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Grimley Gets Permanent Speed Limit Change at Marengo

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Member for Western Victoria Stuart Grimley has welcomed the speed limit change on the Great Ocean Road at Marengo to 80km/h from 100km/h as a result of his advocacy.

In September 2020, Mr Grimley [called on the Victorian Government](#) to make changes to a stretch of road on the Great Ocean Road to make it safer for wildlife and road users through the implementation of virtual wildlife barriers, and in the short-term, a lower speed limit.

At the time, Mr Grimley asked the Minister for Road Safety if there were “plans to install virtual wildlife fencing to reduce the possible fatality of both wildlife and humans and if not, if a speed reduction is being explored?”

Today Regional Roads Victoria has changed the speed limit from 100 km/h down to 80km/h between Elliott Road and Cemetery Road in Marengo.

Although the calls for virtual wildlife fencing and sound barriers were dismissed by the Government, the reduction to the speed limit is a step in the right direction.

Some Marengo locals (including the Otway Wildlife Group) have been campaigning for a change in the speed limit for more than decade, as wildlife injuries and deaths had become all too common.

Mr Grimley congratulated Otway Wildlife Group President Willie Bedford for being a staunch advocate for solutions for this stretch of road. Ms Bedford was relieved and excited when she saw the new speed limit signs go up.

Quotes Attributable to Stuart Grimley MP:

“I think the Government missed out on a golden opportunity to trial another area of virtual wildlife fencing, especially since the report of promising results at the Phillip Island trial. However, it is fantastic Regional Roads Victoria has changed the speed limit in Marengo to make the road safer for our wildlife and road users.

“Willie Bedford and the Otway Wildlife Group have been campaigning for this speed limit change for more than a decade. Not only will it make the stretch of road safer for wildlife, but also wildlife rescuers and kids that cross the road to catch the school bus.

It is important that we continue to strike the right balance for every person and animal who use, and live, on the Great Ocean Road.”

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