

RAA Member Panel

Speed Limits

With both the Adelaide Hills and Adelaide City Council reviewing their speed limits, RAA sought feedback from our Member Panel.

The feedback from our Member Panel was used to respond to these proposals; you can read our full submissions [here](#).

The Adelaide City Council’s proposal aimed to make the city more people-friendly and to increase the sense of the community, creating a ‘village atmosphere’.

Their proposal states that lower traffic speeds will not only improve road safety, but also improve the environment for all street users.

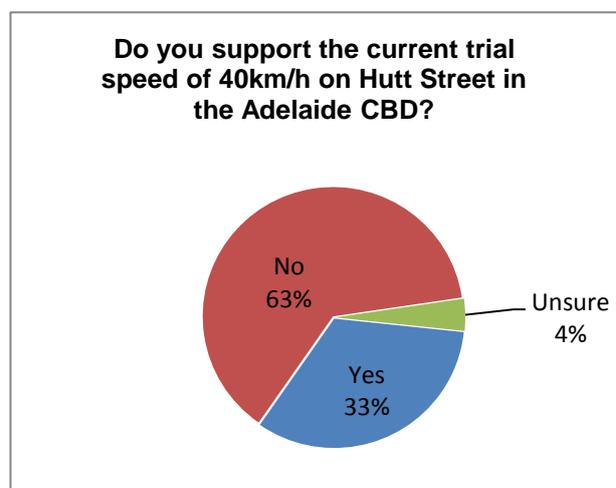
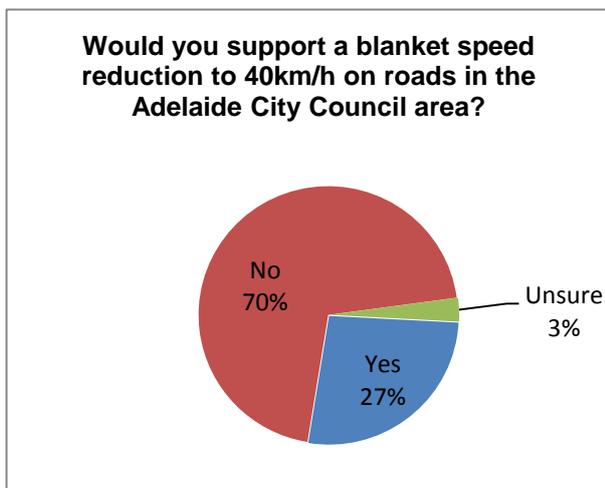
The Adelaide Hills Council and State Government say their review will deliver speed limits within the Adelaide Hills Council area that are consistent and will improve road safety within the area for all road users.

Adelaide City Council Speed Limits

The vast majority of member panellists (81%) drive in the CBD either daily, once a week or once a month. Over 50% of our respondents travel into the CBD for work or medical purposes, making their trips unavoidable.

Member Panel participants did not support a blanket approach to speed limit reduction (70%), and were in favour of returning Hutt Street to its original 50km/h.

RAA took this feedback on board and continued to advocate throughout the trial period for more practical solutions to traffic issues, and was pleased when the trial ended and the speed limit was reverted back to 50km/h.



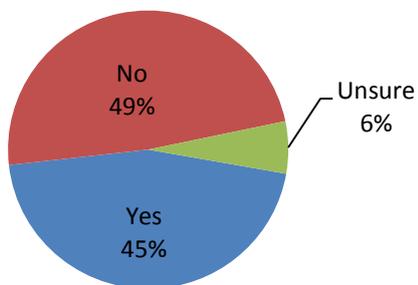
Adelaide Hills Speed Limits

Seventy per cent of RAA member panellists told us they drive within the Adelaide Hills daily, weekly or every month, and a further 29% drive in the area a couple of times a year.

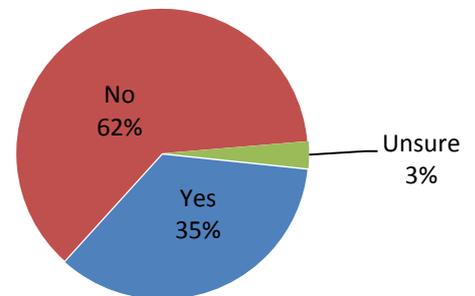
The response to blanket speed reductions was mixed. Forty nine per cent of member panellists did not support blanket speed reductions in the Hills, compared to 45%.

When asked about speed limits and safety, members were not convinced that reducing speed limits would improve road safety. Comments from members showed that they supported improved driver education and general understanding of road rules, with some referring to the condition of our road infrastructure.

Would you support a reduction in speed limits along roads in the Adelaide Hills Council area (does not include the South Eastern Freeway) from 100km/h to 80km/h?



In general, do you believe reducing the legal speed limit on some South Australian roads will improve road safety?



Attachment 1 – Member Panel Questions and Results

1. What is your primary mode of transport?
 - Vehicle 88%
 - Bicycle 10%
 - Feet 3%
 - Public transport 0%

2. How often do you visit the Adelaide CBD or North Adelaide?
 - Occasionally (around once a month) 35%
 - Frequently (at least once a week) 25%
 - Every day 21%
 - Rarely (a couple of times a year) 18%
 - Never 1%

3. **(For people who don't answer 'never')** What is the main reason for your visit?
 - Work 35%
 - Shopping 33%
 - Medical Appointment 16%
 - Travel through City because it is quicker than other routes 14%
 - Resident 2%

4. Would you support a blanket speed reduction to 40km/h on roads in the Adelaide City Council area?
 - No 71%
 - Yes 27%
 - I'm not sure 3%

5. Do you support the current trial speed of 40km/h on Hutt Street in the Adelaide CBD?
 - No – It should revert back to 50km/h 63%
 - Yes – Hutt Street should be 40km/h 33%
 - I don't know 4%

6. Would you support a reduction in speed limit from 60km/h to 50km/h on roads that border or pass through the Park Lands, such as West Terrace, Goodwood Road Wakefield Road?
 - No 66%
 - Yes 28%
 - I'm not sure 6%

7. How often do you visit the Adelaide Hills?
 - Occasionally (around once a month) 36%
 - Rarely (a couple of times a year) 29%
 - Frequently (at least once a week) 24%
 - Every day 10%
 - Never 0%

8. Would you support a reduction in speed limits along roads in the Adelaide Hills Council area (does not include the South Eastern Freeway) from 100km/h to 80km/h?

- No 49%
- Yes 45%
- I'm not sure 6%

9. How often do you visit country South Australia?

- Occasionally (around once a month) 38%
- Rarely (a couple of times a year) 30%
- Every day 16%
- Frequently (at least once a week) 15%
- Never 0%

10. Would you support a reduction in speed limits from 110km/h to 100km/h on some country roads such as the Lincoln Highway, the Princes Highway and Flinders Highway?

- No 74%
- Yes 23%
- I'm not sure 4%

11. In general, do you believe reducing the legal speed limit on some South Australian roads will improve road safety?

- Yes 35%
- No 62%
- I'm not sure 3%