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Dear 

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 12 April 2023 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982. Please find responses to each of your questions below.

1. *Does Waka Kotahi have a solution in place (foresight) to BY-PASS the Brynderwyn's, with at least 4 lanes to support current and future road activity? If not, Why not?*

In 2018 Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency completed a Programme Business Case (PBC) for the Whangārei to Auckland corridor. This PBC identified a long-term programme of investment for this corridor, including identifying two possible routes within a study area for a bypass of the Brynderwyn Hills in the future.

This project is not funded in our current National Land Transport Programme and we are in the process of looking into opportunities to fund the next stage of investigations into long term solutions for this section of SH1, which would also include surrounding detour routes.

We acknowledge that this stretch of road is particularly susceptible to adverse weather conditions. As we move from the response phase to the recovery phase, we will consider ways to ensure this critical route can be more resilient.

2. *How many Waka Kotahi workers and roading contractors have been assigned and are working on this Brynderwyn passage?*

An average of 45 workers have been working on this site throughout this period. It must be noted that some of the work was off-line (i.e. not in the road corridor) behind the slips where the teams were building access tracks to the slip sites, thus giving the impression that there is no-one working. To ensure sound fatigue management of our teams and safety across the site, there are varying activities and teams on site throughout the day and night. In light of health and safety requirements, best practice guidelines and processes are followed to ensure the safety of all people on site, including the safety of the public traveling through this corridor.

3. *What's the cost to date and project for completion? Just to return to square one for this road?*

Since Cyclone Gabrielle, \$4.865 million has been spent repairing this stretch of road, with an estimated \$2.85 million left to spend on the current works.

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 Randhir Karma, Regional Manager, System Design (Auckland/Northland) by email to randhir.karma@nzta.govt.nz

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robyn Elston', written over a light grey rectangular background.

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