



Special Board Meeting Minutes

Date & time	15 December 2012, 9.30am
Location	Teleconference
Attendance	Chris Moller (Chair), Tony Lanigan, Gill Cox and Adrienne Young-Cooper, Patsy Reddy, Alick Shaw and Jerry Rickman
Apologies	None
NZTA staff in attendance	Geoff Dangerfield (Chief Executive), Colin Crampton (Group Manager Highways & Network Operations), Ian Duncan (State Highway Manager, Otago/Southland) and Niclas Johansson (Southern Business Unit Manager)

1. Chief Executive's matters

1.1 Review of the SH94 Homer Tunnel Western Portal Rock Fall Management

Board paper 12/12/0704

This special meeting was called to assure the Board that applicable risk management systems and the right people are in place to manage the threat of rock falls above the western portal of the SH94 Homer tunnel.

Resolution 1	<p><i>The New Zealand Transport Agency Board:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• noted that well established risk management systems and operational capability are in place to manage high risk events on SH94 between Te Anau and Milford Sound, such as avalanches and rock falls;• noted two new risks above the western portal of the Homer tunnel have emerged on SH94, which are instability in the upper bluff rock mass, and accumulated rock fall debris on an intermediate snow-shelf;• received the Chief Executive's assurance that risk management systems have been continuously adapted to the emerging new risks, and will continue to be adapted and updated in response to new information, including independent peer review;• agreed that with the current risk management system in place, a tightly managed opening and operation of SH94 between Te Anau and Milford Sound is appropriate, and that the operation managers will continue to review and decide on appropriate restrictions, if any, for general traffic on the basis of the ongoing risk assessment.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>noted that a comprehensive communications and engagement plan has been developed to inform road users of the approach to managing the risks inherent in this road environment and the measures to be undertaken in the short to medium term.</i>
<p>Requested actions</p>	<p><i>The Chief Executive is to provide regular weekly reports to the special Board committee for SH94 while the risks remain and particularly as conditions change on site.</i></p> <p><i>The Chief Executive will report back on a more comprehensive assessment of the risks of rock falls along SH94 and the risks to motorists.</i></p>

<p>Minutes approved by the Chair</p>	<p>_____</p>
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