

MIN-4183 Cape Palliser Special Purpose Road

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Provide advice on the process to create Special Purpose Roads with information on the removal of the Cape Palliser Special Purpose Road.

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency's response:

- Cape Palliser Road is currently a Special Purpose Road. All Special Purpose Roads are scheduled to transition to normal funding assistance rates on 1 July 2024.
 - It has been a long-standing policy (since 2014) that these roads should transition to normal funding assistance rates.
 - In May 2020, the Waka Kotahi Board re-confirmed the approach identifying "where possible" roads should transition to normal funding assistance rates on 1 July 2024.
 - It is expected that in transitioning to normal funding assistance rates Waka Kotahi may reach agreement with Councils to fund certain activities on the Special Purpose Roads (e.g. Emergency Works) at a higher bespoke rate.
- The statutory process to create a new Special Purpose Road under the Land Transport Management Act was repealed in November 2003.
 - Waka Kotahi has the flexibility to set the funding assistance rates for approved organisations and may vary these rates in relation to a particular activity or if an approved organisation is suffering hardship allowing a different approach for roads that would previously have been special purpose.