

Roadworkers have started repairs on another section of State Highway 25 in the Coromandel at Ruamahunga Bay.

# WEEKLY REPORT TO THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT

Week ending 5 May 2023

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## 1. CURRENT BRIEFINGS (BRI) AND MINISTER QUERIES (MIN)

REFERENCE	TITLE	DUE DATE
<b>Minister Wood</b>		
BRI-2750	Ownership details in the Motor Vehicle Register	COMPLETED
BRI-2758	Update on the Greater Christchurch Public Transport Futures – Mass Rapid Transit Indicative Business Case	COMPLETED
MIN-4169	Advice regarding digital innovation	COMPLETED
MIN-4175	Advice for meeting with Westland Mineral Sands regarding work to improve coastal and regional resilience	COMPLETED
MINO-721	Superannuation driver's licence renewals – lines	COMPLETED
BRI-2745	New Zealand Upgrade April 2023	5 May 2023
MIN-4184	Air Pollution Ratings communications and engagement plan	5 May 2023
MINO-630	Mass Rapid Transit Projects	5 May 2023
MINO-697	Speeds in Coromandel	5 May 2023
MINO-724	Tāmaki Makaurau Transport Plan	5 May 2023
MINO-737	Electric vehicle charging – Temporary Traffic Management cost and flexibility	5 May 2023
MINO-740	Road Safety Week communications plan	5 May 2023
BRI-2760	Pūhoi to Warkworth delegation approval for temporary speed limits	Week ending 11 May 2023
MIN-4159	Let's get Wellington Moving – new plan for the sponsors meetings	Week ending 11 May 2023
MIN-4163	Options for improving bus driver safety	Week ending 11 May 2023

MIN-4167	COVID-19 Recovery (Fast Track Consenting) Act 2020 – Kilvarock Solar Village project comments	Week ending 11 May 2023
MIN-4176	Follow up on MINO-694 regarding State Highway 2 Safety Improvements	Week ending 11 May 2023
MINO-683	Lines for Distracted Driver Trial	Week ending 11 May 2023
MINO-722	Let's Get Wellington Moving project timelines/milestones for rest of 2023	Week ending 11 May 2023
MINO-729	Speed reduction on State Highway 25 – Lines	Week ending 11 May 2023
BRI-2743	KiwiRail's Rail Network Investment Programme	12 May 2023
BRI-2739	Pavement Conference 2023	Week ending 18 May 2023
BRI-2754	Malborough Sounds Future Access Study	Week ending 18 May 2023
MIN-4162	FIFA tickets and public transport	Week ending 18 May 2023
MIN-4178	COVID-19 Recovery (Fast Track Consenting) Act 2020 – Neil Construction Limited and Maraetai Land Development Limited projects comments	Week ending 18 May 2023
MINO-732	Climate Emergency Fund Programme expense transfer letter	Week ending 18 May 2023
MINO-738	Update on Waiheke Ferry issues – Lines	Week ending 18 May 2023
BRI-2755	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Week ending 25 May 2023
BRI-2757	Let's Get Wellington Moving meeting – 30 May 2023	Week ending 25 May 2023
MIN-4095	Safety Camera Programme update	Week ending 25 May 2023
MIN-4172	Infrastructure NZ Leader's Lunch speaking points	Week ending 25 May 2023

MIN-4126	Indicative numbers of deaths and serious injuries for 2022 – MIN-3887 follow-up	Week ending 10 August 2023
Minister Allan		
	N/A	

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## 2. ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

