

MIN-4022 [PROACTIVE] Franz Josef resilience work update

25 November 2022

This provides an update on the Franz Josef resilience work.

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency understands that the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) has provided a briefing paper to Minister McAnulty, in his capacity as Associate Minister for Local Government, on next steps for the Franz Josef resilience work.

The Franz Josef long-term resilience work has been in development for many years and Waka Kotahi has been involved throughout as outlined in MINO-0412 and MINO-0488 attached.

Key points to be aware of in terms of progress to date are summarised below.

- Following the significant flood damage from the Waiho River in March 2019, Ministers met to discuss the next steps for the long-term solution. Ministers decided to appoint Dave Brash as an independent chair and consultant tasked with reviewing the work undertaken to date on resilience options for Franz Josef and drawing up an action plan. Ministers agreed central government officials would act as the working group and Hon Nanaia Mahuta, Minister of Local Government volunteered to be the lead Minister for the project.

- s 9(2)(f)(iv)

- In early 2020 the COVID-19 response diverted the attention of both central and local government officials to the immediate social and economic response required to support our communities. The COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund (CRRF) was established, overseen by the Infrastructure Reference Group Ministers and administered by Kānoa - Regional Economic Development & Investment Unit (Kānoa - RDU)

- s 9(2)(f)(iv)

§ 9(2)(f)(iv)

§ 9(2)(f)(iv)

RELEASED UNDER THE OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT