

# Appendix A

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Mr Andrew Rasulo,  
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Dear Andrew,

**APPLICATION FOR CONSENT TO REDUCE THE CURRENT SPEED LIMIT TO 40KM/H -  
MARY STREET, PRESTON**

Council has considered community concerns about road safety on Mary Street, Preston and applies for VicRoads approval to reduce the current default residential speed limit on Mary Street to 40km/h.

The following information is provided to support this application:

It is proposed that the speed limit will apply along Mary Street, Preston

- between Bell Street and Gower Street
- length: approximately 520 metres

Road Environment:

- Road classification: local residential street, one lane in each direction, with limited parking
- Road width: approx. 6.7m (Between kerb faces)
- Footpaths: on the west side: 1.5 m and 1.7 m on the east side
- Two intersections with adjacent local streets
- Pavement condition – average
- Obstacles (*power poles*) *in line with the back of kerb line*
- Vertical alignment: flat
- Horizontal alignment: straight road

Abutting development:

- mainly residential with narrow property frontages
- Mixed commercial
- Open public space

Road users and their movements:

- Some component of rat running
- Pedestrians: significant volumes, crossing movements

Existing speeds:

- Generally well within the legal limit and typical for a residential street (85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed: 37.4km/h, with 0.8% exceeding the legal speed limit of 50km/h)

Accident history:

- An assessment of VicRoads' CrashStats Data shows that 6 reported casualty crashes occurred on Mary Street in the 5 years period commencing in 2003. Three of these crashes occurred at the intersection of Mary Street with Cramer Street, two at its intersection with Bell Street, and one at its intersection with Herbert Street.

Adjacent speed zones:

- Streets in the adjacent area operate generally at 40, 50 and 60km/h.

Other Environmental Features:

- Due to proximity of the Preston Market and development activities in the area significant numbers of non local cars and pedestrians use this area.
- Narrow house frontages.
- No nature strips on footpaths.
- power poles sign posts etc are located on the footpaths.

Speed restriction signs

Attached to support this application is the VLimits assessment and crash statistics in the area.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter please contact me on telephone number 84708605.

Yours sincerely

**Wal Cichocki**  
Traffic Engineer  
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Road: Mary  
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Location: Bell to Gower  
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Suburb: Darebin  
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Name: W Cichocki Date: 090609  
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- \* This road section is located in Metropolitan Melbourne or a large provincial city.
- \* The 85th percentile speed is 40 km/h.
- \* Development is balanced on each side of the road.
- \* On average for both sides there are 2 accesses per 100 metres.
- \* Length of road section under consideration is 0.6 kilometres.
- \* The road is undivided.
- \* This section of road has a total of 2 lanes.
- \* The main use of this road is for access to properties.
- \* This road is in an LATM area.

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THE RECOMMENDED SPEED ZONE FOR THIS SECTION OF ROAD IS: <sup>3</sup> 40 km/h <sup>3</sup>  
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The recommended speed zone on this section of road is 40km/h because the road has local area traffic management (LATM) devices installed.

FINAL RECOMMENDATION: \_\_\_\_\_

If the final recommendation differs from the recommendation given by the VLIMITS Advisor, explain why: \_\_\_\_\_

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