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MINO-584 [MoT for Input] – flooding response update

7 February 2023

Provide an update on the flooding response to be provided to Cabinet.

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency's response:

- The situation across all areas affected by the severe weather event is still very changeable at short notice. The effects of the rain are continuing with new slips, washouts, and treefalls continuing to appear across the network. This may continue for some time after the rain ceases.
- State Highway 1 (SH1) Brynderwyn is open northbound between 8:00am and 8:00pm daily due to slips. Benching of slips at the southern end is continuing but is not impacting on traffic. The timeframe to fully reopen the road is currently uncertain.
- A significant under slip on SH25A has resulted in a section of the road being lost in its entirety, and the slip area is continuing to extend. Reinstating this section of the road will be complex and will take considerable time. Geotechnical investigations and solution design is underway. Waka Kotahi continues to monitor the site on a daily basis to look for further movement and any changes in geotechnical conditions.
- SH23 is currently closed to all traffic except emergency services in light vehicles due to slips. The construction of a temporary road set back from the slip site is planned. No timeframe to complete this work is currently available, but this is not likely to occur before the middle of next week and progress will be weather dependent. The site has continued to move and is under constant monitoring.
- The SH1 Hibiscus Coast on ramp remains closed, and the reopening of this is yet to be confirmed. The toll exemption on the Northern Gateway remains in place until 10pm on 10 February.
- Waka Kotahi has been providing regular updates on traffic and travel information on its channels and the Journey Planner site has seen a huge increase in user traffic, with 668,174 page views on Saturday 28 January, up from the usual daily traffic of 20,000-30,000. Waka Kotahi encourages motorists to use this site before undertaking any travel.
- Over the course of the weather event, Waka Kotahi responded to 63 media queries and issued 36 media releases and/or traffic bulletins.