

22 January 2025

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Sent via email to [REDACTED]

RE: LG24-0294 - New Government Speed Setting Rule

Dear [REDACTED]

REQUEST FOR OFFICIAL INFORMATION – RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information held by the Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC). On 3 December 2024 you requested the following information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA):

- 1. Any costs modelled or actualised necessary to meet new requirements under the Government’s new Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024.**
- 2. Any crashes, deaths and serious injuries modelled as a result of speed limit changes to meet requirements under the Government’s new Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024.**
- 3. Any crashes, deaths and serious injuries modelled from changing to the previous speed rule - Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2022.**
- 4. Any submission your organisation prepared for the consultation on the draft Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024, and any feedback otherwise given to the Ministry of Transport, Waka Kotahi, the Minister of Transport or his office on the Rule or the new approach to setting speed limits.**

QLDC RESPONSE

To address your request, we consulted the QLDC Strategy and Asset Planning Team.

- 1. Any costs modelled or actualised necessary to meet new requirements under the Government’s new Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024.**

This has not been modelled yet.

- 2. Any crashes, deaths and serious injuries modelled as a result of speed limit changes to meet requirements under the Government’s new Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024.**

This has not been modelled yet.

3. Any crashes, deaths and serious injuries modelled from changing to the previous speed rule - Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2022.

For this part of your request, we consulted with the Strategy and Infrastructure Team who provided the Fatal and Serious Crashes data and the response below:

The Waka Kotahi Crash Analysis (CAS) system is the ‘one source of truth’ for vehicle crash data in New Zealand. A major upgrade to this system was completed in October 2018 and the information is now validated and accessible as part of our roading datasets in Council’s RAMM database. The improvements in the RAMM dataset supports accurate reporting in Transport Insights.

QLDC’s relatively low number of serious and fatal crashes can make it statistically unreliable to pick up trends in crash type or locations but can be considered in terms of the numbers of crashes occurring over several years. Five years, between 2018/19 and 2022/23, is typically used by Council’s road safety staff for these assessments. Ten years of data has been used to discuss performance against Road to Zero outcomes.

DSI Crashes Year	ONRC (One Network Road Classification)					Total	Five-year Dsi Trends
	Arterial	Primary Collector	Secondary Collector	Access	Low Volume		
2013/14		16	15		1	32	
2014/15		7	4	2		13	
2015/16	2	8	4	1		15	
2016/17		5	4	2	2	13	
2017/18	4	8	2	5		19	92 (2013/14 – 2017/18)
2018/19	1	9	6	2	1	19	79 (2014/15 – 2018/19)
2019/20	1	7	6	1		15	81 (2015/16 – 2019/20)
2020/21	1	6	2			10 *	
2021/22		4	6	2		12	
2022/23		3	1		1	5	61 (2018/19 – 2022/23)
2023/24		1	3	1	2	7	49 (2019/20 – 2023/24)

4. Any submission your organisation prepared for the consultation on the draft Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024, and any feedback otherwise given to the Ministry of Transport, Waka Kotahi, the Minister of Transport or his office on the Rule or the new approach to setting speed limits.

In response to this part of your request, we consulted with the QLDC Policy Team who provided the QLDC submission to the Ministry of Transport on the draft Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits. Please see the same attached with this response.

We trust the above information satisfactorily answers the relevant components of your request.

Right to review the above decision

Note that you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about this process is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please contact Naell.Crosby-Roe@qldc.govt.nz (Stakeholder and Democracy Services Manager).

Kind regards,

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