REFERENCE	TITLE	DUE DATE
N/A		

## 3. MEETINGS WITH OTHER MINISTERS

REFERENCE	DATE
N/A	

## 4. SELECT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

REFERENCE	DATE
N/A	



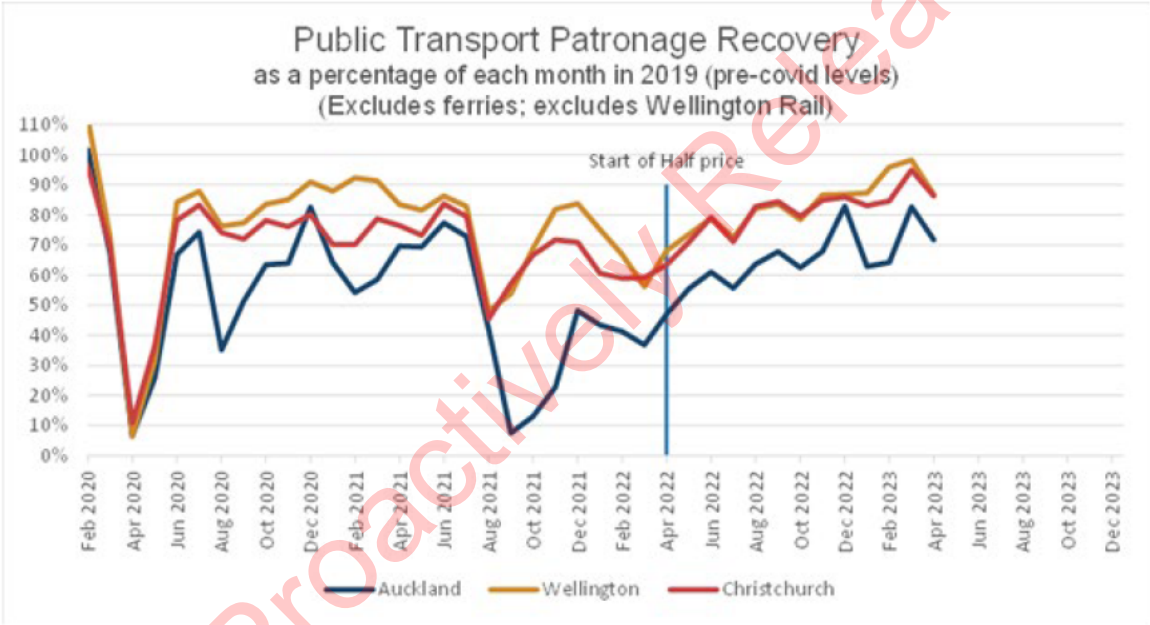
## 5. KEY UPDATES

TITLE	UPDATE
<b>Road Safety Week 15 to 21 May 2023</b>	<p>Waka Kotahi is again supporting Road Safety Week, coordinated by Brake, the road safety charity. This year's theme is again 'Be a road safety hero'. With this theme, communications will incorporate recognising those who make New Zealand's roads safer, as well as encouraging everyone to play their part.</p> <p>Waka Kotahi supports Road Safety Week by providing funding to Brake, collaborating with Brake and other road safety partners on marketing, education and communications material, co-ordinating external communications and events, and running an internal communications campaign within Waka Kotahi.</p> <p>The Communications and Engagement Plan for Road Safety Week will also be provided to you by 5 May 2023 (MINO-740 refers).</p>
<b>Regulatory Fees and Charges</b>	<p>Following the Minister's announcement about changes to regulatory fees and charges, Waka Kotahi has contacted key stakeholders about the upcoming changes, which will impact them. Most feedback has been seeking further clarification; some stakeholders have asked for meetings to discuss the changes.</p> <p>As expected, data portals like CarJam and TradeMe made submissions to our consultation expressing their opposition to a 19-cent flat fee per Motor Vehicle Register request, citing the risk this change poses to their business models. They continue to push for alternative solutions. Waka Kotahi will continue to emphasise that it costs the agency money to ensure the integrity of the data and that these costs need to be recovered from the people who access it.</p> <p>Some Driver Licence Improvement Programme stakeholders made submissions and were very unhappy with the outcome. They continue to assert that a single charge and no resit fee is a disincentive for people to study and practise hard for their licence tests and is a risk to a system already under pressure.</p> <p>A petition against free resits and proposing funding for driving lessons was launched two weeks ago on change.org and so far, has 92 signatures. Waka Kotahi will closely monitor behaviour around resits and rescheduling, and will review resit numbers in the next funding and fees review. It is worth noting that the Driver License Improvement Programme is focused on a range of</p>

