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Transport Commission Direction for the installation of 40 km/h speed limit signs
in the Hobart Central Business District

Mr Nick Heath
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Dear Nick,

Thank you for the correspondence of 23 October 2020 from Neil Noye regarding a request to install 40 km/h speed limit signs in the Hobart Central Business District (CBD).

The Tasmanian Road Safety Strategy embraces the Safe System approach which aims to establish a road network system which operates without any deaths or serious injuries. The use of 40 km/h speed limit restrictions in high pedestrian activity areas, such as the Hobart CBD, is one of the mechanisms to achieve this.

Subject to the following minor adjustment below, Council's proposal is accepted and the Transport Commission, acting pursuant to Section 59(1) of the *Traffic Act 1925*, hereby issues a Direction for the use of 40 km/h speed limit signs in the Hobart CBD as described in Council's submission.

Council's proposal includes a 40 km/h speed limit restriction on the section of Harrington Street between Davey and Macquarie Streets. This would mean that traffic travelling up Sandy Bay Road and turning onto Macquarie Street would go from a 50 km/h speed limit, down to 40 km/h, and then back up to 50 km/h. Motorists are confused by too many speed limit changes, and this issue can be avoided by commencing the 40 km/h speed limit on Harrington Street, on the northern side of Macquarie Street.

Please complete and return the attached *Notification of Completed Traffic Facilities Modifications* form within two weeks of installing the new signs. For more information, please contact Donald Howatson by email at donald.howatson@stategrowth.tas.gov.au or telephone on 03 6166 3327 for more information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gary Swain".

Gary Swain
Commissioner for Transport

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