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### **Safer speed at Hatton Vale welcomed by community**

- Speed limit to be reduced to 80km/h on the Warrego Highway between Summerholm Road and Fairway Drive at Hatton Vale.
- A detailed speed limit review was undertaken by TMR following calls from the Hatton Vale community.
- The reduced speed limit will improve safety for all road users in the region.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) has reduced the speed limit on the Warrego Highway (eastbound) between Summerholm Road and Fairway Drive, Hatton Vale from 100km/h to 80km/h to improve safety for road users in the region.

The Warrego Highway is a major freight route to Brisbane and has experienced a large growth in traffic volumes from residential and commercial property development in the Lockyer Valley in the last 5 years.

Reducing the speed limit will decrease the number and severity of crashes and create more frequent and bigger gaps in traffic flow to allow road users to safely turn across oncoming traffic.

A speed limit review was undertaken by TMR following calls from the local community to reduce the speed limit on the busy stretch of highway.

The speed review process considers a range of factors such as road function, roadside environment, road construction standards, prevailing traffic speeds and crash history.

The reduction has been endorsed by the Speed Management Committee which includes representatives from the Queensland Police Service, Lockyer Valley Regional Council and TMR.

TMR will continue to monitor the speed and crash numbers at this location and investigate further if required.

#### **Quotes attributable to the Southern Queensland Regional Director, Bill Lansbury:**

“We’ve listened to the Hatton Vale community's concerns about the safety of road users along the Warrego Highway and have reduced the speed limit to 80km/h between Summerholm Road and Fairway Drive.

"In the last 5 years, there have been 22 injury crashes on this 2.62-kilometre section of the major freight route, which has experienced a large growth in traffic volume over this period.

“The Department of Transport and Main Roads is committed to road safety through providing a safe environment for all roads users and implementing safety initiatives to reduce the likelihood and severity of a crash.

“We urge all road users to observe the new speed limit and to always drive to conditions.”

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Warrego Highway, Fairway Drive, Hatton Vale