TITLE	UPDATE
<p><b>Enhanced vehicle Air Pollution Ratings, Rightcar website</b></p>	<p>interventions to address access and equity issues that could be used more as a vehicle to engage with community providers.</p>
	<p>On 10 May 2023, Waka Kotahi will update its Rightcar website with improved Air Pollution Ratings for new and used light vehicles. This follows the release of the new Vehicle Safety Ratings to the site in February 2023. Together, these enhancements will give car-buyers more relevant environmental and safety information to inform their vehicle choices.</p> <p>The new Air Pollution Ratings are based on peer-reviewed research revealing major health impacts on New Zealand communities from vehicle emissions. Evidence from the Health and Air Pollution in New Zealand (HAPINZ 3.0) study, released last year, shows that people's health is being harmed by nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) emitted from motor vehicles, particularly diesel vehicles.</p> <p>The enhanced ratings have been developed by taking manufacturers' emissions ratings, matching real-world test results for each vehicle type (where available), then estimating the emissions-related health impacts.</p> <p>The Air Pollution Ratings sit alongside Carbon Emission and Fuel economy ratings on the Rightcar website. While Carbon Emission Ratings relate primarily to carbon dioxide (a greenhouse gas), the Air Pollution Ratings reflect the impact on human health from (mainly) nitrogen dioxide in vehicle exhausts. This is the first year in which health-based data have been incorporated into Air Pollution Ratings.</p>
	<p>Some media exposure may occur, and we have developed a communications plan to help manage any queries, which will be shared with you (MIN-4184 refers).</p>
<p><b>Coastal Shipping 2021-24 Update</b></p>	<p>An update on the progress of the four successful coastal shipping suppliers can be found in <b>Appendix B</b>.</p>

## 6. REGULAR UPDATES

TITLE	UPDATE
Public Transport	<p>The Climate Emergency Response Fund bus decarbonisation contestable fund has been launched, and we are scheduling meetings with councils to discuss their submissions.</p> <p>Operational policy work on the Sustainable Public Transport Framework work is progressing well, with a series of working group meetings, including public transport authorities, operators, and unions. We expect to have the required outputs complete to support the passing of the Bill into law.</p> <p>The public transport monthly recovery graph is below, now including the month of April. The next scheduled patronage update will be in a month, once May has concluded.</p>







## 7. GENERAL UPDATES

TITLE	UPDATE
<b>Network Road Closures due to Weather Events and Crashes between 23 April – 30 April 2023</b>	<b>24 April 2023</b> State Highway 1, Papakura to Drury, southbound was closed due to a serious crash for 6.5 hours. Local detours were available.  A serious crash closed State Highway 1 at Dunsandel for 4 hours. Local detours were available.
	<b>25 April 2023</b> State Highway 16 in Massey was closed between Lincoln Road and Royal Road due to a serious crash for 6 hours. Local detours were available.  State Highway 3 was closed south of Otorohanga due to a serious crash for 6.5 hours. Local detours were available.
	<b>26 April 2023</b> Due to a fatal crash, State Highway 1 was closed between Greta Valley and Cheviot for 5.5 hours. An alternate route via Route 70 was available.
	<b>29 April 2023</b> Due to a serious crash, State Highway 1, just north of Taupō, closed between Wairakei Drive and Centennial Drive for 6.5 hours. Detours were available.
	<b>30 April 2023</b> Due to a fatal motorbike crash, State Highway 1 was closed at Saltwater Creek for 4 hours. A local detour was available.  State Highway 1, Warkworth to Wellsford, was closed for 17 hours due to a slip. An alternate route (State Highway 16) was available.

## 8. REGIONAL UPDATES

REGIONAL AREA	UPDATE
<div>Waikato/Bay of Plenty</div> <div></div>	<div>s 9(2)(g)(i)</div> <div></div>
<div>Wellington/Top of South</div> <div></div>	<div>State Highway 58 Safety Improvements</div> <div>State Highway 58 (between State Highway 1, Transmission Gully, and State Highway 2) was closed from 8pm on 28 April until 7.20pm on 30 April 2023 to enable the Safety Improvements Project to complete a major rebuild of a 130-metre-long section of the highway. A full closure was used to improve worker and motorist safety whilst significant works were carried out.</div> <div>State Highway 58 is a key east to west connection for the Wellington region, joining Porirua and Kāpiti with the Hutt Valley. Closing it meant there would be significant extra traffic using State Highway 1 and State Highway 2 via the Ngauranga Interchange to travel across the region.</div> <div>In anticipation of this, a five-week long, region-wide advertising and communications campaign was launched by the Waka Kotahi</div>

project team. The Waka Kotahi Communications & Engagement team worked alongside the on-site project team who informed local residents and businesses along the highway of the closure. Local access and emergency services access was maintained throughout the closure.

