

From: [Jasmine Higginson](#)
To: [Tom James](#)
Cc: [Danya Levy](#); [Beth Houston](#); [Andrew Knackstedt](#)
Subject: RE: FYI: Media response re TG and PP20
Date: Friday, 17 April 2020 1:43:00 PM

Thanks Tom. Yes we're expecting more and will respond along the same lines.

Cheers
Jasmine

From: Tom James <Tom.James@parliament.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, 17 April 2020 1:41 PM
To: Jasmine Higginson <Jasmine.Higginson@nzta.govt.nz>
Cc: Danya Levy <Danya.Levy@parliament.govt.nz>; Beth Houston <Elizabeth.Houston@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: FYI: Media response re TG and PP20

Thanks Jasmine, that's fine. I think there will be a bunch of these types of stories in the coming days.

Cheers,

Tom

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From: Jasmine Higginson <Jasmine.Higginson@nzta.govt.nz>
Date: Friday, 17 Apr 2020, 1:24 PM
To: Tom James <Tom.James@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: FYI: Media response re TG and PP20

Hi Tom,

FYI we have received the query below from Section 9(2)(a) Dom Post.

Here's how we will be responding:


Waka Kotahi is working closely with Government to develop plans for restarting work on state highway project sites during different alert levels, while adhering to COVID-19 restrictions and protections for workers and road users. Government has not yet made a decision on when New Zealand will move to Level 3, so it is too early to say when work might resume on specific capital projects or non-essential state highway maintenance activity. The Level 4 shutdown and other effects of Covid-19 are likely to have an impact on the completion dates for many projects, but it is too early to say what the impact may be for individual projects.

Any issues let me know. Will get this off before 3pm today.

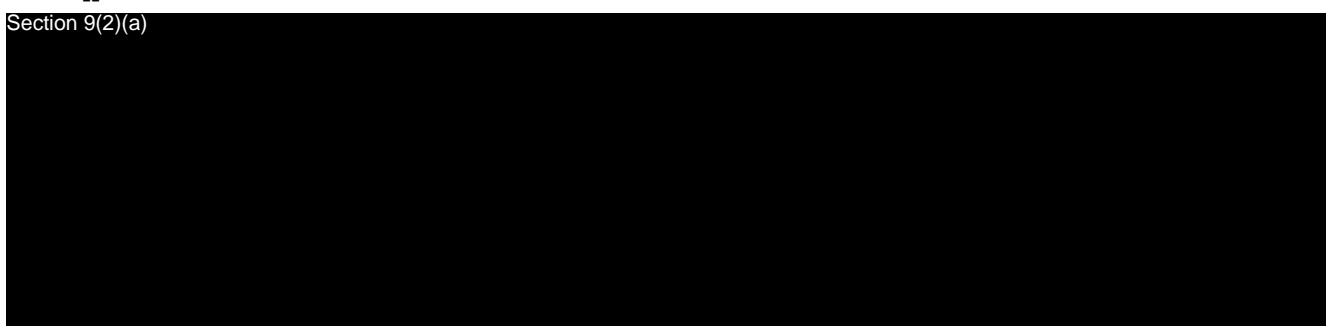
Cheers
Jasmine

From: Section 9(2)(a)
Sent: Friday, 17 April 2020 8:50 AM
To: Jasmine Higginson <Jasmine.Higginson@nzta.govt.nz>
Subject: TG and PP2O restarting?

Out of scope of this request



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Section 9(2)(a)



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From: [Jasmine Higginson](#)
To: [Tom James](#)
Subject: RE: MA: Twyford - Transmission Gully blessing and naming
Date: Monday, 16 March 2020 12:40:00 PM

No worries at all, at least if we postpone to a later date then it's just a matter of updating the materials.

Section 9(2)(g)(i)

From: Tom James <Tom.James@parliament.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, 16 March 2020 12:27 PM
To: Jasmine Higginson <Jasmine.Higginson@nzta.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: MA: Twyford - Transmission Gully blessing and naming

Thanks Jasmine! I know it's a lot of work putting these events and materials together.

Section 9(2)(g)(i)

From: Jasmine Higginson [<mailto:Jasmine.Higginson@nzta.govt.nz>]
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To: Tom James <Tom.James@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: MA: Twyford - Transmission Gully blessing and naming

Thanks Tom, I've let the media I invited know and they understand. Section 9(2)(g)(i)

From: Tom James <Tom.James@parliament.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, 16 March 2020 12:12 PM
Subject: RE: MA: Twyford - Transmission Gully blessing and naming

Hi there,

This event has been postponed with a new date TBA.

Cheers,

Tom

From: Tom James
Sent: Thursday, 12 March 2020 9:18 AM
Subject: MA: Twyford - Transmission Gully blessing and naming

Hi,

Next week Minister Twyford will be attending the blessing and naming of Transmission Gully's bridge 20 by Ngati Toa Rangatira – media are invited to attend as well. Minister and Ngati Toa will do a stand up after the event.

As the largest structure on Transmission Gully, Bridge 20 is approximately 60m above the stream below, four lanes wide and 226m in length.

The design and construction of the bridge is highly technical, ensuring that the bridge is not only aesthetically pleasing but can withstand a 1-in-2500-year seismic event in an area of high seismicity.

Bridge 20 spans Cannons Creek and is a key connection from the southern zone (Kenepuru) through to SH58 Pauatahanui (render below).

undefined



WHEN

Tuesday 17 March 2020.

TIME

6.30am – 8am (I'll ask if NZTA can do coffee)

WHERE

Countdown Tawa

5 William Earp Place Tawa

The guests will be transported by coach to the site

RSVP

To me and eventsNZTA@nzta.govt.nz

Media invited to the event will need to arrive at 6.15am at Tawa Countdown to ensure the event starts at 7am. Parking will be available for guests at the Tawa Countdown at the north-west end of the carpark. As with all guests, all media must receive a health and safety briefing and induction. Long sleeved shirt and pants, and closed-toe, sensible walking shoes are a health and safety requirement to enter the Transmission Gully site and will be strictly enforced. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) gear will be provided on their arrival.

Once a health and safety induction has been completed, media will be transported to Bridge 20 by coach and will wait for guests and Ministers to arrive at the designated waiting area.

Once the Bridge 20 event is completed, guests will be transported back to the Tawa Countdown car park by coach.

The Transmission Gully project team will make a decision on Monday 16 March whether to postpone the event if there is wet weather.

Cheers,

Tom James | Press Secretary

Office of Hon. Phil Twyford

Minister for Urban Development

Minister of Transport

Minister for Economic Development

Section 9(2)(a)

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From: [Jasmine Higginson](#)
To: [Tom James](#)
Cc: [Priscilia Gain](#); [Danya Levy](#)
Subject: RE: TG visit transport
Date: Friday, 13 March 2020 12:31:00 PM

Great, thanks Tom.

Of the two local reporters I invited, [Section 9\(2\)\(a\)](#) from the Dom Post is coming, but [Section 9\(2\)\(a\)](#) [Section 9\(2\)\(a\)](#) Kapiti News/NZ Herald is not – so you may wish to invite someone else from the Herald.

Cheers
Jasmine

From: Tom James <Tom.James@parliament.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, 13 March 2020 11:10 AM
To: Jasmine Higginson <Jasmine.Higginson@nzta.govt.nz>
Cc: Priscilia Gain <Priscilia.Gain@nzta.govt.nz>; Danya Levy <Danya.Levy@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: TG visit transport

Yep all good. She just rung me before as well and we talked about her doing a live cross. I told her unlikely that stand up would be before 7:30ish.

RNZ has also said they're sending [Section 9\(2\)\(a\)](#) along.

Cheers,

Tom James
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From: Jasmine Higginson <Jasmine.Higginson@nzta.govt.nz>
Date: Friday, 13 Mar 2020, 10:58 AM
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Cc: Priscilia Gain <Priscilia.Gain@nzta.govt.nz>, Danya Levy <Danya.Levy@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: TG visit transport

Hi Tom,

[Section 9\(2\)\(a\)](#) the AM Show has been in touch about the blessing event at TG on Tuesday – are you happy for me to send her the invitation with the details? She has indicated she wants to do live crosses from the bridge.

Let me know if there are any issues.

Thanks
Jasmine

From: Tom James <Tom.James@parliament.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, 11 March 2020 5:00 PM
To: Jasmine Higginson <Jasmine.Higginson@nzta.govt.nz>
Cc: Priscilia Gain <Priscilia.Gain@nzta.govt.nz>; Danya Levy <Danya.Levy@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: TG visit transport

Yep, a good suggestion. Will ask them as well.

Cheers,

Tom

From: Jasmine Higginson [<mailto:Jasmine.Higginson@nzta.govt.nz>]
Sent: Wednesday, 11 March 2020 12:34 PM
To: Tom James <Tom.James@parliament.govt.nz>
Cc: Priscilia Gain <Priscilia.Gain@nzta.govt.nz>; Danya Levy <Danya.Levy@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: TG visit transport

Hi Tom – it's been suggested that you might also like to invite Maori TV as Ngati Toa will be naming the structures.

Cheers
Jasmine

From: Tom James <Tom.James@parliament.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 10 March 2020 6:24 PM
To: Jasmine Higginson <Jasmine.Higginson@nzta.govt.nz>
Cc: Priscilia Gain <Priscilia.Gain@nzta.govt.nz>; Danya Levy <Danya.Levy@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: TG visit transport

Hi Jasmine,

I haven't invited other media yet, but was going to try and get RNZ, TV1 and TV3 along as well. I'll pitch to them and let you know how I get on.

If everyone can fit into one coach, no need to order another just for media.

Cheers,

Tom

From: Jasmine Higginson [<mailto:Jasmine.Higginson@nzta.govt.nz>]
Sent: Tuesday, 10 March 2020 1:09 PM
To: Tom James <Tom.James@parliament.govt.nz>

Cc: Priscilia Gain <Priscilia.Gain@nzta.govt.nz>

Subject: TG visit transport

Hi Tom,

Just wanted to check with you about the transportation for the TG event on Tuesday next week – we have 22-seater 4WD coaches to take people to Bridge 20 and back.

How many reporters are you expecting from your list of media invitees? I have sent the invitation to **Section 9(2)(a)** the Dom Post and **Section 9(2)(a)** Kapiti News, both will be attending. So just need to know how many you expect so that we can arrange the right number of coaches.

And there will be an NZTA representative on each coach, but would you like us to arrange for media to travel on their own coach?

Let me know, thanks

Jasmine

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From: [Andrew Knackstedt](#)
To: [Andrew Knackstedt](#)
Subject: FW: Transmission Gully delay
Date: Wednesday, 1 July 2020 4:44:26 PM

From: Andrew Knackstedt
Sent: Thursday, 30 April 2020 7:58 AM
To: Tom James <tom.james@parliament.govt.nz>
Cc: Richard May <Richard.May@nzta.govt.nz>
Subject: Fwd: Transmission Gully delay

following on from earlier message, see below.

No written statement was provided to the Herald yesterday. Andy Thackwray spoke briefly to **Section 9(2)(a)** Newstalk ZB bulletins.

Begin forwarded message:

From: **Section 9(2)(a)**
Date: 30 April 2020 at 7:49:29 AM NZST
To: Jasmine Higginson <Jasmine.Higginson@nzta.govt.nz>, Andrew Knackstedt <Andrew.Knackstedt@nzta.govt.nz>
Subject: **Transmission Gully delay**

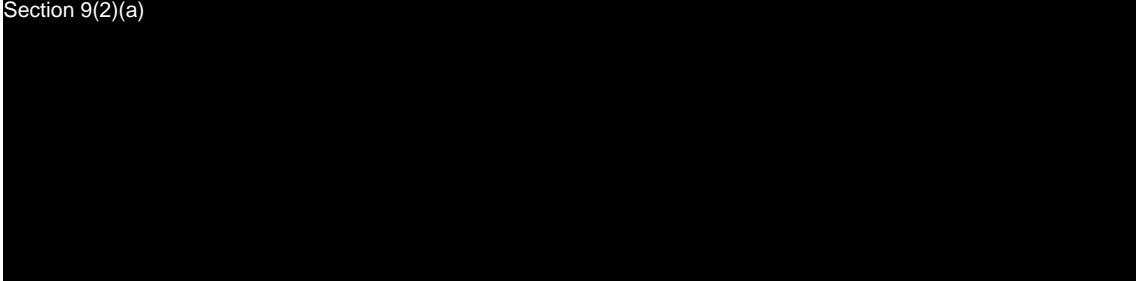
Hi there,

Could you please confirm whether Transmission Gully will be delayed - including any statement that has been provided to media such as in this story here: https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=12328364

This is following on from queries my colleague Chralotte Cook made last night

Thanks

Section 9(2)(a)



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Date: Wednesday, 1 July 2020 4:40:13 PM
Importance: High

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Sent: Tuesday, 19 May 2020 8:17 AM
To: Tom James <tom.james@parliament.govt.nz>; Danya Levy <danya.levy@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: Transmission Gully on Nine to Noon this morning
Importance: High

Morning Tom and Danya,

Fyi, see below. Nick Leggett and Mayor Baker (Porirua) will be on 9 to Noon this morning discussing their concerns with the current state of the project.

Cheers,

Andy

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From: Andrew Knackstedt
Sent: Tuesday, 19 May 2020 8:12 AM
To: Section 9(2)(a)
Subject: RE: Interview re Transmission Gully on Nine to Noon this morning

Section 9(2)(a)

The statement below can be attributed to a Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency spokesperson. We have recently met with the RTF to discuss their concerns, and we will provide further updates to stakeholders, local government and the public as soon as we are in a position to do so, taking account of the commercial terms of the PPP and the current discussions underway.

Kind Regards,

Andy K

Under the terms of the Public Private Partnership (PPP) agreement to build the Transmission Gully motorway, the Wellington Gateway Partnership (WGP) has contracted the joint venture of CPB Contractors and HEB Construction (CPB HEB JV) to undertake the motorway's design and construction. The agreement requires that Transmission Gully is completed to a high standard, by a specified date. The current due date for completion is 1 November 2020.

It is clear that the Covid-19 pandemic and the Government's Alert Level 4 lockdown will have an impact on the completion date, which will now likely extend into 2021. As the project is a PPP with commercial terms, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency is currently discussing with the contractor (WGP) and the builder (CPB HEB JV) the likely delay to the completion date.

