



Memo to: Councillor Jurd

Copy to: Mayor Watton, all Councillors, General Manager, Directors, Senior Leadership Group and Communications & Engagement Team

From: Paul McLachlan, Director Works and Infrastructure

Subject: West Avenue Cessnock, Speeding and Safety Concerns

Date: 4 February 2026

Reference: CRM 789/2026 - DOC2026/019223

Dear Councillor Jurd

I refer to your questions regarding the Councillor memo issued 22 January 2026 - West Avenue, Cessnock, Speeding and Safety Concerns.

When it says maximum speed at 131kms? Does that mean cars are doing 131kms?

Council officers have investigated the subject matter and advise as follows:

- The maximum speed captured in the below findings was 132.7km/h. This was reflective of 1 vehicle travelling at this speed.
- The traffic counter used to capture this data was installed east of the West Avenue Bridge for a 7 day period from 10 December 2025 to 18 December 2025.

Key Findings:

- Total vehicles: 88,508
- Average speed 46.8km/h
- Minimum speed 10.1km/h
- Maximum speed 132.7km/h (one vehicle)
- The 85th percentile speed was 51.78 km/h, meaning that 85% of vehicles detected along West Avenue were travelling at or below this speed.
- Council work with NSW Police to identify areas of concern in relation to poor driver behaviour.

Please note a copy of this memo will be uploaded to the Council website.