

To The Minister for Transport

From The Lenswood and Forest Range Community Association

Dear Minister

I am writing to you on behalf of the Lenswood and Forest range Community concerning safety issues associated with the Lobethal Road that joins our two communities.

The speed limit through Lenswood is 60KPH - even though on the approaches to the township the limit is 50KPH through the main thoroughfare it is still set at 60KPH.

Various upgrades to the Lobethal Road have made the road considerably safer for vehicles, however, those upgrades have been at expense of safety for pedestrians. Not only have the upgrades intruded on what were previously pedestrian refuges in some instances there is simply no alternative for people other than to share the road with vehicles. The danger associated with this is compounded by the fact that coming into Lenswood from Lobethal is a down hill run. Those who know the road well are able to negotiate the bends coming into Lenswood by sticking to a safe speed – however, people who are not familiar with the road can easily lose control of their vehicle if they drive at the speed limit.

The second problem concerns the school zone. The problem here is that because of limited visibility drivers may not always notice children on the road and consequently not drive at 25KPH.

In addition students and parents who walk to and from Forest Range to get to the school have no safe pedestrian access to the school.

As a community we have made a commitment to clean up such existing walkways that exist to improve pedestrian access. Furthermore we have had excellent support from Council to find ways of addressing safety concerns. But what is urgently needed is a long term solution and for that we need a fully costed plan of action that ensures that the Lobethal Road is safe for all road users.

A third problem concern the CFS. The location of the station is near the intersection of Cold Store and Tiers Rds. Entry and egress into Lobethal Rd to attend to calls is dangerous as visibility in both directions is limited.

In the interim we would like you to do the following:

1. Reduce the speed limit from Tiers Rd to Harris Rd to 50KPh
2. Install flashing lights at the beginning and at the end of the School Zone – these can be activated by the school to alert motorists that children are on the road.
3. Install flashing lights on Tiers, Cold Store and Lobethal Rds. to be activated by the CFS.

4. Instruct your department to work with the community in developing a fully costed traffic management system for the section of Lobethal Rd between Tiers Rd and Harris Rd.

As a community we are aware that there have been representations made concerning safety issues around the school precinct. We are keen to ensure that a commitment is made to fix this problem – we would rather not have to wait until there is a serious accident before action is taken.

I look forward to receiving your response.

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