

26 March 2020

Tane Karamaina
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REF: OIA-6535

Dear Tane,

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email to Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency on 15 March 2020 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I'd like crash data on State Highway 1 from Hatepe through Waitahanui up to the roundabout near Taupō Airport. Ideally, I'd like to know the number of crashes, what the causes of the crashes were, and how many fatalities have been recorded over the last ten years

The data you requested is being provided to you in the attached spreadsheet:

- OIA-6535.xlsx

It is important to note the following in relation to the information provided. This information is also provided to you in the attached spreadsheet:

- This data is provided from the road traffic crash database; Crash Analysis System (CAS) version 1.3.4.
- Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency maintains the Crash Analysis System which is updated once a Traffic Crash Report (TCR) is received from NZ Police sometime after the crash.
- Data is for all crashes for the years 2010 to 2019 as recorded in CAS to date - 16/03/2020.
- Data is limited to crashes on State Highway 1N between Rereahu Avenue and the SH 1N/Lake Terrace roundabout.
- A crash, to be recorded in CAS has to have occurred on a road. The CAS definition of a road is any street, motorway or beach, or a place to which the public have access with a motor vehicle, whether as of right or not e.g. a public car park.
- Due to the police reporting time frame and subsequent data processing there is a lag from the time of a crash to full and correct crash records within CAS.
- Due to the nature of non-fatal crashes it is believed that these are under-reported, with the level of under-reporting decreasing with the severity of the crash.
- The cause of a crash cannot necessarily be attributed to any one factor (eg fatigue) as a crash may have multiple factors.
- Crash severity is the severity of the worst injury in the crash. There may be more than one injury in a crash, so the crash and injury tables may have different numbers.

If you would like to discuss this reply with Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, please contact Megan Heffield Senior Manager, Media, by email to Megan.Heffield@nzta.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Galina Mitchelhill', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Galina Mitchelhill
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