The project team, Wellington Transport Alliance and Transport Operations Centre also had an incident management team stood up over the weekend. This team was monitoring the impact of the road works on the network and working to mitigate the impacts.




While there were significant delays seen on 29 April 2023 from Ngauranga Gorge on both State Highway 1 and State Highway 2, and local roads from Tawa to Johnsonville and in Petone, congestion had eased across the road network by approximately 7pm on 29 April 2023 and there was no significant congestion at all seen on 30 April 2023. The roadworks finished earlier than planned and State Highway 58 was opened 8 hours early at 8pm.

Waka Kotahi kept the public up to date on the delays via social media channels, and roadside signs. Although some members of the public were impacted by congestion, feedback from social media comments suggests that most people were aware of the closure and the impact it would have on the network.

Here is some of the feedback from members of the public on our Facebook page:



## 9. MEDIA UPDATES

REGIONAL AREA	UPDATE
<b>Auckland/Northland</b> 	<b>Ara Tūhono – Pūhoi to Warkworth May road closures</b> A media release will be distributed early during the week starting 8 May 2023 to advise of road closures for line marking works at the Southern Connection, on State Highway 1, north of the Johnstones Hill Tunnels, as part of works to complete the final road layout.
<b>Waikato/Bay of Plenty</b> 	<b>State Highway 25A announcement</b> A media statement will be released on 9 May 2023 to support the Ministerial announcement of the option chosen for a permanent fix for State Highway 25A in the Coromandel.
<b>Central North Island</b> 	<b>Te Ahu a Turanga planting</b> A media statement is planned for release during the week beginning 8 May 2023 to mark the start of a programme to plant approximately 420,000 native plants as part of the Te Ahu a Turanga project.  <b>State Highway 51 safety improvements</b> A media statement is planned for release during the week beginning 8 May 2023, marking the start of the State Highway 51 safety improvements project.  <b>Hawkes Bay/Tairāwhiti State Highway5 update</b> A media statement is planned for release during the week beginning 8 May 2023, updating progress of repair work on State Highway 5, Napier to Taupo.

## REGIONAL AREA

## UPDATE

### Rest of the South






### Cromwell roundabout completion

A media statement is planned for release during the week beginning 8 May 2023, marking the completion of this NZ Upgrade project.

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## 10. STATE HIGHWAY CLOSURES



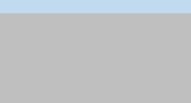


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<b>Auckland/Northland</b> 	<b>State Highway 1, Mangamuka Gorge</b> Due to multiple large slips and dropouts, State Highway 1 is closed between Kitchen Road and Makene Road, through the Mangamuka Gorge. An alternative route is offered via State Highway 10 until further notice.
<b>Waikato/Bay of Plenty</b> 	<b>State Highway 31, Kawhia to Tihiroa (State Highway 39)</b> Due to a slip, west of Te Rauamo Road (near Kawhia Lookout), State Highway 31 (Kawhia Road) will be closed on weekdays from 8am until 12.30pm, and then again from 1.30pm until 5.30pm, daily for approximately 5 weeks, starting 11 April 2023. There will be no closures on weekends. <b>State Highway 25A, Kopu to Hikuai</b> Due to full road collapse at a large washout location, the road between Kopu and Hikuai is closed until further notice.
<b>Central North Island</b> 	<b>State Highway 2, Waikare Bridge</b> Following Cyclone Gabrielle, State Highway 2 is closed at the Waikare Bridge. The bridge was destroyed with no bypass available. The Waikare Bailey bridge is expected to open to residents on 13 May 2023, and to the rest of the public later in May. <b>State Highway 2, Eskdale to Tutira</b> Following Cyclone Gabrielle, State Highway 2 remains closed to general traffic between Eskdale and Tutira. There is controlled access in place between Esk Bridge and Tangoio, available for residents and emergency services only. <b>State Highway 2, Taneatua to Kutarere (Waimana Gorge)</b> Due to multiple flooding and slip sites in the Waimana Gorge, State Highway 2 is closed between Station Road (Taneatua) and Wainui Road (Kutarere). A detour via Whakatane is available.

