

20 September 2023

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REF: OIA-13468

Dear [REDACTED]

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 28 August 2023 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I wish to request information relating to Tukino Access Road, located on the desert road, off SH1. Specifically I wish to confirm:

- 1) The legal status of Tukino Access Road as a public road.*
- 2) As a public road, the authority responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the road.*
- 3) A record of maintenance undertaken on the access road since 2015.*
- 4) All correspondence between NZTA and DOC on the maintenance or condition of Tukino Access Road.*
- 5) A record of crashes located within 500m of the intersection of Tukino Access road and SH1.*
- 6) All correspondence between NZTA and DOC on proposed signage upgrades to Tukino Access Road.*

I understand that you have made the same request in questions 1-4 and 6 to the Department of Conservation (DoC), and that it will be providing responses to these questions. Therefore, Waka Kotahi will respond to question 5 only.

On 4 September 2023, you clarified the scope of question 5 to be for a timeframe between 1 January 2003 and 28 August 2023.

5. A record of crashes located within 500m of the intersection of Tukino Access road and SH1

There was a total of nine crashes (five minor and four non-injury crashes) within 500m of the intersection of Tukino Access Road and State Highway 1 (SH1) for the period from 01/01/2003 to 28/08/2023.

Please note the following caveats concerning the information above:

- This data is provided from the road traffic crash database; Crash Analysis System (CAS) version 2.6.0.
- Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency maintains CAS which is updated once a Traffic Crash Report (TCR) is received from NZ Police sometime after the crash.

- Data is for all crashes on SH1 within 500m of the intersection of Tukino Access Road and SH1.
- Data is for the period from 01/01/2003 to 28/08/2023 as recorded in CAS to date - 13/09/2023.
- A crash, to be recorded in CAS must have occurred on a road. The CAS definition of a road is any street, motorway or beach, or a place to which the public have access with a motor vehicle, whether as of right or not e.g., a public car park.
- Due to the police reporting time frame and subsequent data processing there is a lag from the time of a crash to full and correct crash records within CAS.
- Due to the nature of non-fatal crashes, it is believed that these are under-reported, with the level of under-reporting decreasing with the increasing severity of the crash.
- Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, NZ had a 4-level Alert system in place from 21 March 2020 until this changed to a Traffic Light system from 3 December 2021 to 12 September 2022. The amount of traffic on the roads during level 4 lockdowns was greatly reduced, which consequently reduced the number of road crashes. Road movements under the Orange and Red levels of the Traffic Light system would also be reduced due to the restrictions in place, so data from these periods will not align with previous trends.
- 2022 and 2023 data is incomplete in CAS but the figures provided are what is currently in CAS as at 13/09/2023.

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 Kerry Greig, Manager, Data Services, by email to kerry.greig@nzta.govt.nz

Yours sincerely



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