

Councillor Martin - MoN - O'Connell Street Speed Limit

Tuesday, 25 August 2026
Council

Council Member
Councillor Phillip Martin

Public

Contact Officer:
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MOTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Phillip Martin will move a motion and seek a seconder for the matter shown below to facilitate consideration by the Council:

'That Council;

Noting the petition from locals and the impending reduction of the speed limit on Melbourne Street, asks the Administration to;

1. Incorporate in the O'Connell Street Main street Upgrade Design a reduction in the current speed limit from 50 kph or 40 kph, and to
2. Consult with DIT and the community, as required.'

ADMINISTRATION COMMENT

1. The O'Connell Street Revitalisation Project was initiated by Council as part of the Main Streets Revitalisation Program. Council endorsed the Concept Plan at its meeting on 27 August 2024.
2. A key outcome identified within the Concept Plan is Item 10.5, *'People-focused destination with opportunity for a reduced speed limit in alignment with the City Speed Limit Review project.'*
3. The current detailed design for the O'Connell Street Main Street Upgrade has been prepared to accommodate the existing 50 km/h speed limit. Importantly, the proposed design would also accommodate a future reduction to 40 km/h should Council support such a change and the relevant approvals be obtained.
4. Any amendment to the speed limit would require the preparation of a Traffic Impact Statement and consultation with the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT), which is the authority responsible for approving speed limit changes.
5. Should Council resolve to support the proposed motion:
 - 5.1. The Administration will undertake a Traffic Impact Statement and consult with DIT regarding a proposed speed limit reduction (in parallel with the delivery of the Main Street Upgrade) including any additional supporting infrastructure works that may be required.
 - 5.2. The Administration will inform Council Members via an E-news of the outcome of discussions with DIT and the next steps required for the implementation of a 40km/h speed limit on O'Connell Street once confirmed by DIT.

Should the proposed motion be supported by Council, the following implications of this motion should be considered. Note any costs provided are estimates only – no quotes or prices have been obtained:	
Public consultation	Consultation with DIT will be required in the first instance. Subject to the outcome of discussion with DIT, the community will be engaged in relation to the proposed change to the speed limit.
External consultant advice	Preparation of a Traffic Impact Statement
Legal advice / litigation (eg contract breach)	Not applicable
Impacts on existing projects	Current design supports a reduction in speed limits along O'Connell Street.
Budget reallocation	Not applicable
Capital investment	Not applicable
Staff time in preparing the workshop / report requested in the motion	Staff time will be allocated as necessary to undertake activities outlined in this MoN response, including engaging with DIT, the project design team and preparation of an E-News. No workshop or Council report is anticipated at this time.
Other	Not applicable
Staff time in receiving and preparing this administration comment	To prepare this administration comment in response to the motion on notice took approximately 5.5 hours.

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