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New England Highway

Location

Singleton, Muswellbrook, Aberdeen,
Scone, Murrurundi

Current speed limit

Various

New speed limit

Various

Reason for change

The number of speed zones on the New England Highway have been reduced from 31 to 26 changes to provide a consistent approach to urban areas by applying the 50 km/h general urban default speed limit on approach to towns.

The changes to speed zoning along the 165 kilometre length will result in a simpler and safer road.

Before any speed limit changes take effect, information about the changes will appear in local press and/or signage notifications on site, and on the RTA website. Please observe current posted speed limits.

General information

The RTA has carried out a comprehensive review of the New England Highway as part of the NSW Audit of Speed Zones. The speed limit review assessed a number of factors including road environment, traffic characteristics and crash profile.

The New England Highway is a major interstate freight route as well as an important arterial route that services local communities on and adjacent to the highway.

Safe speed limits in urban areas will be achieved by reducing short lengths of 60 km/h in Murrurundi, Scone, Aberdeen and Singleton as well as removing 80 km/h through Muswellbrook.

- Murrurundi - The existing 50 km/h and 100km/h speed zones south of Murrurundi will be extended with the removal of the existing 60 km/h zone.
- Scone - The existing 50 km/h speed zone north of Scone will be extended with the removal of the 60 km/h zone. The existing 50 km/h and 100 km/h speed zones south of Scone will be extended with the removal of the existing 80 km/h speed zone.
- Aberdeen – The existing 50 km/h speed zones north and 500 metres south of Aberdeen will be extended with the removal of the existing 60 km/h zone north of Aberdeen and the adjustment of the existing 60 km/h zone south of Aberdeen
- Muswellbrook – The existing 60 km/h speed zone north of Muswellbrook will be extended with the removal of the existing 80 km/h zone. A 50 km/h speed zone on southern approach to Muswellbrook will be installed with the removal of the existing 80 km/h speed zone and extension of the existing 60 km/h zone.
- Singleton – A 50 km/h speed zone will be installed from the bridge to Town Park with adjustment to the existing 60 km/h zone. The existing 60 km/h speed zone will be extended north to include Mason Dieu Road intersection.

These changes will result in a reduction in the number of speed zone changes over this 160 kilometre length from 31 changes to 26 changes.

These changes will help improve safety for all road users.

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