Waka Kotahi is committed to seeing the Transmission Gully project completed as quickly as practically possible. The full impacts of Covid-19 are still being assessed, and the new programme of work required to complete the project is currently under consideration with the contractor and the builder. We understand that there is a high level of interest in this project, and when our discussions with the contractor and the builder have been completed we will announce the new agreed completion date and provide further information. No further comment will be provided until these negotiations have been concluded.

With respect to questions related to the construction of the project, under the terms of the PPP, all operational decisions related to the construction of the motorway sit solely with the builder, the CPB HEB JV. The Transmission Gully PPP project agreement is between Waka Kotahi and WGP, while the design and construction sub-contract is between WGP and CPB HEB JV, and Waka Kotahi will not be providing any further comment on the operational decisions of the CPB HEB JV, other than to confirm that the contract requires the motorway to be completed to a high standard.

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Subject: Interview re Transmission Gully on Nine to Noon this morning

Good morning Andy, have just left a message on your cell phone.

Kathryn Ryan is speaking with Nick Leggett and Mayor Baker at 9.05 this morning re their concerns about the progress of Transmission Gully.

Apologies for the short notice. If an interview from NZTA isn't an option this morning, can you provide a statement please, by 9am.

Questions Nine to Noon is keen to address include:

- What is the latest on the progress of Transmission Gully?
- Has NZTA been keeping councils and stakeholders up to date about what's going on?
- Is NZTA in talks with other parties in the construction sector about a way forward?
- Were Australian based contractors eligible for a wage subsidy?

Best wishes

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To: [Andrew Knackstedt](#)
Subject: FW: News article on TG - The endless quest to build a road
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Sent: Friday, 5 June 2020 11:39 AM
To: Tom James <tom.james@parliament.govt.nz>
Cc: Richard May <Richard.May@nzta.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: News article on TG - The endless quest to build a road
Importance: High

This is what WGP ran past us before sending to RNZ:

Wellington Gateway Partnership requests a correction to the item featured on Radio NZ 04 June 2020 *“Why is Transmission Gully such as troubled project”*, which extensively quotes content supplied by Newsroom Section 9(2)(a)

The content, including a broadcast interview and written summary, that appears on the RNZ website, contains a number of inaccuracies, which had previously been corrected in earlier communication with the journalist. We are deeply concerned that Radio NZ has continued to publicise inaccurate content when it has been specifically corrected.

Of particular concern is the continued publication of inaccurate information about the quality of the Transmission Gully motorway paving works.

I attach for your reference a copy of the statement sent to Section 9(2)(a) on 31 May correcting his previous commentary on the quality of the paving works on the Transmission Gully project and responding to additional queries. This statement was acknowledged as received later that day.

“Thank you for the opportunity to correct misinformation about the quality of the Transmission Gully pavement. The statements you have forwarded for comment reflect both lack of understanding about the project’s pavement process and the rigour of the quality control programme around that.

I assure you that Wellington Gateway Partnership is committed to delivering a robust, high quality motorway and our commitment is underpinned by ongoing quality processes designed to identify and correct any weaknesses before they become issues.

It is important to appreciate that the Transmission Gully motorway project is still under construction. This means that many aspects of the project are currently temporary or incomplete. It is therefore inaccurate to conclude that the items you raise are engineering or design flaws.

It is also inaccurate to conclude that rework of structural layers of the pavement is an issue for the project. It is a necessary and fundamental part of the quality control processes employed on site. As the structural layers of the pavement are built up they are tested to check the level of compaction is correct and machinery is adjusted to increase or decrease the compaction effort being applied. To make sure those tests are correct, independent lab testers come to the site and check the density, compaction and strength of each finished pavement layer. A surveyor then also checks the final layer level is correct. Test results are then all checked by another independent quality reviewer. At any point in this process if the checks detect a weaker spot that needs to be replaced, that rework is done right away. This is to make sure we will not need to dig through any of the overlying layers later and that traffic won't be disrupted by any unplanned maintenance work after the motorway is opened.

Please note that the rigour of the pavement quality control process is indicative of the broader quality control processes surrounding the Transmission Gully project.

I will not be making any detailed comment on the final road surface at this point. It is likely to comprise sections of both asphalt and chip seal but the final determination has yet to be confirmed.

Responses to further questions:

Re: What are your responsibilities in terms of the quality control? Are you required to report quality issues to NZTA as soon as they arrive? What sort of quality control methods/reporting process has WGP provided for?

As detailed in my earlier response, the Transmission Gully project is underpinned by a robust quality and independent auditing process which provides for unbiased, early and accurate capture of real or potential issues that are then able to be considered and remediated accordingly.

Re: In addition to the questions below are you able to reveal what you will be using NZTA's \$14m advance payment for? Is it largely to be spent on aggregate? If so, will this aggregate be sourced locally?

The advance payment is to support the extraordinary costs associated with restarting the project following the COVID-19 Alert Level 4 lockdown, and doing everything we can to expediate the project.

Re: Has WGP (or the builders CPB HEB JV) suggested a completion date of 2022 will be needed to get a road that can last 25 years?

As has previously been advised we will not be making any comment on the project completion

date at this point. We remain committed to completing construction of a high quality motorway and getting it open for motorists at the earliest possible date.

Re: I also understand the idea is to use the aggregate sourced with this money as part of an experimental fix for the road that hasn't been tried before. It would involve digging out the base course and adding an equivalent thickness of 200mm of rock to it. Is this the case?

This is incorrect information.

For the sake of absolute clarity on this last point, there is no plan to use an experimental procedure to develop the Transmission Gully paving structure.

We request that the inaccurate content about the Transmission Gully project is either completely removed or corrected at your earliest convenience.

Thank you.

Section 9(2)(a)

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To: Tom James <Tom.James@parliament.govt.nz>
Cc: Richard May <Richard.May@nzta.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: TG

Hi Tom,

I'd suggest removing the highlighted line, as completion date and budgets are currently being negotiated. Couple other small changes/typo corrections in red.

Cheers,

Andy

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From: Tom James <Tom.James@parliament.govt.nz>
Sent: Sunday, 3 May 2020 3:51 PM
To: Andrew Knackstedt <Andrew.Knackstedt@nzta.govt.nz>
Cc: Richard May <Richard.May@nzta.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: TG

Thanks Andy. I was going to propose something along the lines of the below, let me know if any issues –

Our Government is committed to completing Transmission Gully as soon as possible. While there will be an impact on the completion date because of COVID-19, NZTA are still negotiating a new completion date and other issues with the contractors. I expect them to update the public with a new completion date will be as soon as they are able. Section 9(2)(g)(i)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

There are hundreds of construction workers working hard on Government projects all around the country. The implication that they aren't getting on with it and can't deliver because of

unsubstantiated rumours about one project is ridiculous.

We're working with the industry through the Construction Sector Accord to make sure we have the workforce needed to build economy-boosting and job-creating projects around the country. Moving to Alert Level 3 does not mean a return to pre-pandemic ways of working. Strict health and safety protocols are being followed at every site to keep workers and the public safe.

From: Andrew Knackstedt [<mailto:Andrew.Knackstedt@nzta.govt.nz>]

Sent: Sunday, 3 May 2020 3:47 PM

To: Tom James <Tom.James@parliament.govt.nz>

Cc: Richard May <Richard.May@nzta.govt.nz>

Subject: TG

Hi Tom,

Thanks for your patience with this.

See below for our response.

High level response from the Minister could be along the following lines:

Work resumed at several sites on the Transmission Gully project on Wednesday 29 April, and Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency is committed to seeing the project completed as quickly as possible. It is clear that the Level 4 lockdown and Level 3 restrictions will have an impact on the completion date, and Waka Kotahi is negotiating with the builder to confirm and agree a new completion date. While there are a number of other issues to work through, Waka Kotahi is working hard to ensure that work on the project continues to progress.

Cheers,

Andy

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Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency is committed to seeing the Transmission Gully project completed as quickly as possible. It is clear that the Level 4 lockdown and Level 3 restrictions will have an impact on the completion date which will likely extend into 2021. As the project is a Public Private Partnership with different commercial terms, Waka Kotahi is negotiating with the builder, CPB/HEB Joint Venture, to confirm and agree a new completion date.

Work resumed on the project on Wednesday 29 April at a number of sites along the 27km route, including SH1 at Linden and SH58. New worksites are being progressively started as the crews are re-inducted to ensure compliance with the new Covid-19 protocols.

We understand that the builder has made adjustments to the programme of work in line with the change of season. Typically these changes would be more gradual as we go through the seasons, however all work was suspended during the lockdown and we are now heading into winter so we

expect changes need to be made to reflect that. Many of the activities due to be completed were not scheduled to be worked on at the onset of winter so this requires a major change in how work on Transmission Gully will need to be delivered.

There are currently 182 people working onsite across four reopened sites and another 59 people working from home to support the project. A significant portion of the site engineering and supervision team (approximately 80 roles) and some of the operations personnel are still at home overseas, including slope stabilisation crew members and paver operators, and are unable to return to site with current border restrictions. Work is currently underway to develop a new delivery plan as quickly as possible, utilising local resources. Some people and equipment are unable to be utilised until this revised plan is finalised.

Our ongoing discussions with CPB/HEB Joint Venture will help us to better understand the full impacts of the Level 4 lockdown and Level 3 restrictions on Transmission Gully and what the new programme of work through to completion will look like. While there are a number of other issues to work through, Waka Kotahi is working hard to ensure that work on the project continues to progress.

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Date: Wednesday, 1 July 2020 4:40:30 PM

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To: Tom James <tom.james@parliament.govt.nz>; Danya Levy <danya.levy@parliament.govt.nz>; Beth Houston <Elizabeth.Houston@parliament.govt.nz>
Cc: Richard May <Richard.May@nzta.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: Transmission Gully PPP

Hi folks,

Fyi, see brief response below just sent to *Newsroom* in response to queries about a reported wind-down of work on-site.

Cheers,

Andy

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To: Section 9(2)(a)
Cc: Jasmine Higginson <Jasmine.Higginson@nzta.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Transmission Gully PPP

Section 9(2)(a)

Hope you're having a good weekend.

The JV has not walked away from the project.

As we're still in commercial negotiations with the JV we're not able to provide any further detail or comment at this stage.

We understand that there is a high level of interest in the project, and we will provide further information as soon as we're in a position to do so.

Kind Regards,


Andy K

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To: [Andrew Knackstedt](#)
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From: Andrew Knackstedt
Sent: Monday, 18 May 2020 4:15 PM
To: Tom James <tom.james@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: Transmission Gully

Hi Tom,

As discussed, this is all we've said to Section 9(2)(a) today.

If you scroll down further you can see the full holding statement provided earlier.

Cheers,

Andy

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Sent: Monday, 18 May 2020 2:22 PM
To: Section 9(2)(a)
Subject: RE: Transmission Gully


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When our discussions with the contractor and the builder have been completed we will announce the new agreed completion date and provide further information. No further comment will be provided until these have been concluded.

Thanks
Jasmine

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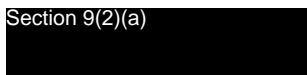
From: Jasmine Higginson <Jasmine.Higginson@nzta.govt.nz>

Date: Tuesday, 12 May 2020 at 2:47 PM

To: Section 9(2)(a)

Subject: RE: Transmission Gully


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When our discussions with the contractor and the builder have been completed we will announce the new agreed completion date and provide further information. No further comment will be provided until these have been concluded.

Thanks
Jasmine

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From: Jasmine Higginson <Jasmine.Higginson@nzta.govt.nz>

Date: Tuesday, 12 May 2020 at 1:20 PM

To: Section 9(2)(a)

Subject: RE: Transmission Gully

Section 9(2)(a)

The following can be attributed to a Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency spokesperson.

Under the terms of the Public Private Partnership (PPP) agreement to build the Transmission Gully motorway, the Wellington Gateway Partnership (WGP) has contracted the joint venture of CPB Contractors and HEB Construction (CPB HEB JV) to undertake the motorway's design and construction. The agreement requires that Transmission Gully is completed to a high standard, by a specified date. The current due date for completion is 1 November 2020.

It is clear that the Covid-19 pandemic and the Government's Alert Level 4 lockdown will have an impact on the completion date, which will now likely extend into 2021. As the project is a PPP with commercial terms, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency is currently discussing with the contractor (WGP) and the builder (CPB HEB JV) the likely delay to the completion date.


Waka Kotahi is committed to seeing the Transmission Gully project completed as quickly as practically possible. The full impacts of Covid-19 are still being assessed, and the new programme of work required to complete the project is currently under consideration with the contractor and the builder. We understand that there is a high level of interest in this project, and when our discussions with the contractor and the builder have been completed we will announce the new agreed completion date and provide further information. No further comment will be provided

until these negotiations have been concluded.

With respect to questions related to the construction of the project, under the terms of the PPP, all operational decisions related to the construction of the motorway sit solely with the builder, the CPB HEB JV. The Transmission Gully PPP project agreement is between Waka Kotahi and WGP, while the design and construction sub-contract is between WGP and CPB HEB JV, and Waka Kotahi will not be providing any further comment on the operational decisions of the CPB HEB JV, other than to confirm that the contract requires the motorway to be completed to a high standard.

Thanks
Jasmine

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Cc: Danya Levy <Danya.Levy@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Transmission Gully

Thanks Tom.

Attached is the full response we provided to Charlotte on the pavement questions.

Cheers,

Andy

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From: Tom James <Tom.James@parliament.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 5 May 2020 7:44 PM
To: Charlotte Cook <Charlotte.Cook@rnz.co.nz>
Cc: Danya Levy <Danya.Levy@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Transmission Gully

Hey Charlotte,

Some comments below from the Minister.

Please attribute to Transport Minister Phil Twyford:

“Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency assures me they are committed to seeing the Transmission Gully project completed as quickly as possible. While there will be an impact on the completion date because of COVID-19, they are still negotiating a new completion date and working through other issues with the contractors. I expect them to update the public with a new completion date as soon as they are able.

We’re working with the industry through the Construction Sector Accord to make sure we have the skills and the workforce needed to build economy-boosting ‘shovel ready’ projects around

the country.
I won't be commenting on hypotheticals."

Cheers,

Tom

From: Charlotte Cook [<mailto:Charlotte.Cook@rnz.co.nz>]
Sent: Tuesday, 5 May 2020 7:22 PM
To: Tom James <Tom.James@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Transmission Gully

What's the word?

