Sign Pollution

Signs, their placement, are they really needed. Driving many of our road there seem to be plenty of signs to see. Are there too many, what are the details regarding the placement of these? Looking at the crossing area in particular I have come across the following.

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A6.4.2 Pedestrian Crosswalk Ahead Sign (WC-2)

Where there is limited visibility of the crosswalk area, the Pedestrian Crosswalk Ahead sign (WC-2) must be installed 50 m to 150 m in advance of pedestrian crosswalks.

The Pedestrian Crosswalk Ahead sign may be used in advance of a Special Crosswalk.

The pedestrian symbol on the sign must be walking toward the centre of the road. The right version of the sign is installed on the right side of the road. On one-way streets or divided roads, the left version of the sign may also be installed on the left side or in the median, with the pedestrian symbol walking toward the centre of the road.





From the point where photo is taken, the chainage to each sign seen on the right is :

WA-2 is 140m

110 to next sign

RA-4 is 250m

120 to next sign

WA-2 is 370

85m to next sign

RA-4 is 455

TAC A6.4.2, could be read as, both the WC-2 could be removed - reducing sign pollution.



Current sign placement



Potential setting, less bright signs, allows the actually crossing signs to stand out.

I have sent an e-mail to TAC regarding this, the returning letter simply referenced the A6.4.2.

How do you address this, would you place a WA-2 even when the RA-4 can be seen 200m or further away, How about 500m?