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Afternoon Graeme,

Shortly after 12pm today a tree adjacent to SH1 on the Kilmog, approximately 30km north of Dunedin collapsed onto the highway causing two, potentially more vehicles to crash. This resulted in fatal injuries being sustained by one of the motorists.

The Police SCU have undertaken a scene examination while light traffic was detoured around local roads.

<https://www.odt.co.nz/news/dunedin/one-dead-after-tree-comes-down-highway>

Note that we had a forestry contractor undertaking tree removal 100m south of this site but on the other side of the highway earlier this week. Felling works were completed on Tuesday afternoon and they were in the process of tidying the site prior to disestablishing. This tree was not part of the planned works so was not touched. Initial public perception is the tree collapse was related to our activities which was incorrect.

I will be meeting with our forestry consultant on site tomorrow to assess the condition of the remaining trees with a view to remove these as soon as possible where they are the same species (poplar), age and shape. With the forestry contractor still having plant near the site we are able to respond quickly and minimise any residual risk, however due to the poor weather forecast over the next 24-36 hours it is unlikely we will be able to address them until Monday.

I will keep you informed of developments.

Ngā mihi

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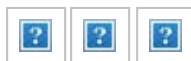
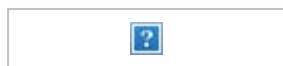
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