



Will be considered to be released with redactions

MINO-683 - Distracted Driver Safety Camera Trial Key Messages

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Provide key messaging on the distracted driver safety camera trial ahead of the public release of the safety camera trial report.

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency's response:

Report

- The report concludes that mobile phone use and seatbelt wearing are issues. Waka Kotahi will continue to work on determining what is required to achieve a change in these unsafe behaviours, including the most appropriate use of road safety interventions.
- Safety cameras and automated detection technology are potentially important tools for broader future use but are just one way that we can contribute to the Road to Zero targeted reduction of deaths and serious injuries on our roads.
- The data and relevant learnings will be used to inform Waka Kotahi decisions in future road safety measures, to reduce death and serious injuries on Aotearoa New Zealand's roads as part of Road to Zero.

Legislation

- Current legislation does not allow the use of safety cameras to enforce mobile phone or seatbelt offences.
- Decisions on the future use of this technology and next steps will be subject to the passage of enabling legislation.
- s 9(2)(f)(iv)
- Waka Kotahi will continue to work with Te Manatū Waka to explore options to enable the use of this technology for enforcement.

Next steps

- The findings of the trial will be used to help shape new initiatives that encourage people to make safer choices on our roads.
- Next steps may include:
 - further trials in locations more diverse than the current trial's high-volume urban corridors in Tāmaki Makaurau,
 - trials of issuing warning notices, and,
 - the development of education and awareness activities.
- The required business cases and procurement processes to enable Waka Kotahi to commence enforcement once enabling legislation is in effect will also be explored.