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MIN-4199 Marlborough Sounds Future Access

24 May 2023

The Minister discussed the Marlborough Sounds Future Access Study which is being led by the Marlborough District Council at a recent officials meeting. The Council and consultants are updating the Council Members throughout the last month and the Minister has asked for some advice on the outcome.

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency's response:

- Access across Marlborough was affected by storm events in the winters of 2021 and 2022. The first two phases of event response for the Sounds and wider Marlborough district are ongoing. Phase one is well underway and is funded for \$87M Emergency Works at 95% Funding Assistance Rate (FAR). Funding for phase two (Emergency Works of \$52M at 95% FAR) focusing on the wider Marlborough District outside of the Sounds will be considered by the Waka Kotahi Board in May.
- Waka Kotahi is working with Marlborough District Council and their consultants Stantec to develop a Programme Business Case investigating future access across the Marlborough Sounds. The Programme Business Case focuses on the recovery phase for the Marlborough Sounds and covers five geographic areas: French Pass, Pelorus, Queen Charlotte, Kenepuru, and Port Underwood, with different programme option combinations for each area combining into a preferred option of higher roading and marine levels of service, plus a long-term adaptation option with a lower level of service than the preferred option to secure long-term access in the face of an extreme natural hazard scenario. s 9(2)(g)(i)

- The next phase of the Programme Business Case is community engagement from 20 June 2023 with seven community drop-in sessions being held from 20 to 28 June 2023. These sessions will be in Blenheim, Picton, around the Sounds, in Nelson and online. Marlborough District Council will use an online survey to collate feedback until 11 July and this will be incorporated into the final business case.
- s 9(2)(g)(i)

- It is anticipated that the Waka Kotahi Board (to be confirmed) will consider endorsing the Programme Business Case s 9(2)(g)(ii), s 9(2)(g)(i)




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