits on urban connectors and transit corridors will also reverse. Permanent 30km/h speed limits on residential streets near schools will be reversed and replaced with variable speed limits outside school gates. Existing 30 km/h or 40 km/h variable speed limits can be retained, even where they cover an area wider than the outside of the school gates.

### The proposed response

- 5 The draft response sets out the Government's approach to speed limits to balance safety with economic impacts and community views. The response declines the petition's call to effectively reinstate the 2022 Rule.
- 6 The response notes that the Government is committed to improving safety on New Zealand roads. The Government has outlined its priority actions for improving road safety in the Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2024, and the Road Safety Objectives.

### Timing of the Minister's response

- 7 The Minister's response must be presented to the House as a parliamentary paper by 13 May 2025.

### Consultation

- 8 NZTA has been consulted on, and the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet informed of, this response.

### Financial Implications

- 9 There are no financial implications arising from this paper.

### Publicity

- 10 The Minister will present the response to the House as a parliamentary paper. There is no need to provide further publicity beyond the tabling of the response.

### Proactive Release

- 11 This Cabinet paper (and associated minutes) will be released within 30 business days of final decisions being confirmed by Cabinet, subject to redactions as appropriate under the Official Information Act 1982.

### Recommendations

The Minister of Transport recommends that the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1 **note** that the Petitions Committee referred the Petition of Hon Julie Anne Genter: Safe streets to the Minister of Transport for a response;
- 2 **note** that the petition urges the Minister of Transport to keep permanent speed limit changes outside schools, continue the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2022 allowing Councils to set speed limits on local roads, and stop the reversals to speed limit changes made since 1 January 2020;
- 3 **note** the submission of the Minister of Transport and his advice that the petition be declined;
- 4 **approve** the response, attached to this paper, to the Petition of Hon Julie Anne Genter: Safe streets;
- 5 **note** that the response must be presented to the House by 13 May 2025;
- 6 **invite** the Minister of Transport to present the response to the House in accordance with Standing Order 380; and
- 7 **invite** the Minister of Transport to write to the petitioner enclosing a copy of the response, after the response has been presented to the House.

Authorised for lodgement.

Hon Chris Bishop

Minister of Transport

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Attachment is refused under 18(d)

The 'Minister's Response to Referral of Petition of Hon Julie Anne Genter' is available here:

<https://bills.parliament.nz/v/4/87adc042-e880-4e3b-60f0-08dd93f4973b>



# Cabinet Legislation Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Ministerial Response to the Petition of Hon Julie Anne Genter

**Portfolio**                      **Transport**

On 8 May 2025, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1        **noted** that the Petitions Committee referred the *Petition of Hon Julie Anne Genter: Safe streets* to the Minister of Transport for a response;
- 2        **noted** that the petition urges the Minister of Transport to keep permanent speed limit changes outside schools, continue the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2022 allowing Councils to set speed limits on local roads, and stop the reversals to speed limit changes made since 1 January 2020;
- 3        **noted** the submission of the Minister of Transport and his advice that the petition be declined;
- 4        **approved** the response, attached to the paper under LEG-25-SUB-0062, to the *Petition of Hon Julie Anne Genter: Safe streets*;
- 5        **noted** that the response must be presented to the House by 13 May 2025;
- 6        **invited** the Minister of Transport to present the response to the House in accordance with Standing Order 380;
- 7        **invited** the Minister of Transport to write to the petitioner enclosing a copy of the response, after the response has been presented to the House.

Tom Kelly  
Committee Secretary

**Present:**

Rt Hon Winston Peters  
Hon Chris Bishop (Chair)  
Hon Paul Goldsmith  
Hon Louise Upston  
Hon Judith Collins KC  
Hon Shane Jones  
Hon Brooke van Velden  
Hon Chris Penk  
Hon James Meager  
Hon Scott Simpson  
Jamie Arbuckle, MP  
Todd Stephenson, MP

**Officials present from:**

Officials Committee for LEG  
Attorney-General's Office



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### Report of the Cabinet Legislation Committee: Period Ended 9 May 2025

On 12 May 2025, Cabinet made the following decisions on the work of the Cabinet Legislation Committee for the period ended 9 May 2025:

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LEG-25-MIN-0062

**Ministerial Response to the Petition of Hon Julie Anne Genter**  
Portfolio: Transport

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Diana Hawker  
for Secretary of the Cabinet