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Dear Chair,

Petition no. 008 – Speed limit on Chapman Road, Beresford

Thank you for the opportunity to make a tabling Member submission to the Standing Committee on Environment & Public Affairs in relation to the Petition regarding the speed limit on Chapman Road in Beresford.

A number of affected residents and business owners in the Chapman Rd area would like the speed limit between Cecily Street, Bluff Point and Phelps Street, Beresford, to match the remaining part of Chapman Road, which is 50km per hour. This section of Chapman Road connects a very busy primary school in St Lawrence Primary School at one end and a major shopping precinct at the other in Northgate Shopping Centre. This stretch of road is considered a major arterial route but is not unfortunately considered a “built up residential area”.

This recently enhanced foreshore has increased the demand of pedestrians and cyclists wishing to access this area. A request for an additional pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Chapman Road and Dean Street for residents including school children who are attempting to access this area would further assist in connectivity.

The North West Coastal Highway is an appropriate thoroughfare for traffic wishing to maintain a 60km/h speed.

The request to change the speed limits in this area was brought to the City of Greater Geraldton on the 11th May 2019 and a response from the City was received on the 7th June 2019. The City advised they had completed traffic surveys of the area, collating traffic volumes and the speed of the traffic through this section of road and were to work with Main Roads with this data.

The Midwest is expecting significant growth in the tourism sector, with most visitors to the region travelling by road, following the creation of the Houtman Abrolhos Islands National

Park and recent upgrades to Kalbarri National Park, as well as the State Government's recently announced Wander out Yonder tourism initiative.

There is also planned expansion of the mining sector in the Midwest region which will bring an additional workforce. Consequently, it is imperative that the safety of our roads for residents, and road users alike is maintained.

It is my view that a reduction to the speed limit on Chapman Road in Beresford would enhance community safety and allow increased safe access to the revitalised foreshore.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colin de Grussa', written in a cursive style.

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