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From: Tom James <Tom.James@parliament.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 5 May 2020 6:12 p.m.
To: Charlotte Cook <Charlotte.Cook@rnz.co.nz>
Cc: Danya Levy <Danya.Levy@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Transmission Gully

Thanks for flicking that through Charlotte. Did you have any questions for the minister in particular?

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From: Charlotte Cook <Charlotte.Cook@rnz.co.nz>
Date: Tuesday, 05 May 2020, 6:00 PM
To: Tom James <Tom.James@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: Transmission Gully

Hey Tom

NZTA has confirmed to me parts of Transmission Gully have been identified as needing to be removed and re-laid due to errors in the construction process.

I'm hoping to get some comments from the Minister regarding this info.

The story will run on Morning Report tomorrow.

Part of the statement below.

Very occasionally construction process errors do occur. A quality control process is in place to identify such errors, and a set construction method is used to remove and replace the material, which is recycled for use elsewhere on the project.

Process errors have occurred at isolated locations on Transmission Gully, the longest of which was 400m in length

Let me know how you get on

Cheers

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From: [Jasmine Higginson](#)
To: [Charlotte Cook](#)
Subject: RE: Transmission Gully
Date: Tuesday, 5 May 2020 6:42:44 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

Hi Charlotte,

We don't have that level of detail to hand, but below is some comment which you can attribute to Andrew Thackwray, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency Senior Manager Project Delivery:

Process errors are not unusual on any large roading project and they do occasionally occur. Identifying and rectifying these issues is considered a normal part of the construction process for all roading projects, and is not in any way unique to Transmission Gully.

As with all projects, there is a robust quality assurance process at Transmission Gully which is in place to pick up these errors so that crews can remediate them. Waka Kotahi is confident that the level of quality control and assurance on the project will ensure a high quality pavement.

The suggestion that this issue is widespread at Transmission Gully is not correct. The longest length of surface affected is 400m.

Thanks
Jasmine

From: Charlotte Cook <Charlotte.Cook@rnz.co.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 5 May 2020 2:37 PM
To: Jasmine Higginson <Jasmine.Higginson@nzta.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Transmission Gully

Hey Jasmine,

Thanks for coming back to me.

Just a couple of additional questions – I am hoping to run something in the morning.

Process errors have occurred at isolated locations on Transmission Gully, the longest of which was 400m in length.

Where are the isolated locations where process errors have occurred?

What is the total combined length of those locations?

How much of the road is currently laid?

What alerted you to the process error? Could you see problems with the asphalt? (was it falling apart or something)

If you can come back to me asap that would be awesome – I know it's getting late in the day but some additional details would be helpful.

Cheers

Charlotte

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Sent: Tuesday, 5 May 2020 12:55 p.m.
To: Charlotte Cook <Charlotte.Cook@rnz.co.nz>; Andrew Knackstedt <Andrew.Knackstedt@nzta.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Transmission Gully

Hi Charlotte,

Response below can be attributed to Andrew Thackwray, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency Senior Manager Project Delivery:

All the aggregates used for the Transmission Gully pavement are tested and approved to ensure they meet specification before they are installed. The material must comply with a specification that requires 70 per cent of the rock to have two or more 'broken faces'. This ensures that all materials have the correct properties to be used in pavement construction. All pavement material on Transmission Gully complies with this requirement.

Very occasionally construction process errors do occur. A quality control process is in place to identify such errors, and a set construction method is used to remove and replace the material, which is recycled for use elsewhere on the project.

Process errors have occurred at isolated locations on Transmission Gully, the longest of which was 400m in length. The cost to remediate this is carried by the Builder and is considered part of the construction process.

Thanks
Jasmine

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Sent: Monday, 4 May 2020 5:59 PM
To: Andrew Knackstedt <Andrew.Knackstedt@nzta.govt.nz>
Cc: Jasmine Higginson <Jasmine.Higginson@nzta.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Transmission Gully

Of course, thanks.

I'm not on shift until 2pm – If I could get something before then that would be great.

Thanks

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Sent: Monday, 4 May 2020 5:55 p.m.

To: Charlotte Cook <Charlotte.Cook@rnz.co.nz>

Cc: Jasmine Higginson <Jasmine.Higginson@nzta.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: Transmission Gully

Hi Charlotte,

We'll come back to you tomorrow on this.

Going forward, please contact Jasmine Higginson in my team (cc'd here) in the first instance with enquiries on TG.

Kind Regards,

Andy K

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Sent: Monday, 4 May 2020 5:42 PM

To: Andrew Knackstedt <Andrew.Knackstedt@nzta.govt.nz>

Subject: Transmission Gully

Kia ora Andy

I am hoping to get some comments from NZTA about a couple of bits of info I have from high up contractors who have worked on the Transmission Gully site.

Much of the road that has been laid will have problems and it's likely some if not all will need to be re-laid because of the rock /top & base course that has been put down.

The rock which has been laid is not hard or strong enough for a highway, specifically not tight enough before asphalt is put down.

There are also problems with drainage, similar to what has been reported on the Mackays to Peka Peka expressway.

RNZ understands NZTA and the JV are aware of the issues.

If you could come back to me, that would be excellent

Cheers,
Charlotte

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Subject: FW: Transmission Gully continued...
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Cc: Richard May <Richard.May@nzta.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: Transmission Gully continued...

Hi Tom,

Fyi, here's what we're looking at going back Section 9(2)(a) with on this one.

This is still draft, but gives you and idea what we'll be saying.

Pretty operational.

Cheers,

Andy

All the aggregates used for the Transmission Gully pavement are tested and approved to ensure they meet specification before they are installed. The material must comply with a specification that requires 70 per cent of the rock to have two or more 'broken faces'. This ensures that any rounded rock has the correct properties to be used in pavement construction. All pavement material on Transmission Gully complies with this requirement.

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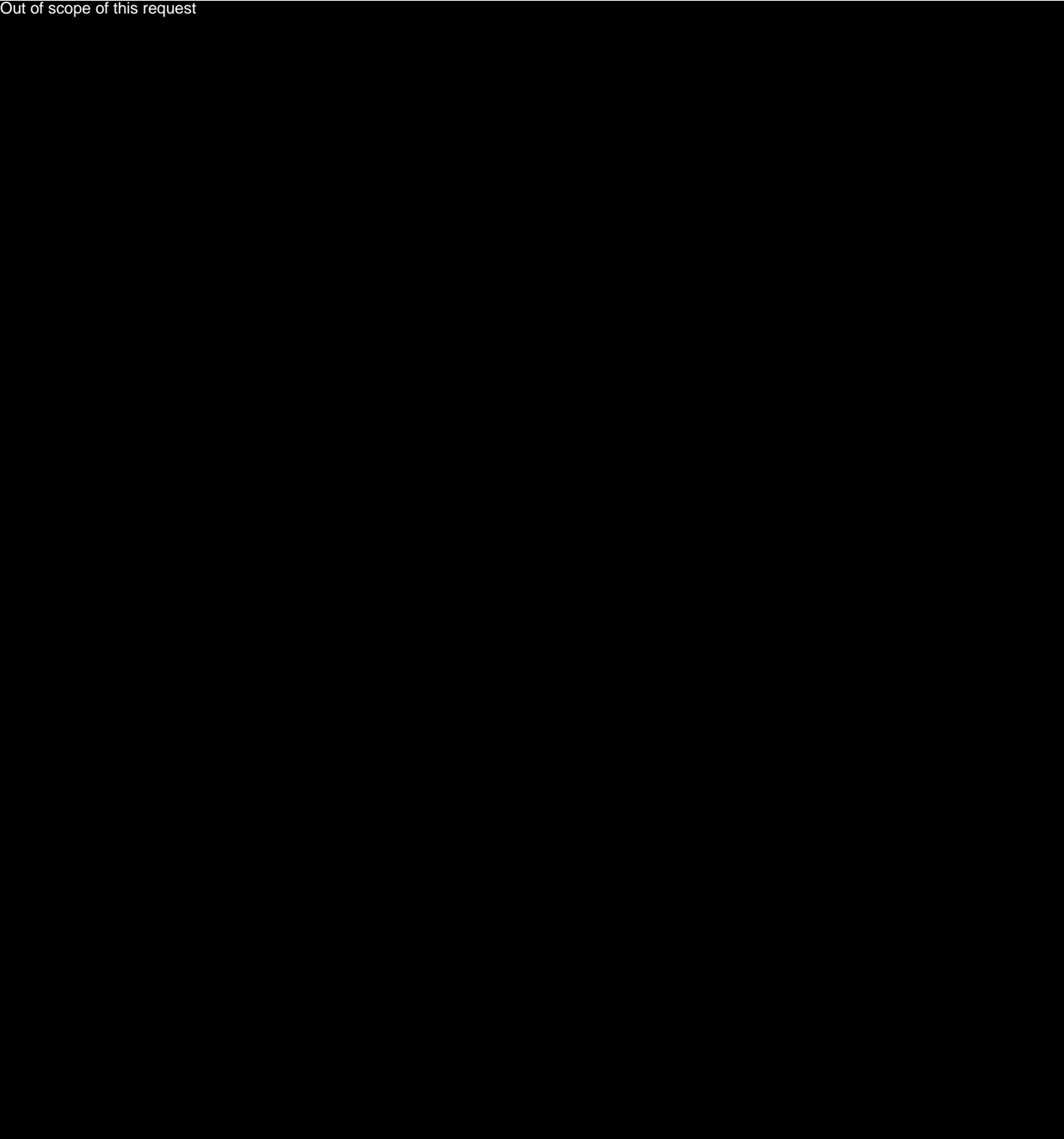
In addition to environmental management, work is currently underway at SH1 at Linden, above the new interchange at SH58 and various other locations along the project route.

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Subject: RE: Fwd: Transmission Gully
Importance: High

Hi Tom,

Here's what we're sending to Radio NZ – they're also following up on the Herald story.

Cheers,

Andy

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency is currently in discussions with the builder, CPB/HEB Joint Venture, to better understand the impacts of the Level 4 lockdown and Level 3 restrictions on Transmission Gully and what the new programme of work will look like. While work has restarted on the project as of Wednesday this week, it is highly likely there will be an impact on the completion date. There are a number of issues to work through and it is too early to say exactly what the impact will be. In the meantime, we are focused on ensuring work on Transmission Gully moves as quickly as is possible within the strict health and safety requirements under Level 3.

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Subject: RE: Fwd: Transmission Gully

Thanks Andy. Section 9(2)(g)(i)

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Date: Thursday, 30 Apr 2020, 7:48 AM
To: Tom James <Tom.James@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: Fwd: Transmission Gully

Hi Tom,

FYI, these came through late last night.

Will let you know how we respond.

Cheers,

Andy

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From: Charlotte Cook <Charlotte.Cook@rnz.co.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 11:24 PM
To: Andrew Knackstedt
Cc: Hamish Cardwell
Subject: Transmission Gully

Kia ora,

We spoke last night – but I have more questions in addition to what I initially filed with you.

I have been told by sub-contractors the future of the Transmission Gully project is uncertain and could fall over all together.

- Are there negotiations/discussions between the JV – NZTA and/or the Govt over the future of Transmission Gully and/or current contract arrangements?
- When is the expected re-start date for the project?
- Is the best case scenario for works to re-start in September?
- Is there a possibility the project could fall over all together – ie: the JV split and the project put back out to tender?

If you can come back to me as soon as possible, that would be great.

Cheers,
Charlotte

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From: Andrew Knackstedt
Sent: Wednesday, 6 May 2020 4:09 PM
To: Tom James <Tom.James@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Follow from Chris Bishop question in Parl today

I'll just double-check it with our guys but it looks fine to me.

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Sent: Wednesday, 6 May 2020 3:50 PM
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Subject: RE: Follow from Chris Bishop question in Parl today

Thanks Andy. I have also got a follow up query from Charlotte Cook on TG as well. Let me know if you have any suggestions for my proposed response.

Media query: Charlotte Cook, RNZ

Thank you for your statement yesterday.

I would like to file some additional questions and request some of the Ministers briefings.

- When was the Minister last briefed on the status of Transmission Gully?
- Was the Minister aware about the faults/'process errors' on the project?
- What advice has the minister received about the errors?
- What advice has the minister received about the joint venture?
- This error is the same/ similar 'error' to those made on at least who other large roading projects -Peka Peka / Hamilton. How is this still happening?
- What assurances are being sought to ensure the problem is not going to happen at scale on future 'shovel ready' projects

Suggested response (attributable to a spokesperson):

The Minister spoke to NZTA officials on Monday and is regularly updated on various projects and issues.

Pavement issues, referred to as process errors have occurred at isolated locations on Transmission Gully, and he was advised the longest of which was 400m in length. The builder

pays for the costs to fix these and is considered part of the construction process. Process errors are not unusual on any large roading project and it's up to NZTA to manage these operational issues with the contractors.

From: Andrew Knackstedt [<mailto:Andrew.Knackstedt@nzta.govt.nz>]

Sent: Wednesday, 6 May 2020 3:46 PM

To: Tom James <Tom.James@parliament.govt.nz>

Subject: FW: Follow from Chris Bishop question in Parl today

Fyi, will let you know how we respond

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Sent: Wednesday, 6 May 2020 3:31 PM

To: Andrew Knackstedt <Andrew.Knackstedt@nzta.govt.nz>

Subject: Follow from Chris Bishop question in Parl today

Hi there, wanted to follow up on a question from National Party Transport spokesperson Chris Bishop this afternoon in Parliament (see below).

He asked: "Did the New Zealand Transport Agency receive legal advice that advised the agency not to provide \$190.6m of financial relief to CPB HEB JV, which it agreed to do in February 2020?"

Minister Hipkins (responding for Minister Twyford) said the NZTA has confirmed it did not receive legal advice that it should not provide 190.6 million in financial relief.

Mr Hipkins said he was able to provide this answer without the NZTA waiving legal privilege.

In light of this, accordingly I'd like to ask the questions below and seek they be answered without the NZTA invoking legal privilege, as seems possible given Mr Bishop's question was able to be answered.

Qs

- Can you clarify why the NZTA did not seek that advice from officials/lawyers to deny financial relief?
- Can you confirm whether officials prepared any such advice? Can you provide any advice officials/lawyers provided to not settle with builder and allow legal action to proceed?

