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Dear Jenny,

Outcome of request for speed zoning changes – Forrest Highway Dorsett Road Intersection

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the safety of the Forrest Highway Dorsett Road intersection.

In June 2026, the Shire of Waroona submitted a request to Main Roads WA for a review of the speed zoning on Forrest Highway at the Dorsett Road Rest Areas, following concerns regarding road safety at this location.

The request has been assessed in conjunction with the Speed Zoning Team at Main Roads WA Head Office. Following this assessment, Main Roads WA have notified the Shire that the proposed reduction in the speed limit is not supported by them, as per their response below.

The assessment found that current traffic speeds demonstrate a high level of compliance with the existing 110 km/h speed limit, with an 85th percentile speed of 111 km/h. Additionally, the reported crash history for the location is relatively low, with six crashes recorded over the past five years. Two of these crashes were associated with movements involving Lake Clifton Road and the rest area access arrangements, and may potentially have been avoided had direct access between the rest areas and Forrest Highway been removed.

While a Road Safety Inspection identified several safety concerns at the site, it did not recommend reducing the speed limit on Forrest Highway itself. Instead, the inspection identified a range of practical, relatively low-cost measures that could improve safety, including vegetation management, signage and delineation upgrades, pavement marking renewal, sight distance improvements and changes to the rest area access arrangements.

Main Roads WA's approach to speed zoning considers the overall function, environment and safety performance of a road. A speed limit reduction is generally not supported solely to address isolated intersection or access-related hazards where more targeted engineering treatments may provide a more appropriate solution.

Accordingly, the assessment concluded that opportunities to improve safety at the Dorsett Road Rest Areas are better addressed through targeted road safety treatments rather than a reduction in the existing speed limit.

Thank you for raising this matter and for your ongoing interest in road safety within the local area. We will continue to press for those safety improvements that Main Roads WA have identified as being available to them.

Yours sincerely,



Mark Goodlet
Chief Executive Officer