



Speed Limit Review

Huon Highway Vinces Saddle/ Sandfly
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The Department of State Growth is reviewing the speed limit along the Huon Highway from Vinces Saddle to past the Sandfly Road intersection.

The Department is applying to the Commissioner for Transport to reduce the speed limit on the Huon Highway at Vinces Saddle from 100 km/h to 80 km/h for 4.1 kilometres from the cemetery travelling towards Hobart. This section of the Huon Highway is hilly, windy and has one of the highest reported crash rates in the entire State Road Network. Research tells us that even small reductions of 10 km/h in travelling speed can lead to a 25 percent reduction in serious casualties.

The Department is also undertaking community consultation on a proposal to extend the reduced speed limit by 1.5 kilometres to include the intersection of Huon Highway and Sandfly Road. This proposal is based on community feedback received as part of the 'Huon Highway and Sandfly Road Intersection Safety Upgrade'. **The Department will provide the Commissioner feedback received from road users about their expressed ability and willingness to maintain 80 km/h for 1.5 kilometres, from the top of the hill at Vinces Saddle to about 300 meters past the intersection.** Based on community feedback received, the Department will apply to the Commissioner for a reduction at Vinces Saddle to either include, or not include, the downhill approach to the intersection.

The Commissioner considers a number of factors when reviewing speed limits to ensure any changes are consistent with Australian Standards. Key factors include road characteristics, crash history and if the speed limit makes sense to road users.

Road users, key stakeholders and stakeholders consulted during 'Huon Highway and Sandfly Road Intersection Safety Upgrade' are invited to share their feedback on an online interactive map on the Roads Tas webpage.

The Departments application to the Commissioner will not inform or replace the design process currently being undertaken for the 'Huon Highway and Sandfly Road Intersection Safety Upgrade'. Information about the intersection project will be updated on the Roads Tas [webpage](#).

You are invited to share your feedback on the proposed speed reduction. You can leave your comments on an [interactive map](#) until Monday 16 September 2019.