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### RTA FAILS AGAIN OVER SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY

School zone safety campaigner Peter Olsen says that information obtained recently from the RTA has once again demonstrated the RTA's apathy and negligence with regard to school zone safety.

"Last year the NRMA highlighted an issue that I have also raised in the past, which is that many 40km/h school zone signs are hidden behind trees or other obstructions, placing the lives of children at risk.

"I recently lodged an FOI application on the RTA under the new Government Information (Public Access) Act. I asked amongst other things the date on which the RTA last inspected all school zone signs to ensure that they were clearly visible to drivers.

"In its response the RTA claimed:

*"The Speed Management Unit last reviewed all school zone signage (in excess of 50,000 signs) over a 1 year period between 2008 and the end of January 2009".*

"In 2006 I placed photos of numerous hidden 40kmh signs on my web site to highlight the problem: <http://www.schoolzonelights.com.au/anomalies5.html> The RTA is fully aware of the web site.

"After receiving the RTA's above response I rechecked many of the signs in those photographs. I found that in most cases absolutely nothing has been done, as before-and-after photographs prove. (See attached).

"Either the RTA's claim in its FOI response was false, or the RTA is incompetent and has no concern for the safety of children.

"I call on the RTA and Government to initiate action immediately to address the problem before a child pays the ultimate price for their apathy.

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