Kind regards

Section 9(2)(a)

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Date: Wednesday, 1 July 2020 4:38:05 PM
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Subject: RE: Suggested lines please

Hi Tom,

We've just provided the attached response to **Section 9(2)(a)**.

I'd suggest a response along similar lines:

- *Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency assures me they are committed to seeing the Transmission Gully project completed as quickly as possible.*
- *The Level 4 lockdown and Level 3 restrictions will have an impact on the project's completion and Waka Kotahi is currently negotiating with the builder to confirm and agree a new completion date.*
- *I won't be commenting on hypothetical scenarios.*

Please let us know if you need anything further.

Cheers,

Andy

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Subject: Suggested lines please

Hi Andy,

I've had a follow-up query on TG from Stuff. I'm not sure what we can say given the negotiations – can you give some suggested lines? By 3pm if poss. Query below and give me a bell if any issues.

I'm following up on concerns in news stories and contact we've had from the community about progress on Transmission Gully.

Specifically that the contractors building the road, CPB-HEB, could be ready to quit the project, and take any penalties.

- Is the Minister satisfied the contractors will indeed complete the project?
- Is there a risk the PPP could fail to produce an opened road?
- Is the Minister aware if plans are in place to keep the project running in case the PPP fails before TG is completed?

Cheers,

Tom James | Press Secretary

Office of Hon. Phil Twyford

Minister for Urban Development

Minister of Transport

Minister for Economic Development

Section 9(2)(a)

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From: [Jasmine Higginson](mailto:Jasmine.Higginson@nzta.govt.nz)
To: Section 9(2)(a)
Subject: RE: TG story queries
Date: Tuesday, 5 May 2020 12:10:43 PM

Section 9(2)(a)

It's not appropriate for the Transport Agency to comment on hypotheticals. I'll refer you back to our statement and reemphasise that as we are in negotiations with the JV we cannot provide any further comment at this time.

Thanks
Jasmine

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On Tue, 5 May 2020 at 11:10, Jasmine Higginson <Jasmine.Higginson@nzta.govt.nz> wrote:

Section 9(2)(a)

Below is the statement we provided Section 9(2)(a) on Sunday. As Waka Kotahi is in negotiations with the JV, we are unable to provide any further comment.

Statement can be attributed to Andrew Thackwray, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency Senior Manager Project Delivery:

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency is committed to seeing the Transmission Gully project completed as quickly as possible. It is clear that the Level 4 lockdown and Level 3 restrictions will have an impact on the completion date which will likely extend into 2021. As the project is a Public Private Partnership with different commercial terms, Waka Kotahi is negotiating with the builder, CPB/HEB Joint Venture, to confirm and agree a new completion date.

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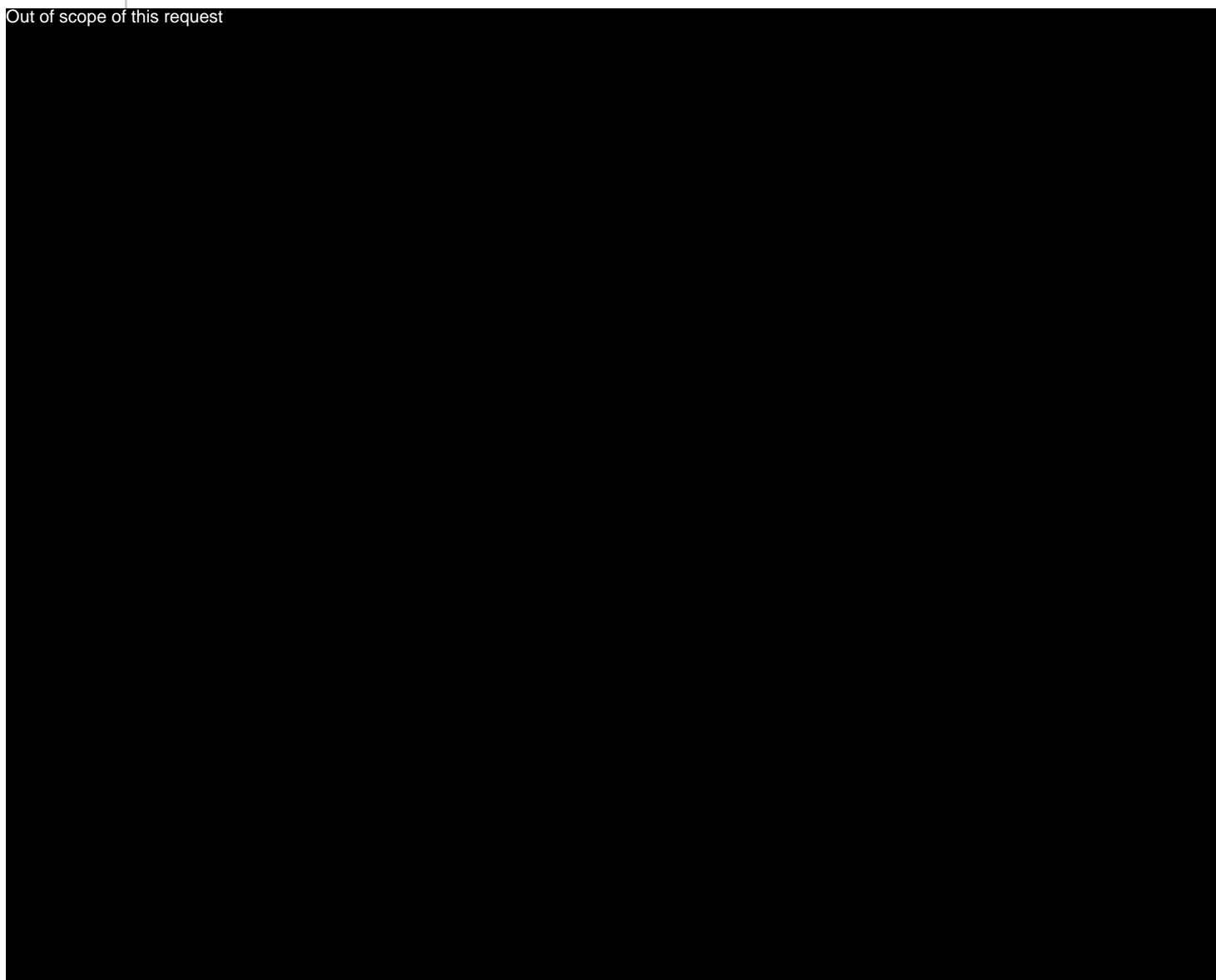
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Thanks
Jasmine

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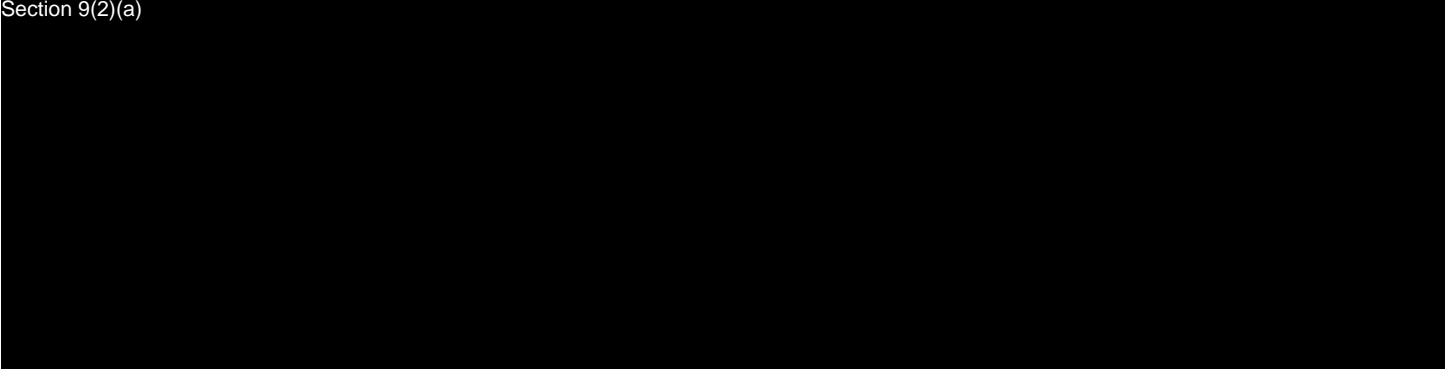


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Importance: High

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Cc: Danya Levy <danya.levy@parliament.govt.nz>; Beth Houston <Elizabeth.Houston@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: RTF media release: Urgent clarity needed on Transmission Gully
Importance: High

Hi Tom,

Fyi, we've had several media enquiries off the back of the RTF media statement below which went out a couple hours ago.

We're getting sign-off on a standard response now.

I'll flick that through once it's approved.

Cheers,

Andy

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From: Josie Vidal Section 9(2)(a)
Sent: Sunday, 3 May 2020 10:37 AM
Subject: Media release: Urgent clarity needed on Transmission Gully



Urgent clarity needed on Transmission Gully

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"In the final straight of construction of such a large project, which was due to be completed by the end of this year, it is a worry to hear that contracts for supply and equipment have been cut, and workforce numbers reduced.

"The concern for New Zealanders is that this is the biggest active road construction project on the Government's horizon. The Government has signalled it wants to heavily invest in infrastructure projects, including roads, to stimulate the economic damage done by Covid-19. However, if Transmission Gully can't be completed due to labour and budgetary issues, it undermines confidence in the Government's ability to deliver on any other infrastructure projects.

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For more information contact:

Josie Vidal, RTF manager communications & government relations

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About Road Transport Forum New Zealand (RTF)

RTF provides unified national representation for several regional trucking associations. RTF members include Road Transport Association NZ, National Road Carriers, and NZ Trucking Association. The affiliated representation of the RTF is about 3,000 individual road transport companies which in turn, operate 16-18,000 trucks involved in road freight transport, as well as companies that provide services allied to road freight transport.

The road freight transport industry employs 32,868 people (2.0% of the workforce), has a gross annual turnover of \$6 billion, and transports 93% of the total tonnes of freight moved in New Zealand.

From: [Andrew Knackstedt](#)
To: [Andrew Knackstedt](#)
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Date: Wednesday, 1 July 2020 4:34:02 PM

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From: Andrew Knackstedt
Sent: Sunday, 3 May 2020 2:02 PM
To: Tom James <Tom.James@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: NZ Herald - Transmission Gully

Thanks Tom.

We're trying to pull together some detail so that we can provide a strong response.

Hoping to have it sorted by 3pm latest.

Will send it through as soon as I can.

Andy

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Sent: Sunday, 3 May 2020 1:44 PM
To: Andrew Knackstedt <Andrew.Knackstedt@nzta.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: NZ Herald - Transmission Gully

FYI we have a couple of queries like this one. I'll draft something high level up for the Minister and flick it to you once I've seen your response.

Cheers,

Tom

From: Section 9(2)(a)
Sent: Sunday, 3 May 2020 1:32 PM
To: Tom James <Tom.James@parliament.govt.nz>
Cc: Danya Levy <Danya.Levy@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: NZ Herald - Transmission Gully

Hi Tom,

Really sorry to bother you on a Sunday but Transmission Gully is getting a lot of attention today.

I'm clarifying the below claims of the Road Transport Forum with NZTA.

I'm hoping to also get some comments from the Minister please.

Has the Minister been briefed on any budget cuts or two year extension of the project's time frame?

The RTF says if Transmission Gully can't be completed due to labour and budgetary issues, it undermines confidence in the Government's ability to deliver on any other infrastructure projects. What is the Minister's response to this?

Thanks,

George

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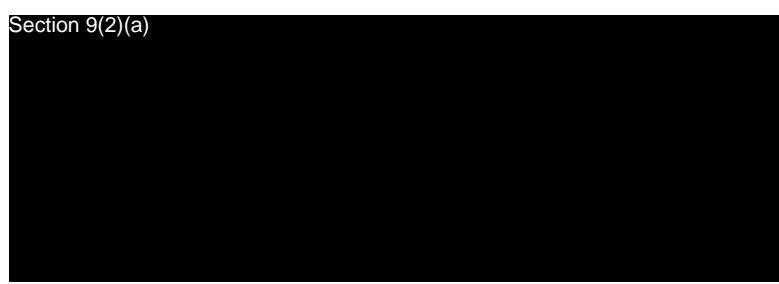
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Subject: RE: TG story - correction needed

Stuff too:

https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/121389053/transmission-gully-project-likely-pushed-out-to-2021?cid=facebook.post&fbclid=IwAR0-y8BtMzx-WD9YmMvKNmlRxfIjRwk1Czspst1G_GCIJBml0iaWuVmEO_E

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Subject: RE: TG story - correction needed

Thanks. Georgina's story is up as well - Almost 100 Transmission Gully workers no longer in NZ
https://nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=12329226

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Cc: Richard May <Richard.May@nzta.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: TG story - correction needed

Hi Tom,

Fyi, see below.

Here's the link to the Newsroom story:

<https://www.newsroom.co.nz/pro/2020/05/03/1155823/unreal-turn-for-transmission-gully>

cheers,

Andy

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Subject: TG story - correction needed
Importance: High

Section 9(2)(a)

It includes the following statement:

*Officials acknowledged on Sunday the already-delayed Transmission Gully project would be delayed **for at least another year.***

As you're aware, the current agreed completion date is November 2020. Our statement doesn't say that the new completion date will be "at least another year" beyond that.

It says the completion date is likely to extend "into 2021", and that we are negotiating with the JV to confirm a new completion date.

The line above should be amended to read:

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Kind Regards,

Andy K.

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Date: Sunday, 3 May 2020 at 3:49 PM

To: Section 9(2)(a)

Subject: RE: Transmission Gully

Section 9(2)(a)

Thanks for your patience with this.

