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Chief Minister

SPEED LIMITS LOWERED ON GUNN POINT ROAD

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A stretch of road along Gunn Point Road has had its speed limit reduced after a number of community members raised safety concerns.

Chief Minister Adam Giles said the Government had received a number of concerns about safety along this stretch and had listened to the residents.

"A review was undertaken and it was decided that the section between Sittella Road and the Howard River Bridge should have the speed limit reduced from 100km/h to 80km/h," Mr Giles said.

"With Darwin's construction industry continuing to grow rapidly, the increase in heavy vehicle traffic along this road is climbing significantly and due to the extra vehicles on the road it was deemed appropriate to lower this limit.

"This decision enhances safety of the people in the area as well as for traffic turning into the rural subdivisions.

"Upgrades have also been made to the road, with raised reflective pavement markers installed at each intersection.

"The Territory continues to lead the development of Northern Australia, and with the continued increase of vehicles and people we need to take appropriate measures to ensure safety."

The stretch of affected road is about two kilometres long and will add less than a minute to overall travel time along Gunn Point Road.

Variable messages boards have been onsite since last week to provide advance notice for residents and motorist and will remain onsite until 16 January.

Mr Giles said static signs advising the new speed limit were also being installed.

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