## 11. ROAD DEATH UPDATE – WEDNESDAY 26 APRIL 2023 TO TUESDAY 2 MAY 2023

**Key:** SAAS: Safe and Appropriate Speed. SH: State highway. IRR: Infrastructure Risk Rating. UCSR: Used Car Safety Rating. ANCAP: Australasian New Car Assessment Program. CWR: Crash Worthiness Rating. VSRR: Vehicle Safety Risk Rating. Top 10%: the 10% of regional networks assessed to deliver the greatest DSI savings through Speed Management.

Crash description		Speeds		Roads & Roadsides			People			Vehicles		
What happened (NZ Police description)	Date of crash Time of crash Local Council	Speed limit km/h	SAAS km/h	SH	IRR Land use and risk rating: low, medium, high	Road conditions	Deceased details Gender, Age, User	Deceased drivers' licence status	Restraint or helmet worn	Vehicle type where occupant died	UCSR/ANCAP/CWR (light vehicles only)	Other vehicles involved
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	Waitomo				Controlled Access							
		100	80	Yes	Low Medium	Dry None	Driver	Restricted Suspended	Unknown	Car	1*UCSR	Car
	Hurunui				Remote Rural		Driver	Unknown	Unknown	Car	5*UCSR	
		No info on Mega map	No info on Mega map	No	No info on Mega map	Dry Traffic Island, Store Window	Driver	Full Current	Yes	Car	4*UCSR	Unknown Vehicle
	Auckland											
		70	80	Yes	Low	Dry None	Cyclist	Not Applicable for Cyclist	Yes	Bicycle	Not Applicable for Bicycle	Truck and Trailer
	Tauranga				Controlled Access							
		100	80	Yes	Low Medium	Dry None	Motorcyclist	Full Current	Yes	Motorcycle	Not Applicable for Motorcycle	Car
	Waimakariri				Rural Residential							

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	 Waikato	100	80	No	Medium High  Rural Residential	Dry Ditch, Culvert	 Driver  Passenger	Unknown at the time of report Not applicable for passenger	Yes  Unknown	Car  Car	5*VSRR  5*VSRR	None  None

#### About the information:

Data is taken from NZ Police fatal crash notifications, Rightcar (<https://rightcar.govt.nz/>) and Mega Maps as at 8 am 03/05/2023

Fatal crash notifications are received within 24 hours of a death by NZ Police. Therefore, a recent crash may not be included in the report. Any subsequent death, within thirty days of the crash, will be recorded when received.

Deaths already excluded from the road toll based on Ministry of Transport assessment are not included in the data. Fatal crashes may be excluded from the road toll because the deaths may be caused by medical events, suicide, homicide, "Acts of God", be off-road or non-motor vehicle crashes, or the death may occur more than thirty days after the crash.

Fatal crashes may have occurred within the period for which notifications may be received later.

Traffic crash data covers all NZ roadways or places where the public have legal access with a motor vehicle.

- In some cases, the NZ Police description of what happened has been altered to change the tense and to protect the privacy of individuals.

## Appendix A – Low Emission Vehicle (LEV) Programme update

**Clean Car Standard Release 7 is on track for 1 June 2023.** Release 7 is the legislated functionality for Pay As You Go (PAYG) importers to offset or pay charges, transfer CO2 credits between importers, invoice PAYG balances and provide a publicly available record of account holders.

- The final technology development, 'sprint,' is nearly complete for 1 June 2023. The technology will then be tested in detail, including end to end testing across 64 different scenarios.
- Work to prepare importers continues. The outreach to single vehicle importers indicates that 25 percent are unclear on the difference between the Clean Car Discount (CCD) and Clean Car Standard (CCS), and believe that the CCD fee paid at registration is the sum of their obligations. The programme is addressing this issue with each phone call.

