

MIN-3848 #2 Report on the failure of the SH35 Mangahauini Bridge (follow up)

27 July 2022

After receiving the report on the failure of the State Highway 35 Mangahauini Bridge on 17 June 2022 in MIN-3848, you asked for Waka Kotahi to provide a response on the management of debris and engineering effort to increase resilience.

Waka Kotahi response:

- Gisborne District Council (GDC), as a Unitary Authority, has responsibility for coastal and river management. The Council has increased riparian planting throughout the Mangahauini gorge, which will help reduce the debris getting into the river as well as increasing the stability of the riverbanks.
- Resilience issues are also being addressed through a refresh of our Connecting Tairāwhiti business case, which will include an assessment of the vulnerable points across the network, including the Mangahauini Gorge (the section just north of the Mangahauini Bridge).
- In parallel with this, Waka Kotahi is also looking to progress a Single Stage Business case for the Mangahauini River Catchment as well as Turihaua Point (the coastal section north of Gisborne city).
- Once completed, these will be put forward for funding consideration.
- Waka Kotahi will continue to work with GDC on the future plans for the Mangahauini River Catchment management and provide any support required to protect our roading assets and the associated environment.