The response below can be attributed to Andrew Thackwray, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency Senior Manager Project Delivery:

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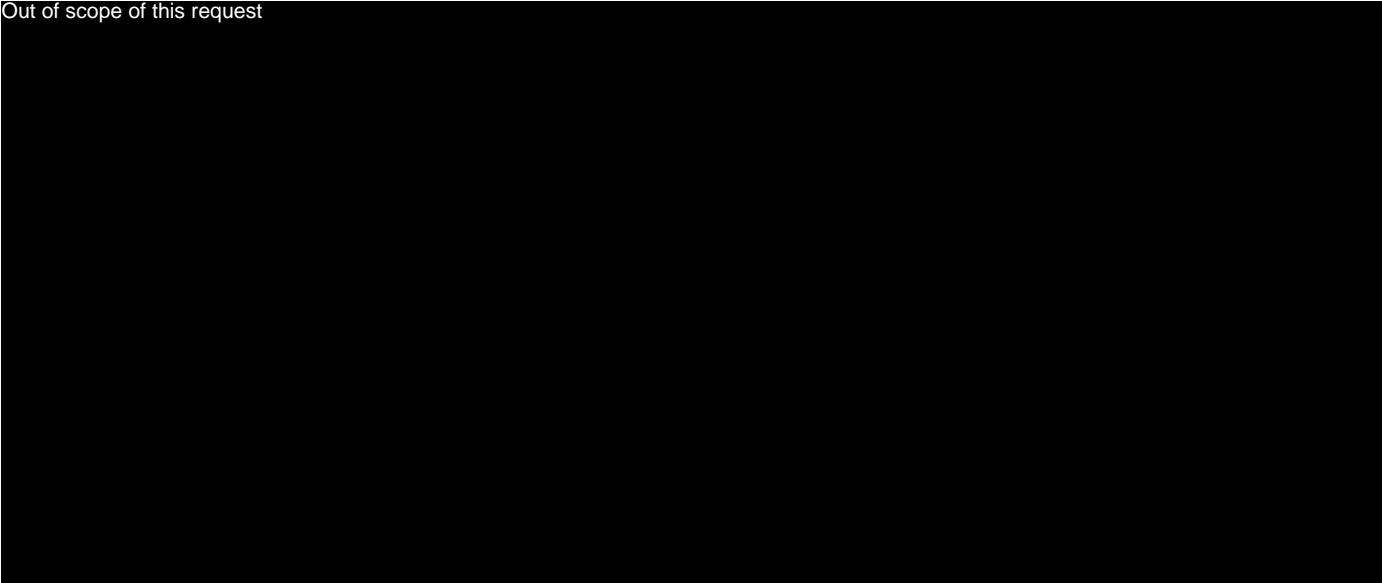
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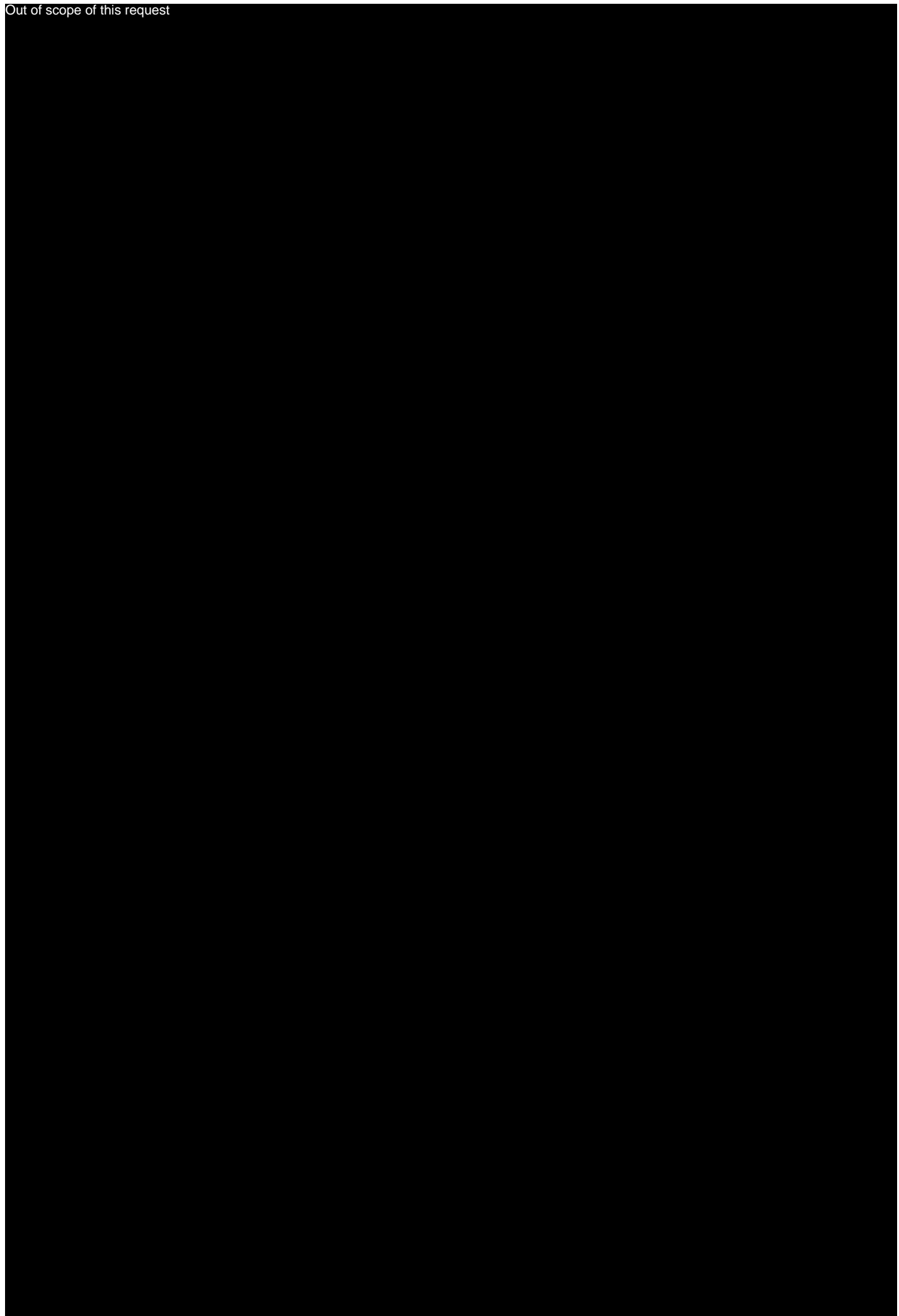
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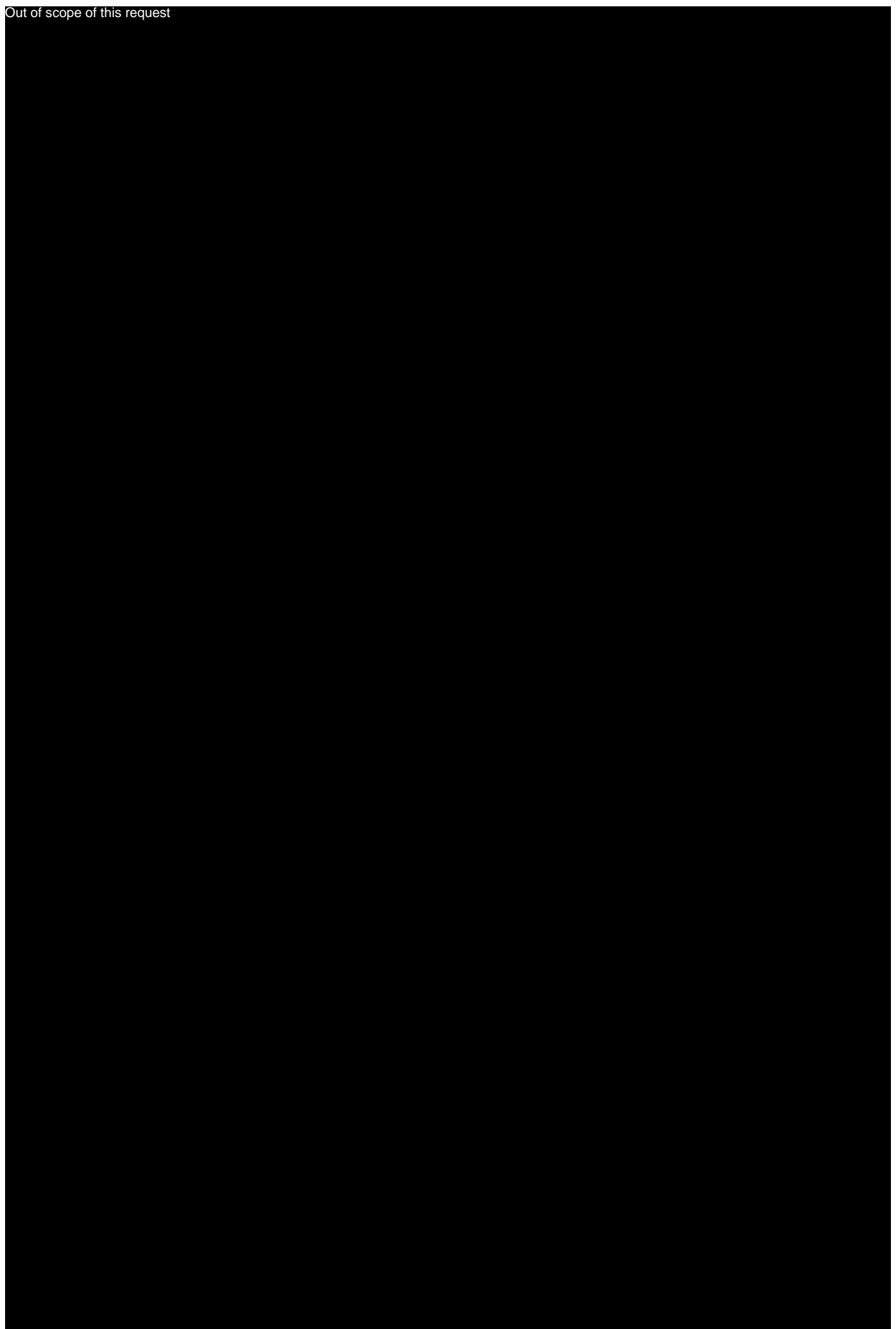
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To: [Tom James](#); [Emma Kean](#); [Jemima de Lacey](#)
Subject: RE: Transmission Gully - Bridge 20
Date: Monday, 9 March 2020 9:36:00 AM

Lovely, thanks Tom!

Cheers
Prisca

From: Tom James <Tom.James@parliament.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, 9 March 2020 9:34 AM
To: Priscilia Gain <Priscilia.Gain@nzta.govt.nz>; Emma Kean <Emma.Kean@parliament.govt.nz>; Jemima de Lacey <jemima.delacey@parliament.govt.nz>
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Yep, all good. Thanks Prisca.

Cheers,

Tom

From: Priscilia Gain [<mailto:Priscilia.Gain@nzta.govt.nz>]
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Subject: RE: Transmission Gully - Bridge 20

Hi Tom

Apologies, local medias to be invited are as follows

- [Section 9\(2\)\(a\)](#) from Dominion Post
- [Section 9\(2\)\(a\)](#) from Kapiti News

Updated spreadsheet is also attached.

Let me know if you're happy with this. Once I get thumbs up from you, I'll send the invite asap today

Cheers
Prisca

From: Tom James <Tom.James@parliament.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, 6 March 2020 3:01 PM
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Thanks Prisca.

They are fine, but the media invite list is blank. Will NZTA be inviting local media as per usual? Would be good to see who is on the list before invites go out.

In terms of site visit, Ministers, MPs and I think Mana Whenua reps should be prioritised. Our office will keep you updated on RSVPs at our end.

Cheers,

From: Priscilia Gain [<mailto:Priscilia.Gain@nzta.govt.nz>]
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Subject: Re: Transmission Gully - Bridge 20

Oh have you also think about who you would like to go to the site visit (other ministers) after the blessing since we can only accomodate 6 people max due to health and safety?

Thanks so much :)

Cheers
Prisca

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Subject: RE: Transmission Gully - Bridge 20

Thanks so much, Emma

No worries, we can wait until 3pm

Cheers
Prisca

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Subject: RE: Transmission Gully - Bridge 20

Hi there,

I am happy with this. Tom?

Tom is at a meeting with Minister so he may not get back to us until 3pm.

Cheers,

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From: Priscilia Gain [<mailto:Priscilia.Gain@nzta.govt.nz>]
Sent: Friday, 6 March 2020 12:29 PM
To: Emma Kean <Emma.Kean@parliament.govt.nz>; Tom James <Tom.James@parliament.govt.nz>; Jemima de Lacey <Jemima.deLacey@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: Transmission Gully - Bridge 20

Good afternoon

I'm just wondering if you have had a chance to review the documents

Thank you

Cheers
Prisca

From: Official Correspondence <Official.Correspondence@nzta.govt.nz>
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Cc: Richard May <Richard.May@nzta.govt.nz>; Priscilia Gain <Priscilia.Gain@nzta.govt.nz>
Subject: Transmission Gully - Bridge 20

Hi all

Please find attached the final runsheet, invite list and invite details for the Transmission Gully - Celebration of construction progress on Bridge 20 event.

Regards
Arina

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EVENT PROPOSAL

Proposed date	Tuesday 25 February – event in the morning
Location	Transmission Gully – Bridge 20 (Bridge over Cannons Creek)
Type of event	Promotion of progress, blessing and naming ceremony
Project costs	\$850 million (+ \$190.6 million Settlement)
Project funding	National Land Transport Fund. Delivered under a PPP contract.
Project summary	<p>Transmission Gully is a new 27km motorway that when completed will provide an alternative route to the current SH1 Wellington.</p> <p>Bridge 20 (the bridge over Cannons Creek) is the largest structure on the Transmission Gully alignment.</p>
Background	<p>As the largest structure on Transmission Gully, Bridge 20 is approx. 60m above the stream below, 4 lanes wide and 226m in length.</p> <p>The design and construction of the bridge is highly technical, ensuring that the bridge is not only aesthetically pleasing but can withstand a 1 in 2500 year seismic event in an area of high seismicity.</p> <p>Bridge 20 spans over Cannons Creek and is a key connection from the southern zone (Kenepuru) through to SH58 Pauatahanui.</p> <p>It is expected that by 25 February 2020, dependant on weather, Bridge 20 will be ready to be used for construction access.</p> <p>At the same time, NZTA has been working with local iwi Ngāti Toa Rangatira, to name all key structures. Names for all key structures are expected to be finalised in the near future.</p> <p>There is an opportunity for the Minister to showcase the progress of Transmission Gully by promoting the progress of Bridge 20. There is also an opportunity to support Ngāti Toa Rangatira in a blessing ceremony and announcing the name of Bridge 20 and other key structures.</p> <p>It is important to note that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NZTA plans to announce the details of the Transmission Gully Settlement Agreement with the builder CPB HEB JV before 10 February. The announcement will also include confirmation that Transmission Gully will be opened to the public by Christmas 2020. NZTA anticipates a negative public reaction to the financial component of the Settlement Agreement. 2. Construction progress to enable construction use of Bridge 20 by 25 February is weather dependent. 3. CPB HEB JV intend to hold an all-staff BBQ to celebrate the construction progress on Bridge 20 on the afternoon of 25 February. This event will be closed to the public.

