

# SPEED ZONES ON MARY STREET

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There is a rather crazy situation on Mary Street when it comes to speed zones.

If you are driving across the Old Mandurah Bridge towards Halls Head you should be doing 50km/h. Go through the roundabout along Mary Street for 170m and you will enter the residential area near Monterey Bay, but mysteriously the speed limit increases to 60km/h!

About 700m later, just past McLarty Road, you are in the park area in the middle of the residential zone and the speed limit then comes back to 50km/h.

The problem for residents along this strip is twofold:

Firstly, the speed limits are largely ignored, so 65km/h and higher is the norm, plus we have the high-speed screamers, with all the safety considerations that that brings.

Secondly, the noise generated for residents close to Mary Street is a real issue.

For those close to the Mary Street Bridge there is a double whammy. The noise generated by traffic hitting the surface irregularities at either end of the bridge produces an additional sharp noise ranging from a dull thud-thud from a car, up to real crashing noises from buses and commercial vehicles with loose loads.

I have contacted the City of Mandurah about the issue, requesting a drop to 50kph along that entire strip. They have passed our concerns on to Main Roads who control speed limits.

If you would like to express your support for this change, please send me a short email, headed **Mary Street** with your details to [tedion@yahoo.com](mailto:tedion@yahoo.com).

I will collate the data and send it on to the powers that be as a petition.

Thank you,

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