### Preparations to comply with Anti-Money Laundering (AML) obligations are progressing.

This includes:

- expert advice being provided by Chapman Tripp and AML Solutions
- AML Solutions carrying out a risk assessment and developing a compliance plan
- an AML Compliance Officer position being established and recruited
- the Compliance Officer and CCS operations staff being Police vetted and trained in AML
- a member of the CCS Steering Group being appointed in a temporary governance capacity.

External advice is that a nominated person at the Board and/or Executive leadership level will have AML accountabilities. This is being further investigated. In parallel, an AML exemption is being sought, which will take several months. Gaining clarity on Crown agency AML requirements remains challenging.

**Work on the 1 July 2023 CCD changes have commenced.** On 1 May 2023, the three importer associations (Motor Industry Association, Imported Motor Vehicle Industry Association, and Motor Trade Association), were contacted in-confidence to advise them of the Minister's announcement on 2 May 2023. The associations thanked the Programme Director for the advance notice and responded with concerns around the short lead time to prepare.

- The implementation is on track, noting that other Waka Kotahi work underway with Unisys has had to be delayed to accommodate this.
- Successful go-live is dependent on regulations being updated via the Ministry of Transport/Parliamentary Counsel Office.
- Change management and communications are essential to reduce the risk of importer/consumer confusion on the 1 June CCS go-live and 1 July CCD changes.

### Operational Delivery insights

The graph shows the cumulative change of CO2 credits and charges over the period of 1 January to 30 April 2023. The numbers above the green bars represent the offset balance of credits once the charges have been deducted.



## Appendix B – Coastal Shipping supplier update

<b>Aotearoa Shipping Alliance (Westland Mineral Sands)</b>	<p>Waka Kotahi has co-invested \$7 million with Aotearoa Shipping Alliance for new barge services in the East Cape, Kawhia and the West Coast.</p> <p>Final legal agreements are now being completed for the vessel, and the barge is due in dry dock in early May 2023. The vessel is planned to be certified by Maritime New Zealand and commence operations in late 2023.</p> <p>We understand that demand for the vessel is growing, with aggregates for the North Island in high demand and work ongoing with Hawkes Bay, Tairāwhiti, and Wellington projects (including the new cycleway and ferries). The Waka Kotahi procurement team and others from the industry are considering how we might utilise the barge to supply aggregate on a larger scale. Progress continues on barge facilities across multiple locations.</p>
<b>Coastal Bulk Shipping</b>	<p>Waka Kotahi co-invested \$4.9 million with Coastal Bulk Shipping on the purchase of a second vessel '<i>Rangitata</i>' and shore-based equipment.</p> <p>The <i>Rangitata</i> has been in service since November 2022.</p> <p>There has been good interest and a positive response to the introduction of the <i>Rangitata</i>, and large fertilizer companies have also been utilising the vessel in preference to road transport on some routes.</p> <p>The <i>Rangitata</i> has also been deployed to shuttle containers and other products between Gisborne and Napier, taking pressure off the damaged roading system following Cyclone Gabrielle.</p>
<b>MOVE Logistics</b>	<p>Waka Kotahi has co-invested \$10 million with MOVE Logistics on the purchase of one new, quarter-ramp roll on/ roll off (RORO) vessel.</p> <p>The vessel will initially operate three sailings a week between Nelson and New Plymouth.</p> <p>The vessel is currently being built, with commissioning and completion of sea trials planned for late 2023. Certification by Maritime New Zealand and the vessel going into service is expected in early 2024.</p> <p>In parallel, MOVE Logistics have been utilising their other vessels (which operate trans-Tasman services) to transport cargo around the coast.</p>
<b>Swire Shipping (Pacifica)</b>	<p>Waka Kotahi has co-invested up to \$10.5 million with Swire Shipping on the operating costs of a second vessel '<i>M/V Moana Chief</i>'.</p> <p>The <i>Moana Chief</i> has been in service since November 2022.</p> <p>The vessel has experienced down-time for ongoing repairs, which has led to operating results not being as strong as hoped. The operating costs subsidy will be fully consumed in the next two months, which is earlier than planned.</p> <p>Waka Kotahi will continue to support Swire Shipping as much as possible, but no further investment is available.</p>