

NZ Police Position

Following is the position that was arrived at by NZ Police.

- NZ Police hold the same view as I do in respect of the safety of this 'View Stop' - it is dangerous
- When this matter was raised outside of a joint agency meeting "all agreed and had concerns with the lack of safety in the design **which included NZTA members**". **The danger is real** and it is widely shared (including within NZTA) - it is not simply me with a bee in my bonnet
- "The speed zoning has been set to 80kmh": Here is a brand new highway with two lanes southbound engineered to a standard capable of supporting 100kmh and yet we now must travel at 80kmh. Why? Because NZTA have taken a safe piece of highway, removed the barrier, invited tourists to turn right and made it unsafe - all within a 'safe system'.
- "The influx of visitors over Queen's Birthday ... **fortunately** saw no crashes at this location". Fortunately, there was solid rain for 3 days - not the type of weather for a spot of sight-seeing.
- "There are a large number of intersections ... that are unsafe". True enough but it is the job of NZTA to gradually eliminate these and not add to them as they have done here.



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Dear Sir

I refer to your letters to the District Commander, Superintendent Russell Le Prou, dated 18 April 2017 and 19 June 2017.

My view is similar in that it is not a good example of improving the safety on this piece of road with the recent upgrades to the Brynderwyns by having vehicles crossing double lanes to get to a location (view spot) should they be travelling north.

I was at a joint agency meeting recently where the topic was raised informally outside the meeting time; all agreed and had concerns with the lack of safety in the design which included NZTA members.

The speed zoning has now been set at 80 kilometres per hour which will provide increased time to make the turn, provided vehicles adhere to the speed posted. The recent influx of visitors where around 1,300 campervans visited the north over and around the Queen's birthday weekend fortunately saw no crashes at this location.

Upgrades and modifications to our roads are usually based upon crash data; therefore it is unlikely any changes will occur in the near future.

Regardless, it does come back to the vehicle being driven to the conditions and drivers adhering to the road rules. There are a large number of intersections and pieces of road in Northland that are unsafe and warrant conditions to be improved.

Yours sincerely,

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