MINISTERIAL INVITATION COPY

TRANSMISSION GULLY CELEBRATION OF BRIDGE 20 CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

You are invited to join Hon Phil Twyford, Minister of Transport, and Ngāti Toa Rangatira, to celebrate the progress of the Bridge 20 construction (the bridge over Cannons Creek), Transmission Gully.

As the largest structure on Transmission Gully, Bridge 20 is approximately 60m above the stream below, four lanes wide and 226m in length.

The design and construction of the bridge is highly technical, ensuring that the bridge is not only aesthetically pleasing but can withstand a 1-in-2500-year seismic event in an area of high seismicity.

Bridge 20 spans Cannons Creek and is a key connection from the southern zone (Kenepuru) through to SH58 Pauatahanui.

WHEN

Tuesday 17 March 2020.

TIME

6.30am – 8am (all guests)

6.30am – 9am (selected guests for the site tour – to be advised by Minister's Office)

WHERE

Countdown Tawa

5 William Earp Place Tawa

The guests will be transported by coach to the site

RSVP

Tuesday 10 March 2020

eventsNZTA@nzta.govt.nz

Please note that this event is weather dependent. In the event of poor or wet weather, the Transmission Gully project team will decide on whether to postpone the event and will notify all guest on Monday 16 March 2020.

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SUGGESTED IMAGES

Bridge 20 Over Cannons Creek: Artist's impression of the completed Cannons Creek bridge. Other images can be viewed here <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/wellington-northern-corridor/transmission-gully-motorway/gallery#gallery-72157689261041173>



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A Health and Safety induction is required for anyone entering the Transmission Gully site.

Long sleeved shirt and pants, and closed-toe, sensible walking shoes are a health and safety requirement to enter the Transmission Gully site and will be strictly enforced. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) gear will be provided to guests on their arrival.

Parking will be available for guests at the Tawa Countdown at the north-west end of the carpark. This is to ensure that priority parking remains available to Countdown customers.

Transmission Gully – Celebration of construction progress on Bridge 20

EVENT RUN SHEET

Date of event:	Tuesday, 17 March 2020
Time of event:	6.30am – 9am 6.30am – 8am – Blessings for Bridge 20 event (all guests) 8am – 9am – short site tour of southern zone of Transmission Gully (a total of 6 guests)
Event location:	Transmission Gully, Southern Zone, Bridge 20
Dress code:	Business – long sleeved shirt and pants, and closed-toe, sensible walking shoes are a health and safety requirement to enter the Transmission Gully site and will be strictly enforced. Protective Personal Equipment (PPE) gear will be provided to guests.
Refreshments:	Light refreshments will be served
Travel time:	30 minutes from Wellington city

Car parking for Minister:

Yes

Reserved on Tawa Countdown car park – north-west area (for drop off) and Transmission Gully Lanes Flat site office (for pick up).

Tawa Countdown, 5 William Earp Place, Tawa.



Lanes Flat site office (for pick up), 36 Paremata Haywards Road, Pauatahanui, Porirua 5381



Event location:

Ministerial party to arrive at Tawa Countdown and will need to be picked up from the Transmission Gully Lanes Flat site office in Pauatahanui. Ministerial Services cars are not permitted to drive on the alignment. Therefore, the Transmission Gully project team will provide transport from Tawa Countdown to the Transmission Gully Lanes Flat site office in Pauatahanui.

Additional information:**Media attendance**

Media invited to the event will need to arrive at 6.15am at Tawa Countdown to ensure the event starts at 7am.

As with all guests, all media must receive a health and safety briefing and induction. Long sleeved shirt and pants, and closed-toe, sensible walking shoes are a health and safety requirement to enter the Transmission Gully site and will be strictly enforced. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) gear will be provided on their arrival.

Once a health and safety induction has been completed, media will be transported to Bridge 20 by coach and will wait for guests and Ministers to arrive at the designated waiting area.

The Transmission Gully project team requests a site visit prior to the event from a representative of the Ministers office to determine the preferred location of a media stand up. This is to ensure that all health and safety requirements can be met.

Guest numbers

Due to health and safety requirements, the number of guests and media that can attend the event are limited.

A total of 60 guests (including Ministers, Ministerial Officials, iwi, media, Waka Kotahi, Wellington Gateway Partnerships (WGP) and CPB HEB JV) are permitted to access Bridge 20 for the blessing ceremony and event.

A total of six guests (Ministers and their staff) are permitted to continue from Bridge 20 to Lanes Flat for a short site tour of the southern end of Transmission Gully.

Waka Kotahi requests that Minister Twyford's Office to advise the Ministers who will attend the short site tour.

Waka Kotahi will continue to work with the Ministers office and WGP to provide an opportunity for a site visit for other Ministers or local MP's, as the construction timeframe allows.

Transportation onsite

Ministers will be transported in 4WD vehicles, while all other guests will travel by coach from the Tawa Countdown car park to Bridge 20.

Once the Bridge 20 event is completed, Ministers and Ministerial officials who will not continue on the short site tour to Lanes Flat will be transported back to the Tawa Countdown car park by coach.

Ministers and Ministerial officials who will continue on the short site tour of the southern end of Transmission Gully, will be transported to the final destination at Lanes Flat Site Office after the tour.

Event impacted by wet or poor weather

The Transmission Gully Mobile Information Centre will be located at Bridge 20 to provide shelter for any media interviews and photographs in the event of high winds.

In the event of wet or poor weather, an alternative date for the event will be required. The Transmission Gully project will make a decision on whether to postpone the event due to wet weather on Monday 16 March 2020.

MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Time	Task	Responsibility
6.30am	Guests arrive	
<i>20 minutes maximum</i>	Guests arrive at Tawa Countdown car park Guests depart to Bridge 20 by coach Guests receive Health and Safety induction in the coach PPE will be distributed in the coach	Guests to be greeted by Waka Kotahi and Wellington Gateway Partnership (WGP) representatives
7 am	Welcome	
<i>5 minutes</i>	MC to welcome dignitaries, iwi and guests and to outline order of proceedings	MC to be determined
7.05am	Blessing Ceremony for Bridge 20	
<i>10 minutes</i>	Iwi opens ceremony with a karakia/waiata	Section 9(2)(a)
7.10am	Speeches	
<i>5-8 minutes per speech</i>	MC invites dignitaries to speak - Ngāti Toa to announce names of Bridges - Hon Phil Twyford, Minister of Transport - Waka Kotahi/ WGP	Section 9(2)(a) Minister Twyford Waka Kotahi representative
7.35am	Media interviews and photographs	
<i>20 minutes</i>	Minister Twyford and Ngāti Toa to respond to any media enquiries <i>Light refreshments will be made available to other guests during media interviews and photographs</i>	Jasmine Higginson Minister Twyford Press Secretary
7.55am	Ministerial party only - short site tour of Transmission Gully Media and other guests to depart	
<i>60 minutes</i>	Ministerial party to stop at James Cook Interchange and SH58 lookout. Media and other guests to be transported back to Tawa Countdown car park to depart.	3x 4WD drivers Waka Kotahi representative
8.55am	Ministerial party to arrive at Lanes Flat site office in Pautahanui	
	Ministerial party to return PPE gear.	Waka Kotahi representative

9am	Finish	
	Ministerial party to depart Lanes Flat site office.	

Key contacts:

- Gabrielle Para (Waka Kotahi)
- Emma Speight

Communications Lead
Director, Regional Relationships

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Media:

- Jasmine Higginson

Media Manager

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Transmission Gully Bridge 20 Event - Tuesday 17 March 2020

Group/Organisation	Position	Name	Email Addresses	RSVP
Ministers				
	Minister of Transport	Hon Phil Twyford		
	Associate Minister of Transport	Hon Julie Anne Genter		
	Associate Minister of Transport	Hon Shane Jones		
Local MPs				
	MP for Wellington Central	Hon Grant Robertson		
	MP for karoa Rāwhiti (Māori electorate)	Hon Meka Whaitiri		
	MP for Mana	Hon Kris Faafoi		
	MP for Rimutaka	Hon Chris Hipkins		
Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency				
Waka Kotahi Board	Board Chair	Sir Brian Roche		
	Board Member	David Smol		
Waka Kotahi officials	Chief Executive	Nicole Rosie		
	Director Regional Relationships	Emma Speight		
	General Manager Transport Services	Brett Gliddon		
	Senior Manager, Project Delivery	Andy Thackwray		
	Portfolio Manager, Delivery Portfolio E (Special Projects)	Mark McKenzie		
	Senior Manager, Journey Management Centre	Neil Walker		
	Chief Advisor, Engineering	Peter Spies		
	Programme Director PPP	Andrew Gard		
CPB HEB JV				
	Chairperson	Paul Corbert		
	Project Director	Justin Redelinghyus		
	Construction manager	to be advised		
Wellington Gateway Partnership				
	Chairperson	Louise Marsden		
	WGP Board members	x2		
	Chief Executive	Sergio Mejia		
Ventia	O&M Subcontractor representative	Section 9(2)(a)		
Local Government				
Porirua City Council	Mayor	Anita Baker		
	Chief Executive	Wendy Walker		
Kapiti Coast District Council	Mayor	K. Gurunathan		
	Chief Executive	Wayne Maxwell		
Greater Wellington Regional Council	Chief Executive	Greg Campbell		
	General Manager, Environment Management Group	Al Cross		
	Chairman	Darran Ponter		
Wellington City Council	Mayor	Andy Foster		
	Chief Executive	Barbara McKarrow		
Hutt City Council	Mayor	Campbell Barry		
	Chief Executive	Jo Miller		
Upper Hutt City Council	Mayor	Wayne Guppy		
	Chief Executive	Peter Kelly		
Iwi/Hapu				
Ngāti Toa	Section 9(2)(a)			
Interest groups				
AA				
RTF				
NZ Police				
FENZ				

From: [Priscilia Gain](#)
To: [Emma Kean](#)
Subject: RE: Transmission Gully - Bridge 20
Date: Thursday, 12 March 2020 12:37:00 PM

Amazing, thanks Emma

Cheers
Prisca

From: Emma Kean <Emma.Kean@parliament.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 12 March 2020 12:37 PM
To: Priscilia Gain <Priscilia.Gain@nzta.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Transmission Gully - Bridge 20

Thanks! Tom will attend with the group.

E

From: Priscilia Gain [<mailto:Priscilia.Gain@nzta.govt.nz>]
Sent: Thursday, 12 March 2020 12:34 PM
To: Emma Kean <Emma.Kean@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Transmission Gully - Bridge 20

Hi Emma

Please find attached run sheet

Section 9(2)(g)(i), unsure about Min Jones.

I had a chat with Tom the other day, that due to health and safety requirement, we can only accommodate six people from the ministerial party to the site visit (after the blessing).

At this stage the six people will be the following:

- Hon Phil Twyford
- Hon Kris Faafoi
- Greg O'Connor MP
- Rino Tirikatene MP
- Meka Whaititi MP
- Please advise if anyone else will come from other offices/ your Office

Let me know if you have any questions

Cheers
Prisca

From: Emma Kean <Emma.Kean@parliament.govt.nz>

Sent: Thursday, 12 March 2020 11:12 AM

To: Priscilia Gain <Priscilia.Gain@nzta.govt.nz>

Cc: Miranda Livapulu <Miranda.Livapulu@parliament.govt.nz>; Geoff Hayward <Geoff.Hayward@parliament.govt.nz>; Hamish Bell <Hamish.Bell@parliament.govt.nz>; Ataahua Tirikatene <Ataahua.Tirikatene@parliament.govt.nz>; Janet Emmerson <Janet.Emmerson@parliament.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: Transmission Gully - Bridge 20

Hi there,

So I have the below local MPs confirmed to go on the visit and the tour:

Hon Phil Twyford

Hon Kris Faafoi – Miranda and Geoff

Greg O'Connor MP -Hamish

Rino Tirikatene MP - Ataahua

Meka Whaititi MP - Janes

I am not sure about Associate Transport Ministers. I have copied in their office contacts and put their name alongside so you can keep everyone updated. We are keen to get a full run sheet and location details so we can book travel in.

Cheers,

E

From: Priscilia Gain [<mailto:Priscilia.Gain@nzta.govt.nz>]

Sent: Thursday, 12 March 2020 7:48 AM

To: Emma Kean <Emma.Kean@parliament.govt.nz>

Subject: Re: Transmission Gully - Bridge 20

Thanks so much, Emma :)

I hope you're feeling better today.

Cheers

Prisca

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From: Emma Kean <Emma.Kean@parliament.govt.nz>

Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 7:40:00 AM

To: Priscilia Gain <Priscilia.Gain@nzta.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: Transmission Gully - Bridge 20

Hi there,

So we have had the following confirm and I am waiting for final numbers by midday today:

Attending:
Hon Kris Faafoi
Greg O'Connor MP

Apologies:

Rt Hon Trevor Mallard
Ginny Andersen MP
Hon Grant Robertson
Kieran

Still waiting to confirm:

Hon Chris Hipkins
Meka
Paul
Rino

From: Priscilia Gain [<mailto:Priscilia.Gain@nzta.govt.nz>]
Sent: Wednesday, 11 March 2020 8:29 AM
To: Emma Kean <Emma.Kean@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Transmission Gully - Bridge 20

Thanks Emma

Cheers
Prisca

From: Emma Kean <Emma.Kean@parliament.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, 11 March 2020 8:25 AM
To: Priscilia Gain <Priscilia.Gain@nzta.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Transmission Gully - Bridge 20

Will come back to you tomorrow

Emma Kean
Senior Private Secretary
Hon Phil Twyford
Minister of Housing and Urban Development
Minister of Transport

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From: Priscilia Gain <Priscilia.Gain@nzta.govt.nz>
Date: Wednesday, 11 Mar 2020, 08:08

To: Emma Kean <Emma.Kean@parliament.govt.nz>

Subject: Transmission Gully - Bridge 20

Hi Emma

Any RSVPs from the local MPs below for TG? Not a problem if you haven't heard anything.

