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Thank you Joanna for this outcome and your actions in bringing this to pass. We are REALLY appreciative of this action and I am sure the KiwiRail family will be too. I understand there will be a storm of complaints but this is the best option.

Great to meet you again today. Have a great weekend (and a less stressful one).

Regards

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Dear s 9(2)(a),

Thanks for your help today, s 9(2)(a).

This is to advise that Waka Kotahi is getting a price from Titan Rail to:

- monitor the SH1B Telephone Road rail crossing 24 hours a day seven days and
- to raise the alarm with the Kiwirail Train Control Centre in Wellington in the event of a strike.

In the short term WE HAVE CLOSED THE ROAD for the safety of train drivers.

A press release will be issued this afternoon with wording similar to the following:

SH1B east of Hamilton closed, detour in place

State Highway 1B east of Hamilton is temporarily closed at the southern end of Telephone Road with detours in place to prevent ongoing damage to the level crossing.

A section of railway line was dislodged last week and the level crossing needs to be closed in order to maintain the safety of trains on the track, Waka Kotahi System Manager Waikato Cara Lauder says.

"This is the third time in three years tracks have been damaged at this location and while this repair was relatively quick, we need to close the level crossing while we investigate options to completely prevent this happening again," Ms Lauder says, adding that we currently plan to reopen with on site monitoring next week.

It is believed the damage is being caused by the Holland Road/Telephone Road intersection being lower than the level crossing, causing trucks to scrape over the crossing and dislodge the rail track.

"While we appreciate this temporary closure is inconvenient for local residents and through traffic we have to take the safety first approach. It's simply too risky to continue to allow traffic to use the level crossing in its current form, as the consequences of further damage to the tracks could include a train derailment," Ms Lauder says.

Northbound traffic is being detoured along Holland Road, Waverley Road and Seddon Road, with southbound traffic following the same detour in reverse. This detour will add approximately five minutes to a journey along SH1B.

Kind regards,

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