

State Highway 23

Hamilton to Raglan - Safety Improvements



HOW WILL WE MAKE RURAL ROADS AND ROADSIDES SAFER?

Head-on and run-off-road crashes account for 75 percent of fatal and serious injury crashes in New Zealand

Wire rope barriers

Wire rope barriers 'catch' vehicles before they run off the road and hit something less forgiving like a tree or another vehicle. The wire cables flex on impact, slowing the vehicle and pushing it back into its lane.

Reduces head-on crashes by 90%



Most deaths and serious injuries on New Zealand's rural roads occur on high speed undivided routes

Wide centreline

Something as simple as widening the centreline on the road to increase the separation of traffic can reduce the likelihood of crashes. A wider centreline can effectively reduce accidents caused by fatigued and distracted drivers.

Reduces cross centreline crashes by 40%



40% of fatal and serious injury crashes are from drivers losing control and running off the road

Audio tactile road markings (rumble strips)

Rumble strips are a cost effective way to reduce run-off-road and head-on crashes. Applied to centrelines and edge lines, the raised plastic ribs give distracted or fatigued drivers a 'wake-up' call if they stray across the line.

Reduces head-on and run-off-road crashes by 30%

