## **Lower Speed Limit - Oriental Bay -Confirmation**

Thank you for giving the Council your views on lowering the speed limit in Oriental Bay.

**Your Details** 

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I would like to make an oral submission in early

2011:

Yes

I am making this

submission:

on behalf of an organisation

Organisation Name: Cycle Aware Wellington

Do you believe it is appropriate to reduce the speed limit to 40 km/h as indicated on the

map:

Yes

Comments: General: Research, and experience for example in the Golden Mile, indicates

> that lower speed reduces the frequency and severity of crashes Lower vehicle speeds increase the confidence of pedestrians and bicyclists, making use of sustainable transport more attractive. Lower speed limits are a very cost effective safety measure. The lower speed limit areas, such as Aro Valley, that have been introduced have not created problems, and have been welcomed by residents. Oriental Bay specifically: Proposed limit is close to average speed, and impact on travel time will be minimal Lower speeds will facilitate vehicles exiting from side streets, and the Freyberg parking area. An attraction of Oriental Bay is the cafes on either side of the road so that pedestrians are frequently needing to cross to get to the shared cycle/walkway and the beach; lower speed limits will make

this safer.

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