

MINO-697 Safety concerns on SH25 between Waikawau and Kereta, Coromandel

15 May 2023

Providing information on possible intervention to cater for the additional traffic on SH25 generated by the closure of SH25A and alleviate safety concerns raised by residents affected by this.

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency's response:

- Concerns were raised to Hon Scott Simpson, MP for Coromandel, by his constituents, s 9(2)(a), about the safety on a section of SH25 between Waikawau and Kereta in Coromandel due to increasing traffic on SH25 as a result of the SH25A closure.
- On 26 March 2023, s 9(2)(a) have also raised their concerns on the same matter directly to the Minister and sought an immediate reduction of the speed limit to 50km/h. A Ministerial response is currently being prepared by Waka Kotahi (MI-698).
- Waka Kotahi acknowledges the concerns raised about this location. It has been monitoring the traffic volumes on SH25 while SH25A is closed and can confirm that it has been investigating a resolution to achieve safe, appropriate and enforceable speed limits.
- For the duration of the closure of SH25A, Waka Kotahi will implement lower speed limits on SH25 to address the increased risk caused by higher volumes of traffic.
- Work is underway to identify the exact locations of the increased risk, and the appropriate speed limits for each location. The community has been advised of this assessment work via our newsletter on Friday, 12 May 2023: <https://createsend.com/t/t-06B9533F52FD0F3D2540EF23F30FEDED>.
- We will keep the Minister updated around the details of the temporary safer speeds once confirmed, ahead of any public announcement/media release.
- Implementation of these lower speed limits will occur in the near future.