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Dear Mrs Orchard,

Thank you for your correspondence to the Minister for Roads, on behalf of the Koolewong and Point Clare-Tascott Progress Association, about a reduction of the speed limit on Brisbane Water Drive at Tascott/Koolewong. Your correspondence was referred to me as it falls within my portfolio responsibilities as Minister for Regional Transport and Roads. I apologise for the delay in responding.

I appreciate the reasons that prompted you to write and acknowledge the Koolewong and Point Clare-Tascott Progress Association's concerns about accessibility at this location. Access to quality roads has a major impact on the health, education, jobs and opportunity. They are particularly vital in regional, rural and remote areas. The NSW Government is committed to delivering safety improvements in the regions and on high-risk country roads so drivers get home safely each night to their loved ones.

Transport for NSW has considered your feedback and will schedule a review of the 70km/h speed limit on Brisbane Water Drive at Koolewong. Access to the Koolewong Foreshore Reserve will be considered in this review. The review will be carried out in line with the NSW Speed Zoning Standards and will assess a number of factors. These include the road function, roadside development, frequency of property accesses, pedestrian and cyclist usage, 85th percentile travel speeds, road alignment, traffic characteristics and crash history.

Transport for NSW also consults with the local NSW Police Force and local council officers as part of this process. Please note that due to the volume of speed zone reviews underway or scheduled, Transport for NSW is unable to provide a timeframe for the review at this time.

Transport for NSW has set up an online portal where the community can have their say on speed limits. This can be found at <https://www.saferoadsnsw.com.au/haveyoursay.aspx>.

Every life matters, and that is why our goal is to create a safe transport system where no one is killed or seriously injured. Our long-term vision for zero trauma by 2050 is aligned with targets in the National Road Safety Strategy 2021-30, which is endorsed by all state and territory governments.