SPEED LIMIT CHANGE ON
GREAT WESTERN HIGHWAY BETWEEN MOUNT
VICTORIA AND LITHGOW

Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) is advising motorists of speed limit changes on the Great Western Highway between Mount Victoria and Lithgow in the next two weeks.

Paul Toole Member for Bathurst said RMS carried out a review of the highway as part of the Top 100 audit of speed zones.

“The review assessed a number of factors including road environment, traffic characteristics and crash data,” Mr Toole said.

“As a result of the review the 7.3 kilometre long 90km/h speed limit from 2.8 kilometres west of Mount York Road to 200 metres west of Jenolan Caves Road will be reduced to 80km/h.

“The 4.1 kilometre long 90km/h speed limit from 1.7 kilometres west of Jenolan Caves Road to 140 metres east of McKanes Falls Road will also be reduced to 80km/h.

“There will be no change to the existing 40km/h truck and bus speed limits on Victoria Pass and River Lett Hill west of Hartley.

“The speed limit is being reduced due to the high crash rate, the road alignment and lack of clear zones and sight distance. The reduced speed limits are expected to improve safety for all road users.
“The number of speed limit changes will be reduced from four to one and will create a consistent 20.5 kilometre length of 80km/h speed limit between Mount Victoria and Lithgow.

“Motorists are reminded to drive carefully and pay extra attention during the transition period,” Mr Toole said.

Electronic message signs are in place ahead of the new speed limit signs being installed to advise motorists of the change. These message signs will remain in place for at least a week after the speed limit change.
RMS expects the new speed limit signs to be installed from 2 July, weather permitting.

Members of the community can sign up at the Safer Roads NSW website to receive updates about changes to permanent speed limits in their nominated area and have their say on speed limits.

For more information visit www.rms.nsw.gov.au

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