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Dear Jamie

Thank you for your email of 21 November 2022 requesting the following information:

Emailing regarding OIA-11208, which shows that 32 percent of the roading network is past its design life. I am wondering if you could provide a list of the roads that are overdue for renewal and what road has been overdue the longest. how long it has been overdue for renewal, and why it is still overdue?

Your request has been considered under the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

Further to Andy Knackstedt's response to you on 22 November, it is important to highlight that the design life is indicative only and that our renewal and resurfacing programmes are reviewed and refined annually. We do this using asset data, high speed data collection tools, surfacing data and best practise to identify highest priority and need, rather than relying on the design life. Often, pavements will continue to provide an acceptable level of service for years beyond its indicative design life.

For example, the section of road most past its design life without renewal in New Zealand is the Lyttelton tunnel (State Highway 74). Waka Kotahi data shows that this section was last sealed in the 1970's, with a design life of 8 years. However, the road has far outlasted this design life by continuing to meet or exceed performance requirements. The Tunnel has been programmed for renewal in 2024.

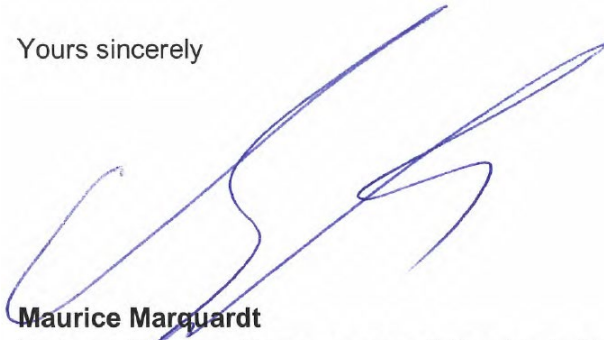
The sections of road that Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency has assessed as requiring renewal are scheduled in current and future renewal programmes. The schedule for the current financial year (1 July – 30 June 2023) is published online in the National Maintenance Forward Work Map. The map can be found online at:

<https://nzta.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/490776b08a094be5b737db698ad4000c>.

In line with Waka Kotahi policy, this response will soon be published on our website, with personal information removed.

If you would like to discuss this reply with Waka Kotahi, please contact Andy Knackstedt, Senior Manager, Media, by email to andrew.knackstedt@nzta.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Marquardt', is written over a light blue rectangular background.

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