



Keeping road users safe with a new split site Commercial Vehicle Safety Centre along SH1 near Rakaia



During 2023 Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency will be building a Commercial Vehicle Safety Centre (CVSC) just north of Rakaia River.

Formerly known as weigh stations, CVSCs are sites where enforcement officers from the police and other agencies do checks on heavy vehicles including weight, brakes, certificate of fitness, logbooks, and alcohol and drugs.

The programme involves using electronic scales and other scanning equipment which are built into the road. As a truck passes over the scales at normal speeds, intelligent software identifies if it's overloaded, and those trucks are directed into the centre. Trucks within weight limits will normally keep on travelling, uninterrupted.

The Rakaia CVSC will be split with facilities on both sides of SH1 so vehicles can turn left in and left out. The northbound site is between Weavers Road and North Rakaia Road and the southbound site is on the opposite side of SH1 near North Rakaia Road.



When will works start?

The southbound site will be the first to start in mid-January 2023 with the northbound site due to start later in 2023. Both sites are expected to be operational by the end of 2024, this is subject to consent, contractor availability and weather conditions.

At Waka Kotahi, we're aiming for a road system free of death and serious injury. We also want a productive land transport system with a level playing field for the heavy vehicle industry. This CVSC will help toward both these aims by ensuring trucks on our roads are safe and anyone not playing by the rules is easier to identify.



Safety projects in the same area

Waka Kotahi is planning other safety projects on SH1 in this area.

- Road changes such as median barriers and rural roundabouts and turnaround facilities are being considered along SH1 from Templeton to Ashburton. Look out for more information on this later in 2023.
- Speeds are being reviewed in Canterbury and we want to improve safety at rural intersections with new intersection speed zones (ISZ) and electronic variable speed signs. Proposed speed changes on SH1 near Rakaia are from Weavers Road to Rakaia (from 100 km to 80 km) and in the Rakaia township (from 70 km to 50 km). **More information about this work can be found here www.nzta.govt.nz/ISMP**



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