

SH6/6A Frankton Intersection and Bus Hub Improvements Project



What	Notice of closure of SH6 at night to install new drinking water supply line and other utilities
When	9pm - 6am, Sunday 3 November to Friday morning, 29 November (Sunday to Thursday nights)
Where	SH6 Frankton-Ladies Mile Highway, between the BP roundabout and Hansen Road/Joe O'Connell Drive

What's happening?

From Sunday night, 3 November, we'll begin installing a new, larger drinking water supply across SH6 Ladies Mile Highway.

To carry out this work, we need to close a section of the highway at night for about four weeks (excluding Friday and Saturday nights) so we can upgrade, connect, test and activate the new pipelines under and around the highway and Gray Street.

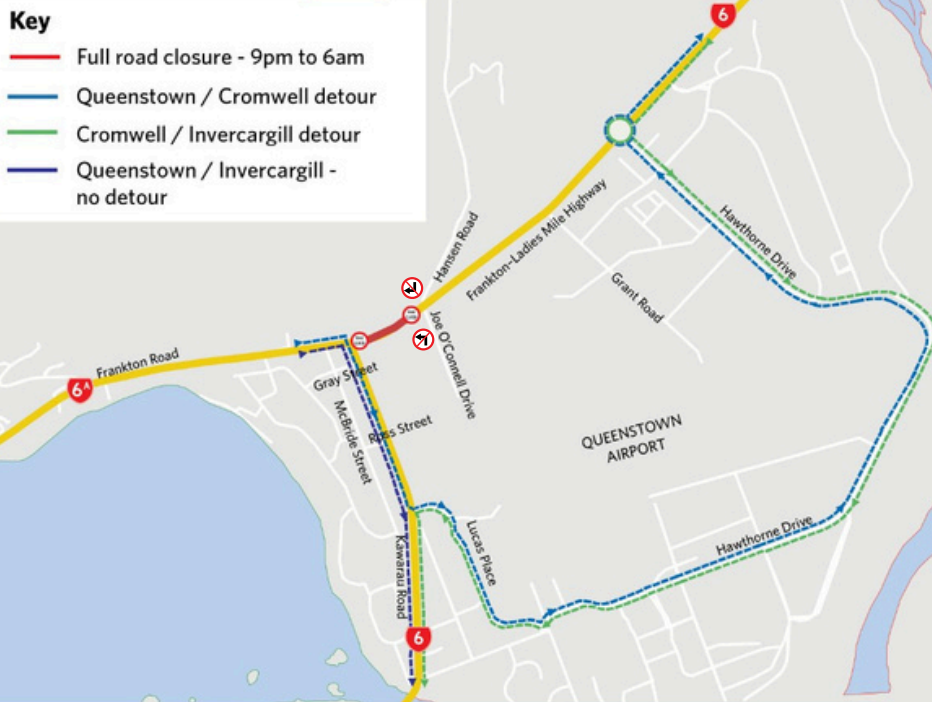
We're also upgrading and extending 90 metres of Chorus fibre optic cable in a long trench between Frankton Cemetery and Hansen Road, to boost the resilience of this line.

We need to do this work at night as shutting this busy state highway during the day and detouring traffic via local roads would be too disruptive. Also, water supply shutdowns should only happen at night to minimise the impact on people and businesses.

By replacing the existing 250mm water pipe with a new 400mm diameter pipe, we're providing increased capacity to cater for future development.



SH6 Frankton - Ladies Mile Highway overnight closure and detour 3-29 November 2024



Detour

Hawthorne Drive around Queenstown Airport is the key detour when the SH6 closures are in place.

If you are heading south towards Invercargill, you will rejoin at Lucas Place roundabout.

If you are heading north towards Cromwell, you will rejoin at the Hawthorne Drive roundabout.

Emergency services will be escorted through the site by our contractor.

The BP Roundabout will always be open.

The new water supply line and testing process

The water supply pipes will be connected to three separate points around SH6 Ladies Mile and Gray Street, servicing current and future residents and businesses.

Putting in a water supply pipe is different from previous utilities that we have shifted or replaced as part of this project.

As the pipeline will ultimately supply drinking water, it's thoroughly tested with pressure tests at multiple locations as well as water quality testing at a laboratory.

This testing is expected to take 72 hours, before the neighbourhood supply is switched over to the new system.

Temporary water shutdown

- The water supply is currently scheduled to be stopped in the Ladies Mile-Hansen Road area on 5 November, between 10pm – 6am.
- The water supply to the Frankton Village area is currently scheduled to be stopped on 6 November, between 10pm – 6am.

Veolia will contact affected customers to confirm when the local water supply will be cut off and restored.

There are no other planned service outages from this work.



General information



Impact

We appreciate night works are disruptive, particularly for residents, however doing it this way means businesses can stay operational throughout, and we interfere as little as possible with traffic at this key section of road.

We'll carry out noisy work earlier in the evening, to minimise disruption.

Flood lights will be directed away from nearby residences as much as possible.

These are our planned dates of work, but they may change if we're able to finish a stage of work more quickly than expected, or it takes longer due to weather or other circumstances.



Events Centre / Hansen Road access

Access to Joe O'Connell Drive and Hansen Road remains open. The key change is that from 9pm, drivers will only be able to turn left in to, and right out of, Joe O'Connell Drive. For Hansen Road, drivers will be able to turn right into the road from SH6 and turn left to exit onto SH6.

There will be full access for the Queenstown Marathon registration day (Friday 15 November) and event (Saturday 16 November). We won't be working on the highway on Friday or Saturday, and the entrance to the Queenstown Events Centre will be fully open.

QEC gym members who turn up early will also be able to get into Joe O'Connell Drive - those coming from SH6 Kawarau Road direction will need to follow the detour around Hawthorne Drive to SH6 Ladies Mile, then turn left into Joe O'Connell Drive.

