

ROADS — SPEED CHANGES — GOODWOOD ROAD, CAPEL

1225. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to speed changes on Goodwood Road as it enters the town of Capel, in the Shire of Capel and I ask:

- (a) why was the 100 kilometres per hour speed zone shifted from near the intersection of Goodwood and Capel Tutunup Roads towards the townsite;
- (b) was this move related to the lowering of the town speed limit to 40 kilometres per hour;
- (c) if yes to (b), what was the connection; and
- (d) what is required to take the 100 kilometre per hour zone further out, or to its original boundary?

Hon Sue Ellery replied:

- (a)–(d) Changes to Australian Standard 1742.2-2020 removed ‘speed limit buffer’ zones, e.g. a buffer zone that reduced speeds from 100km/h, to 80km/h, to 60km/h.

As part of the overall review of speed zoning in Capel, the 100km/h speed zone has been extended to incorporate the former 80km/h ‘speed limit buffer’.

When a speed zone is reviewed, any existing buffer zones are assessed for appropriateness against the new/current standard.

Two pairs of advisory signs have been installed in the 100km/h section to alert drivers of the reduction to 60km/h.

There would need to be significant changes to the road and/or roadside environment to take the 100km/h zone further out.