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Dear 

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

Thank you for your email of 2 January 2022 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*Can you please tell me how many deaths and serious injuries have occurred on this corridor [State Highway 2 Waihi to Tauranga] in the year 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021, compared to the same period for 2020 and 2019.*

The data you have requested is as follows:

Deaths and serious injuries from crashes on SH 2 from Waihi to Tauranga			
Year	Deaths	Serious injuries	Total DSI
2019	1	17	18
2020	1	8	9
2021*	3	12	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>42</b>

\* 2021 data is incomplete and is current from CAS as at 25/01/2022

It is important to note the following in relation to the information provided:

- This data is provided from the road traffic crash database; Crash Analysis System (CAS) version 2.2.0
- Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency maintains the Crash Analysis System which is updated once a Traffic Crash Report (TCR) is received from NZ Police sometime after the crash.
- Data is limited to fatal and serious injury crashes for the years 2019 to 2021 as recorded in CAS to date - 25/01/2022.
- Data is limited to crashes on SH 2 Between Waihi (intersection with SH 25) and Tauranga (Wairoa River Bridge).
- 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 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 in December 2021. 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.
- 2021 data is incomplete.

In line with Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency 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](mailto:kerry.greig@nzta.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely



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