

29 July 2025

Commissioner of Road Safety
Road Safety Commission
PO Box 6348
EAST PERTH WA 6892

Dear Commissioner Warner,

Re: Support for the Perth Inner City Group's 40km/h Slower Speeds Project

On behalf of The Kids Research Institute Australia, I am writing to express our strong support for the Perth Inner City Group initiative to implement a 40km/h speed limit within designated inner-city residential areas.

The proposed project aligns with our vision and purpose to find solutions to improve the health and happiness of children and young people everywhere by enhancing road safety, reducing traffic-related incidents, and improving the quality of life for residents, pedestrian and cyclists in Perth's inner city. There is clear evidence from various urban areas across that world that demonstrates lower speed limits significantly decreases the severity and frequency of accidents, creating safer environments for all road users.

This work follows an international trend to slow urban environments to increase liveability and alternate modes of transit, as we have seen here in Australia within the City of Vincent but also parts of Sydney and Melbourne. American Cities with slower urban inner-city precincts include Seattle, Minneapolis, and Portland, Oregon. European Cities include:

- Paris, who implemented a 30 km/h speed limit in most of the city in 2021, with exceptions for major thoroughfares.
- Brussels: Introduced a 30 km/h speed limit in 2021.
- Graz, Austria: A pioneer, implementing a general 30 km/h limit on most roads in 1992.
- Bologna, Italy: Adopted a 30 km/h limit in early 2024.
- London: Has 355km of roads with a 30km/h limit, up from 215km in 2022.

We acknowledge the importance of this initiative and believe that its successful implementation will serve as a vital step towards creating a more liveable, accessible, and safer Perth. This is particularly important as we increasingly embrace growing urban density. We urge the Road Safety Commission to allocate and release the necessary funds to support the rollout of this critical project.

We are confident that with the appropriate funding and support, the Perth Inner City Group 40km/h speed reduction initiative will deliver meaningful safety benefits and contribute positively to Perth's ongoing urban development goals.

Thank you for your consideration and ongoing commitment to road safety. We look forward to your favourable response and to collaborating further to improve safety outcomes across Western Australia.

Yours sincerely,



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