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REF: OIA-11331

Dear ██████████

**Request made under the Official Information Act 1982**

Thank you for your email of 29 October 2022 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*Ref: 1790 State Highway 16 - <https://goo.gl/maps/xJ8JkPRPtqHqAdVW8>*

*I would like to enquire on the progress or forgotten progress on this section of State 16.  
From Streetview, it has been over 3.5 years where the speed restriction boards show the road  
as a 50km zone.*

I will respond to each part of your request as follows:

*My question.*

- *Has this been forgotten*

I would like to assure you that this site has not been forgotten. Subsidence levelling was completed during the 2019-2020 financial year and the geotechnical design work has now been completed. Repair work to address the slump (Omeru Falls underslip) commenced on 7 November 2022 and is expected to be completed by early December 2022.

- *What is the maximum time that a speed restriction should be in place before it is addressed?*

Section 7.2(3) of the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2022 (the Rule) states a temporary speed limit (other than an emergency speed limit):

- applies from the time a temporary speed limit sign is installed; and
- ceases to apply when the temporary speed limit signs are removed.

Under the 2022 Rule, approval from the Director of Land Transport is required for a temporary speed limit to apply for more than 12 months.

To issue an approval, the Director must be satisfied that the risk identified by the Road Controlling Authority (RCA) remains, regardless of whether it is the same risk that led to the temporary speed limit being put in place (as per section 7.2(5) of the Rule). An RCA must remove the temporary speed limit once it is satisfied that it is no longer necessary (as per section 7.2(8) of the Rule).

*Can I please see the relevant scheduled tasks and when the completion of remedial work is due to be completed?*

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency does not hold a schedule of tasks. I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(e) of the Act because the information requested does not exist.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to refuse part of this request. The contact details for the Ombudsman can be located at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

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 us by email at [official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Neil Walker', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

**Neil Walker**

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