MP for Wellington Central	Hon Grant Robertson
MP for Ikaroa Rawhiti (Maori electorate)	Hon Meka Whaitiri
MP for Mana	Hon Kris Faafoi
MP for Rimutaka	Hon Chris Hipkins

Thank you

Cheers

Prisca

From: Emma Kean <Emma.Kean@parliament.govt.nz>

Sent: Friday, 6 March 2020 12:34 PM

To: Priscilia Gain <Priscilia.Gain@nzta.govt.nz>; Tom James <Tom.James@parliament.govt.nz>;
Jemima de Lacey <jemima.delacey@parliament.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: Transmission Gully - Bridge 20

Hi there,

I am happy with this. Tom?

Tom is at a meeting with Minister so he may not get back to us until 3pm.

Cheers,

E

From: Priscilia Gain [<mailto:Priscilia.Gain@nzta.govt.nz>]

Sent: Friday, 6 March 2020 12:29 PM

To: Emma Kean <Emma.Kean@parliament.govt.nz>; Tom James
<Tom.James@parliament.govt.nz>; Jemima de Lacey <Jemima.deLacey@parliament.govt.nz>

Subject: Transmission Gully - Bridge 20

Good afternoon

I'm just wondering if you have had a chance to review the documents

Thank you

Cheers

Prisca

From: Official Correspondence <Official.Correspondence@nzta.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, 4 March 2020 1:39 PM
To: Emma.Kean@parliament.govt.nz; Tom.James@parliament.govt.nz; Jemima de Lacey <jemima.delacey@parliament.govt.nz>
Cc: Richard May <Richard.May@nzta.govt.nz>; Priscilia Gain <Priscilia.Gain@nzta.govt.nz>
Subject: Transmission Gully - Bridge 20

Hi all

Please find attached the final runsheet, invite list and invite details for the Transmission Gully - Celebration of construction progress on Bridge 20 event.

Regards
Arina

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From: [Priscilla Gain](#)
To: [Emma Kean](#); [Tom James](#); [Jemima de Lacey](#)
Subject: Transmission Gully briefing, fact sheet, Media Release, backpacket Q&A, speech notes
Date: Thursday, 12 March 2020 10:05:00 PM
Attachments: [Transmission Gully Bridge 20 Celebration Fact Sheet_FINAL copy.docx](#)
[Transmission Gully Bridge 20 fact sheet_FINAL.docx](#)
[Transmission Gully Bridge 20 Media Release .docx](#)
[Transmission Gully Settlement Back pocket OA_FINAL.docx](#)
[Transmission Gully Speech Notes_FINAL.docx](#)
[Transmission Gully Bridge 20 Briefing_FINAL.pdf](#)

Hello

Please find attached Transmission Gully documents for the event next week

Let me know if you need anything else, I will send the finalised RSVP list tomorrow afternoon.

Cheers

Prisca

MINISTERIAL BRIEFING NOTE

Subject	Transmission Gully Celebration of Bridge 20 Construction Progress
Date	Thursday, 12 March 2020
Briefing number	BRI-1921

Contact(s) for telephone discussion (if required)				
Name	Position	Direct line	Cell phone	1st contact
Emma Speight	Director Regional Relationships, Lower North Island			✓

Action taken by Office of the Minister

- Noted**
- Seen by Minister**
- Agreed**
- Feedback provided**
- Forwarded to**
- Needs change [please specify]**
- Withdrawn**
- Overtaken by events**

12 March 2020

Minister of Transport

Transmission Gully Celebration of Bridge 20

1. This briefing provides you with information about Transmission Gully construction progress prior to the Celebration of construction progress on Transmission Gully and the naming of Bridge 20 event on Tuesday 17 March 2020, from 6.30am – 9am.

Project funding and costs

2. Transmission Gully is being delivered through a Public Private Partnership (PPP).
3. In 2014, Waka Kotahi, New Zealand Transport Agency signed a PPP contract with the Wellington Gateway Partnership (WGP). Under the PPP agreement, Transmission Gully is being financed, designed and built, and will then be operated and maintained by WGP for 25 years after its opening.
4. The current project cost comprises of two components being \$850 million (2014 Net Present Value to build, then operate and maintain Transmission Gully for 25 years) plus the settlement package of \$190.6 million. Transmission Gully is funded from the National Land Transport Programme.

Project features

5. The project features include:
 - 27 kilometre four-lane motorway, which will run from Mackays Crossing at Paekākāriki to Linden, through Transmission Gully
 - four interchanges and two link roads that will connect the motorway to Paekākāriki, SH58, eastern Porirua and Kenepuru
 - earthworks – over 10 million cubic metres of earthworks. Cuts up to 70 metres high.
 - 25 structures (bridges and major culverts) equating to a total length of more than one kilometre will be constructed along the route
 - the largest structure, which is the bridge over Cannons Creek is 230 metres long and over 60 metres high.
 - approximately 10 kilometres of stream diversions (Te Puka, Horokiri, Pauatahanui streams and various tributaries); and
 - over 534 hectares of ecological mitigation areas and 27 kilometres of stream remediation, restoring native landscapes and mitigating sedimentation in waterways.

Project benefits

6. The Transmission Gully motorway will:
 - provide a safer and more reliable route for motorists between Wellington and the lower North Island that is better able to resist and recover from earthquakes and storms
 - improve safety by reducing the number of fatal and serious injury crashes
 - reduce traffic congestion and improve safety within communities like Mana, Plimmerton, Pukerua Bay and Paekākāriki

- provide important connections for residential and commercial areas in eastern Porirua through two new link roads
- contribute to economic growth.

Project context

7. Transmission Gully is a 27 kilometre long motorway and when opened in 2020, will be a key part of the Wellington Northern Corridor.
8. Built to demanding specifications, Transmission Gully motorway is one of the most significant pieces of new road construction in the lower North Island.
9. Once built, the motorway will provide another route between Wellington and the lower and central North Island that will be safer and more reliable for road users, and better able to resist and recover from earthquakes and storms.
10. The project is highly complex, with difficult and steep terrain requiring a number of innovative environmental and construction techniques to be used during construction.

Construction progress

11. Transmission Gully was originally scheduled for opening to the public in April 2020.
12. In January 2018, Waka Kotahi formally agreed to a 20-day time extension for the opening of Transmission Gully, due to the impact of the Kaikoura Earthquake in 2016 on construction progress, where resources were diverted to assist in earthquake recovery.
13. Since that time, construction progress has also been impacted by numerous other weather events and complex geotechnical challenges.
14. On 14 February 2020, Waka Kotahi announced that the opening date for Transmission Gully is scheduled for Christmas 2020. Despite delays to construction, the visible progress of construction is significant.

Facts and figures

15. As of March 2020, progress on Transmission Gully includes:
 - 92 percent of the motorway construction is now complete
 - all structures are now complete
 - 175,000 cubic metres of earth left to move
 - 18 kilometres of the new motorway at pre-pavement level
 - 1 million new plants have been planted, with another 1 million to be completed
 - 8.3 million hours worked since construction began.

Section 18(d)

(Bridge 20 – bridge over Cannons Creek)

16. The largest structure on the project is Section 18(d) Section 18(d) sits over 60m high and 230m long and is built to demanding specifications. Section 18(d) is four lanes (or 24.5m) wide.
 - a total of 44 steel girders, each about 21m long, 1.8m wide and 3m deep make up the four main beams of the bridge, which are supported on two intermediate piers..
 - over 10,000 cubic metres of concrete has been used to build the bridge and all of its components.

Section 18(d)

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28. The Transmission Gully project team is currently developing a map of Transmission Gully that provides the location of the bridge structures and their names. This map will be provided to you for your information by Friday, 13 March 2020.

Other matters

Transmission Gully Settlement Agreement

29. In February 2019, CPB HEB JV, the subcontracted builder for Transmission Gully, made a claim against WGP of \$352m for delays to the construction of Transmission Gully. This claim was “passed through” to Waka Kotahi in the same month.

30. Waka Kotahi commenced formal negotiations with CPB HEB JV in late 2019.

31. Section 9(2)(f)(iv)

32. On 14 February 2020, Waka Kotahi publicly announced the Transmission Gully Settlement Agreement and the scheduled opening date of Transmission Gully.

33. Due to the commercial sensitivity of the Transmission Gully Settlement Agreement, the information that is already in the public domain is the only information that can be shared publicly.

34. You have received two written Ministerial briefings and several verbal briefings on the matter. The written briefing numbers are:

- **BRI-1622** – Update on Transmission Gully (14 March 2019)
- **BRI-1767** – Update on Transmission Gully (26 September 2019).

Ministerial event

35. The event will be located at Section 18(d) (Bridge 20 on Transmission Gully alignment).

36. Due to the limited parking available onsite, all guests will gather at Countdown Tawa car park to be transported by coach or 4WD up to Section 18(d)

37. A blessing ceremony and speeches will take place.

38. Immediately following the ceremony and speeches, the media will have an opportunity to ask questions and take photographs.

39. Following the media stand up, all guests excluding you and your selected Ministerial party will depart the site and be transported back to Countdown Tawa.

40. Your group will continue on a short site tour of the Transmission Gully alignment between Section 18(d) and Lanes Flat, Pauatahanui.

41. The group will stop along the alignment at the James Cook Interchange and Bridge 13 to receive a briefing about construction progress in the area.

42. The group will arrive at Lanes Flat, Pauatahanui where you and your selected Ministerial party will be met by Parliamentary Service vehicles to depart the Transmission Gully event.

Key attendees

43. The key attendees invited for the Celebration of construction progress on Transmission Gully ceremony include the following:

- Section 9(2)(a) Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira
- Section 9(2)(a) Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira

- Nicole Rosie – Waka Kotahi Chief Executive Officer
- Section 9(2)(a)
- Local MPs and Mayors
- Chief Executive Officers of local Councils

Media

- 44. We expect significant media interest with a focus on the recent Transmission Gully Settlement Agreement and the scheduled opening date of Transmission Gully by Christmas 2020.
- 45. A suite of back pocket Questions and Answers regarding the Transmission Gully Settlement Agreement and the scheduled opening date of Transmission Gully are provided in a separate document.

It is recommended that you:

- 1. **Note** the contents of this briefing.



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Emma Speight
Director Regional Relationships, Lower North Island

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Hon Phil Twyford, Minister of Transport
Date: 2020

FACT SHEET – Transmission Gully Celebration of Bridge 20 construction progress

Key facts

Transmission Gully is a 27 kilometre long motorway and when opened in 2020, will be a key part of the Wellington Northern Corridor.

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Funding

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Under the PPP agreement, Transmission Gully is financed, designed, built, and then operated and maintained by WGP for 25 years after its opening.

Transmission Gully is funded from the National Land Transport Programme (NLTP).

The current project cost comprises of two components being \$850 million (2014 Net Present Value to build, then operate and maintain Transmission Gully for 25 years) plus the Transmission Gully settlement package of \$190.6 million.

Project features

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- Earthworks – over 10 million cubic metres of earthworks. Cuts up to 70 metres high.
- 25 structures (bridges and major culverts) equating to a total length of more than one kilometre will be constructed along the route.
- The largest structure is [Section 18\(d\)](#) (the bridge over Cannons Creek) 230 metres long and over 60 metres high.
- Approximately 10 kilometres of stream diversions (Te Puka, Horokiri, Pauatahanui streams and various tributaries).
- Over 534 hectares of ecological mitigation areas and 27 kilometres of stream remediation, restoring native landscapes and mitigating sedimentation in waterways.
- Currently up to 600 employees working on Transmission Gully on any given day.

Project benefits

- Provide a safer and more reliable route for motorists between Wellington and the lower North Island that is better able to resist and recover from earthquakes and storms
- Improve safety by reducing the number of fatal and serious injury crashes
- Reduce traffic congestion and improve safety within communities like Mana, Plimmerton, Pukerua Bay and Paekākāriki
- Provide important connections for residential and commercial areas in eastern Porirua through two new link roads
- Contribute to economic growth.

FACT SHEET – Section 18(d)

Key facts

- Section 18(d) crosses the Cannons Creek valley and is the largest structure on the project.
- Section 18(d) 230m long, over 60m high and four lanes (24.5m) wide.
- A total of 44 steel girders, each about 21m long, 1.8m wide and 3m deep, make up the four main beams of the bridge, which are supported on two intermediate piers.
- Over 10,000 cubic metres of concrete has been used to build Section 18(d) all of its components.
- The Wellington region is an area of high seismic activity so designing and constructing a long, high, curving bridge that can withstand a 1 in 2500 year earthquake required innovative design.
- The design and construction of Section 18(d) has drawn on the skills and expertise of structural experts from around the world.
- Large base isolators sit at the abutments of the bridge and are designed to reduce the movement of the bridge when the surrounding ground moves in an earthquake, improving its ability to withstand a significant seismic event.
- The base isolators were designed and constructed in Spain and tested in Los Angeles before being shipped to New Zealand for installation.
- Waka Kotahi, NZ Transport Agency has worked closely with Ngāti Toa to name the bridge over Cannons Creek.

The launch of the bridge beams

- Launching is where pre-assembled sections of the bridge beams are pushed or “launched” across an open space to land on the bridge’s piers.
- The launching of the bridge beams was carried out in four phases.
- Phase one commenced on 18 April 2018, and phase four, seeing the bridge reach its final destination – the northern abutment, was completed on 4 August 2019.

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- Waka Kotahi has invited Ngāti Toa Rangatira to name all key structures for Transmission Gully.

Hon Phil Twyford

Minister of Transport



Tuesday 17 March 2020

Media Statement

Construction of the largest bridge on Transmission Gully is complete

The Minister of Transport, Hon Phil Twyford, Ngāti Toa Rangatira and a number of representatives from the local community gathered on the Transmission Gully alignment this morning to celebrate construction progress of the new motorway's largest structure.

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is the largest structure on the Transmission Gully alignment," Minister Twyford said.

"Built to demanding specifications, Section 18(d) stands over 60m above the stream below, is 230m long and four-lanes wide. Construction of Section 18(d) started in 2014."

"Having the opportunity to see first-hand, the size and scale of Section 18(d) provides a true appreciation for the effort involved in its construction."

As mana whenua of the entire Transmission Gully alignment, Ngāti Toa Rangatira were given the opportunity to name all key structures on the alignment.

Section 18(d) is the name given by Ngāti Toa Rangatira to Bridge 20, the bridge over Cannons Creek located near the southern end of the Transmission Gully route. A blessing and naming ceremony led by Ngāti Toa Rangatira was included in the celebratory event.

