

Enquiries: Mr P Southern

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Chief Executive Officer Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley Kununurra WA 6743

Attention Stuart Dyson

Dear Sir

Proposal to Amend the Speed Zoning on Weaber Plain Road, Kununurra

Thank you for your email on 6 March 2018, requesting Main Roads WA comment on a request from a member of the community to amend the speed zoning on Weaber Plain Road.

In May 2007 the Shire of Wyndham/East Kimberley, requested a reduction in the speed limit on Weaber Plain Road between chainage SLK 1.8 to SLK 8.49, from 110km/h to 80 km/h. Main Roads approved the reduction of the speed limit on the basis of the establishment of rural subdivisions, general development and increased traffic volume, and road safety concerns.

The reasons for the reduction in the speed limit in 2007 still exist and in addition, there has been an increase in traffic on Weaber Plain Road, mainly due to the development of Ord Stage 2. The road is classified as a road train route, as well as a school bus route and is a popular with cyclists.

Therefore, Main Roads WA does not support an increase in the speed limit for this section of Weaber Plain Road. Main Roads considers the 80 km/hr speed limit for this section of road still to be appropriate.

If you require any further information please contact Peter Southern on 9158 4320.

Yours faithfully

Gerry Zoetelief Regional Manager Kimberley Region.