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As the largest structure in an area that is renowned for its seismic activity, Section 18(d) has called on international expertise in design and construction to ensure it can withstand a 1-in-2500-year seismic event.

"Large base isolators, similar to those used at Te Papa and the new Wellington Hospital buildings, sit at the base of the bridge," Minister Twyford said.

“They are designed to reduce the movement of the bridge when the surrounding ground moves in an earthquake, improving its ability to withstand a significant seismic event.”

“When completed, the benefits of Transmission Gully for the entire Wellington region and the lower and central North Island will be vast.”

The Transmission Gully motorway will:

- provide a safer and more reliable route for motorists between Wellington and the lower North Island that is better able to resist and recover from earthquakes and storms
- improve safety by reducing the number of fatal and serious injury crashes
- reduce traffic congestion and improve safety within communities like Mana, Plimmerton, Pukerua Bay and Paekākāriki
- provide important connections for residential and commercial areas in eastern Porirua through two new link roads
- contribute to economic growth.

While **Section 18(d)** and all other key structures are now complete, broader construction on the Transmission Gully alignment has also made significant progress. As of this month, progress on Transmission Gully includes:

- 92 per cent of motorway construction now complete
- 175,000 cubic metres of earth left to move
- 18 kilometres of the new motorway is at pre-pavement level
- over 1 million new plants have been planted with another 1 million yet to be planted
- over 8.3 million hours worked by the project team since the project began
- all of the structures on Transmission Gully are now complete.

Minister Twyford said the day’s celebration was also in recognition of the significant efforts to date of the many people involved in the construction **Section 18(d)** and Transmission Gully.

“I would like to acknowledge the people who have been involved in the construction of **Section 18(d)** and Transmission Gully – engineers, environmental specialists, construction workers and the like who have undoubtedly worked hard and long hours to get us to this point today.”

Transmission Gully is scheduled to open by Christmas 2020 in time for the very busy 2020 summer holiday season.

Note to editor: Transmission Gully key facts

Construction of Transmission Gully includes over 10 million cubic metres of earth moved, and cuts of up to 70 metres high, 25 structures (bridges and major culverts) and more than 534 hectares of ecological mitigation areas and 27 kilometres of stream remediation, restoring native landscapes and mitigating the sedimentation effects of the project on waterways.

- Transmission Gully is a four-lane, 27km motorway running from Mackays Crossing at Paekākāriki to Linden.

- Four interchanges and two link roads will connect the motorway to Paekākāriki, SH58, eastern Porirua and Kenepuru.
- The 25 structures (bridges and major culverts) equate to a total length of more than one kilometre; the largest of which is the bridge over Cannons Creek, which is 230 metres long and over 60 metres high.
- More than 534 hectares of ecological mitigation areas and 27 kilometres of stream remediation, restoring native landscapes and mitigating the sedimentation effects of the project on waterways.

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Transmission Gully Settlement Agreement

Back pocket Questions and Answers

Settlement questions

Why did the Agency agree to make a settlement?

Transmission Gully is a highly complex project being built on 27km of very difficult terrain. Progress has been slower than anticipated due to a number of issues during construction, including the Kaikoura earthquake in 2016 which diverted resources and materials.

Construction has been impacted by the challenging conditions of the site. The project has required an increased earthworks programme, creating further complexity, disruption and cost to the project.

These issues, and the impact from several storm events and the Kaikoura Earthquake, have meant that CPB HEB JV has incurred significant additional costs to construct the project.

In acknowledgement that issues were out of the control of CPB HEB JV and not something they could have reasonably anticipated, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency has provided \$190.6m of financial relief to CPB HEB JV.

Did the Agency agree to a settlement because it believed it may lose in litigation against the historical claims made by CPB HEB JV?

No, the settlement doesn't involve any admission of liability. The Agency agreed to reach a settlement in recognition that CPB HEB JV has been significantly impacted by the additional costs to construct the project.

As part of the settlement, CPB HEB JV's historic claims of \$352 million against WGP and the Agency have been resolved without resorting to litigation which would result in further costs and delays to the project.

What did CPB HEB JV allege in their historic claims?

CPB HEB JV's historic claims were associated with matters that had impacted on the timing of project delivery and/or increased their project costs beyond those they had anticipated at the time of tender. This includes issues encountered during construction such as the Kaikoura earthquake in 2016 which required the diversion of resources and materials.

What is the total overall cost of constructing Transmission Gully, including the settlement?

The current project cost comprises two components being \$850 million (2014 Net Present Value to build, then operate and maintain Transmission Gully for 25 years) plus the Transmission Gully settlement package of \$190.6 million.

How is the increase in cost still achieving good value for money?

The costs (also considering the settlement amount the Transport Agency has agreed to pay) reflect the reasonable costs for building a four-lane highway on 27km of very difficult terrain.

As part of the process of reaching a commercial settlement, we considered the size and scale of the project including earthwork volumes, structures, seismic requirements, terrain and the benefits that the Transmission Gully project will bring to the Wellington region and the central and lower North Island when completed.

Does this mean that NZTA's original pricing for Transmission Gully was inaccurate?

The price was not imposed by the Transport Agency. As part of the tender process, WGP and their sub-contractor CPB HEB JV bid a price within a pricing range acceptable to the Transport Agency.

Our original pricing range was based on a preliminary design and a Transport Agency published estimate.

The settlement package reflects a number of risk events, including weather and seismic events that the contractor outlined they could not reasonably have foreseen and had not allowed for in their pricing.

Will the financial relief go to investors or offshore companies?

The majority of this financial relief will go towards supporting CPB HEB JV, their local sub-contractors and staff, while also ensuring the Transport Agency still achieves good value for money for Transmission Gully.

What non-financial agreement is included in the settlement?

The Transport Agency has agreed to a staged opening and completion of Transmission Gully, whereby the Transmission Gully motorway will be opened to traffic by Christmas 2020.

Once Transmission Gully is open, there will be further work required before the project is fully completed, including landscaping and testing and commissioning of new technology systems. These works will most likely to be completed by the middle of 2021.

What guarantee does NZTA have that CPB HEB JV will not seek further settlement or make further claims?

The settlement agreement includes a full and final settlement clause. As part of this clause, CPB HEB JV has waived any ability to bring any future claim relating to events occurring prior to entry into the settlement agreement.

Why has the Transport Agency agreed to open the motorway first, followed by all remaining works?

The Transport Agency is committed to opening the road to the public as soon as possible. To enable this to happen, the Transport Agency have agreed that CPB HEB JV will first concentrate on the construction and opening of Transmission Gully motorway and the interchanges after passing a series of standard quality, safety and environmental checks prior to opening.

The completion of the remaining works, such as landscaping and testing and commissioning of new technology systems, will not impact on the ability to drive the motorway and is expected to be completed by mid-2021.

How can NZTA be sure that Transmission Gully will open before Christmas 2020?

As with all projects timeframes and expected completion dates, we are dependent on the weather conditions during the remainder of construction. We are confident the motorway will be open to traffic before Christmas, subject to reasonable progress through the upcoming winter season and to a series of critical safety checks prior to opening.

Are there any penalties for CPB HEB JV if there are further delays to the opening of Transmission Gully?

Under the settlement agreement, the Transport Agency could impose a \$10 million deduction if there are further delays to the opening of Transmission Gully beyond a set date in December 2020.

Construction questions

What areas of Transmission Gully construction have been the most complex?

Almost all aspects of the construction of Transmission Gully are highly complex work.

Construction of Transmission Gully includes over 10 million cubic metres of earthworks, and cuts of up to 70 metres, 25 structures (bridges and major culverts), more than 534 hectares of ecological mitigation areas and 27 kilometres of stream remediation, restoring native landscapes and mitigating sedimentation waterways.

Where will the \$190.6 million be spent?

The majority of this financial relief will go towards supporting CPB HEB JV, local sub-contractors and their staff, while also ensuring the Transport Agency still achieves good value for money for Transmission Gully.

Will the project seek to accelerate construction to complete the alignment?

In accordance with allowances under our consent conditions, the project will commence both day and night shift construction in some areas of the alignment in the near future.

To minimise any impact to nearby communities, the project team will continue to liaise with directly impacted residents.

The project will also continue to provide relevant communications and information to commuters and motorists on the state highway network in advance of any work that is likely to impact on traffic.

What resources were diverted to the Kaikoura Earthquake?

A wide range of building and construction materials such as structural steel, concrete and wire mesh were diverted to support roading construction and repairs as a result of the Kaikoura Earthquake.

The diversion of these materials created challenges for many projects throughout central New Zealand.

Political questions

Was it a mistake to decide not to toll Transmission Gully?

No, we remain confident in our decision not to toll Transmission Gully.

NZTA has consistently said in the past that a delay to Transmission Gully would not result in any additional cost to the NZ taxpayer. Was NZTA wrong in this statement?

No, NZTA was not wrong. This settlement is in recognition that the complexity of the project has negatively impacted on CPB HEB JV.

When the PPP was signed, it was said that one of the primary benefits of such a contract was that it protected the Agency from being liable for a number of risks during construction, including financial risks. Why has the PPP contract not protected the Agency in the construction of Transmission Gully?

The PPP contract sets a very tight parameter around risks and it is an effective method in mitigating risks to a client.

In acknowledgement that there were a number of issues that were out of the control of CPB HEB JV and not something they could have reasonably anticipated, the Transport Agency has provided \$190.6m of financial relief to CPB HEB JV.

The Transport Agency will continue to work with Wellington Gateway Partnership (WGP) and CPB HEB to successfully open the road to the public by Christmas 2020.

Will this settlement have an impact on the Puhoi to Warkworth PPP contract?

Each project is considered on its own particular terms, conditions and circumstances. That said, on each project we try to act consistently with our role which is to deliver quality roading projects for the public and operate as a fair client.

Can you provide any further details of the Transmission Gully Settlement Agreement?

Due to the commercial sensitivity of the Transmission Gully Settlement Agreement, the information that is currently within the public domain is the only information that can be provided.

SPEECH NOTES

Celebration of Bridge 20 construction progress

Speech for: Minister of Transport, Hon Phil Twyford

Date: 17 March 2020, 6.30am – 8am (celebration event), 8am – 9am (short site tour).

Occasion: Celebration of Bridge 20 construction progress

Overview:

Event begins at 6.30am

You speak from 7.10am (five minutes).

Emma Speight, Waka Kotahi Director Regional Relationships (Lower North Island) will MC the event and introduce you.

Introduction

Tena koutou.

Welcome to Transmission Gully, and in particular the amazing backdrop behind us, Section 18(d) bridge over Cannons Creek).

I would first like to begin by acknowledging all of you who have gathered here today, to celebrate construction progress of Section 18(d)

In particular, I would like to acknowledge:

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- All the local Mayors and Chief Executive Officers of local Councils
- Section 9(2)(a)
- Nicole Rosie – CEO of Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency.

Recognition of Ngāti Toa Rangatira

I would also like to make special acknowledgement of Ngāti Toa Rangatira.

As mana whenua of the entire Transmission Gully route, it is befitting that Ngāti Toa has named the new motorway's key structures.

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Similarly, it is a pleasure to be here today to be part of the blessing ceremony for Section 18(d), as we progress towards the opening of Transmission Gully at the end of the year.

Ngā mihi Taku, Sir Matiu, and te iwi o Ngāti Toa.

Acknowledgement of Transmission Gully progress

I would now like to take a brief moment to recognise and acknowledge the significant effort that has gone into the construction of Transmission Gully to date.

Construction of the new 27km motorway began some 6 years ago, when Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency signed a Public Private Partnership (PPP) agreement with the Wellington Gateway Partnership in 2014.

When completed, the benefits of Transmission Gully for the entire Wellington region and beyond will be vast.

The Transmission Gully motorway will:

- Provide a safer and more reliable route for motorists between Wellington and the lower North Island that is better able to resist and recover from earthquakes and storms
- Improve safety by reducing the number of fatal and serious injury crashes
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- Provide important connections for residential and commercial areas in eastern Porirua through two new link roads
- Contribute to economic growth.

As you will have noticed on the drive up here this morning, there has been much work underway since 2014.

As of this month, progress on Transmission Gully includes:

- 92 per cent of motorway construction now complete
- 175,000 cubic metres of earth left to move
- 18 kilometres of the new motorway is at pre-pavement level
- Over 1 million new plants have been planted, with another 1 million yet to be planted
- Over 8.3 million hours worked by the project team since the project began
- And importantly, all of the structures on Transmission Gully are now complete.

This progress has not been without its challenges. Poor weather, the longer lasting impacts of the Kaikoura Earthquake and the complexity of the terrain in this area have been significantly challenging for the project.

Despite this, Waka Kotahi, Wellington Gateway Partnership and the contracted builder CPB HEB JV have and continue to show, commitment, tenacity and drive to work together to complete this project.

Celebration of construction progress of Section 18(d)

This leads me to the reason we are here today. To celebrate construction progress of Section 18(d)

Section 18(d) is the largest structure on the Transmission Gully alignment.

Although we have all read at times, the stats and figures of this bridge, and seen images and time lapse videos of construction underway, it is certainly difficult to visualise the size and scale of Section 18(d) when presented on paper or on screen.

However, being here today and having the opportunity to see it first hand, draws our attention to just how significant and complex its construction is.

Section 18(d) stands over 60m above Cannons Creek below, is 230m long and 4 lanes wide.

As you will all know, this area is renowned for its high seismic activity and so designing a long, high, curving bridge that can withstand a 1 in 2500-year earthquake has required innovative design.

The design and construction of Section 18(d) has drawn on the skills and expertise of structural experts from around the world.

Large base isolators, similar to those used at Te Papa and the Wellington Regional Hospital buildings, sit at the base of the bridge.

They are designed to reduce the movement of the bridge when the surrounding ground moves in an earthquake, improving its ability to withstand a significant seismic event.

I would like to acknowledge the many people who have been involved in the construction of Section 18(d) – the many engineers, environmental specialists, construction workers and the like who have undoubtedly worked hard and long hours to get us to this point today.

Section 18(d) is truly impressive and your work does not go unnoticed or unappreciated.

Closing

Finally, it is a pleasure to be here today, to celebrate with you all the construction progress of **Section 18(d)** and Transmission Gully.

Like you all, I look forward to Transmission Gully's scheduled opening at the end of this year and the many benefits that it will provide to the Wellington region and the lower and central North Island.