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6(a)	as release would be likely to prejudice the security or defence of New
0(0)	Zealand or the international relations of the New Zealand Government
6(b)	as release would be likely to prejudice the entrusting of information to the
0(0)	Government of New Zealand on a basis of confidence by
	(i) the Government of any other country or any agency of such a
	Government; or
	(ii) any international organisation
6(c)	prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation,
0(0)	and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial
9(2)(a)	to protect the privacy of natural persons
9(2)(a) 9(2)(b)(ii)	to protect information where the making available of the information would be
	likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who
	supplied or who is the subject of the information
9(2)(ba)(i)	to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which
9(Z)(Da)(I)	any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of
	any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely
	to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same
9(2)(ba)(ii)	source, and it is in the public to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which
9(Z)(Da)(II)	
	any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of
	any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely
0(2)(f)(ii)	otherwise to damage the public interest
9(2)(f)(ii)	to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect
O(2)(f)(i,j)	collective and individual ministerial responsibility
9(2)(f)(iv)	to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect
$O(2)(\pi)(i)$	the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials
9(2)(g)(i)	to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank
	expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or
	members of an organisation or officers and employees of any public service
0(0)(h)	agency or organisation in the course of their duty
9(2)(h)	to maintain legal professional privilege
9(2)(i)	to enable a Minister of the Crown or any public service agency or
	organisation holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or
0(0)(i)	disadvantage, commercial activities
9(2)(j)	to enable a Minister of the Crown or any public service agency or
	organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or
	disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)



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1 ACTIONS FROM TRANSPORT OFFICIALS' MEETING

1 Actions from transport officials' meeting

Meeting with Te Manatū Waka Ministry of Transport (the Ministry) and Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency (Waka Kotahi)	Due date
None this week.	Nil.
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2 UPCOMING BRIEFINGS

2 Upcoming briefings

Briefings to Minister Parker	Due date
s 6(a), s 9(2)(f)(iv), s 9(2)(j)	Week ending
Responsibility: Paul Fistonich, Acting Manager, Resilience and Security	25 August 2023.
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Week ending
Responsibility: Chris Gulik, Acting Director, Auckland Light Rail	25 August 2023.
Issue Of Consent Under The Wildlife Act 1953 To Waka Kotahi For Mount Messenger Bypass	Week ending 25 August 2023.
Responsibility: Brendan Booth, Chief Legal Adviser and Manager, Procurement	
Advice On Proposed Changes To The Land Transport Rule:	Week ending
Vehicle Exhaust Emissions 2007 (To Introduce Euro 6) And Summary Of Submissions Following Consultation	25 August 2023.
Responsibility: Matt Skinner, Manager, Environment and Emissions Policy Design	
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Week ending
	25 August 2023.
Responsibility: Chris Gulik, Acting Director, Auckland Light Rail	
Official Information Act Request From ^{s 9(2)(a)} RE:	Week ending
Auckland Hardstand Or The Auckland Harbour Foreshore Grant Act 1875	25 August 2023.
Responsibility: Brendan Booth, Chief Legal Adviser and Manager, Procurement	
Ministerial Direction To Waka Kotahi To Collect Tyre Product Stewardship Rees	Week ending
Responsibility: Helen White, Manager, Mobility and Safety	25 August 2023.
s 9(2)(a)	
Official Information Act Request From Regarding The Emerging Preferred Option For The Waitematā Harbour	Week ending
Connections Project	25 August 2023.
Responsibility: Karen Lyons, Director, Auckland	

2 UPCOMING BRIEFINGS

Briefings to Minister Parker	Due date
Land Transport (Road Safety) Amendment Bill 2023 Implementation – Approved Vehicle Surveillance Equipment (AVSE) Notices	Week ending 25 August 2023.
Responsibility: Megan Moffet, Manager, Regulatory Policy	
Airport Security Screening Procedures Policies and Training Briefing	Week ending 25 August 2023
Responsibility: Harriet Shelton, Manager, Governance	
Official Information Act Request From ^{\$9(2)(a)} Regarding The Emerging Preferred Option For The Waitematā Harbour Connections Project	Week ending 25 August 2023.
Responsibility: Karen Lyons, Director, Auckland	\leftarrow
Official Information Act Request From ^{\$9(2)(a)} Regarding The Emerging Preferred Option For The Waitematā Harbour Connections Project	Week ending 25 August 2023.
Responsibility: Karen Lyons, Director, Auckland	
Air Navigation System Review: Initial Actions	Week ending
Responsibility: Tom Forster, Manager, Economic Regulation	1 September 2023.
Creation Of Six Marine Reserves In The Southeast Of The South Island Under The Marine Reserves Act 1971	Week ending 1 September 2023.
Responsibility: Jacob Ennis, Acting Manager, Supply Chain	
Draft Budget 2024 Strategy For Transport	Week ending
Responsibility: Tim Herbert, Manager, Investment	1 September 2023.
Draft Transport Orders-In-Council To Be Submitted To Review Panel And Regulations Review Committee (Tranche 5B)	Week ending 1 September 2023.
Responsibility: Carmen Mak, Director, System and Regulatory Design	
New Zealand – Solomon Islands: Outcome Of Air Services Negotiations	September TBC.
Responsibility: Tom Forster, Manager, Economic Regulation	

2 UPCOMING BRIEFINGS

Briefings to Minister O'Connor	Due date
Land Transport (Road Safety) Amendment Bill: Third Reading and Committee of the Whole	Week ending 25 August 2023.
Responsibility: Megan Moffet, Manager, Regulatory Policy	
Recreational Safety and Search And Rescue Review Report – Findings And Recommendations Responsibility: Bev Driscoll, Director, Recreational Safety and Search	Week ending 1 September 2023
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3 Key priorities

Minister Parker

Community Connect Update



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Minister Parker

National vehicle kilometres travelled (VKT) reduction plan and sub-national VKT reduction targets for Tier 1 urban areas: issuing technical guidance to local authorities

As you are aware, the Transport chapter of the first Emissions Reduction Plan (ERP1) set a target to reduce light VKT by 20 percent by 2035 (against a 2019 projection). To advance this target, it included actions to:

- Set sub-national VKT reduction targets for major urban areas (Tier 1 and 2) by the end of 2022 (designed to 'add up' to achieve the national target);
- Revise Waka Kotahi's national mode shift plan to ensure nationally led activities align with the pace and scale of VKT reduction and mode shift required in urban areas; and
- Develop VKT reduction programmes for major urban areas (Tier 1 and 2) in partnership with local government, Maori and community representatives.

We are currently awaiting your direction on how to proceed with the proposed sub-National targets and the draft National Plan.

Next steps:

Officials are available to discuss next steps on the sub-national VKT reduction targets and the National VKT Reduction Plan with you if this would be useful.

Waka Kotahi plans to issue technical guidance to affected Tier 1 local authorities in the coming weeks that provides advice about how they can proceed with their urban programmes in ways that are likely to align with the national VKT reduction target set in the ERP. This would in theory enable councils to develop their urban programmes in time to meet the December 2023 deadline, although it should be noted that in practice, only Auckland is likely to meet this timeframe.

Minister Parker

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Waka Kotahi will issue best practice technical guidance to affected Tier 1 local authorities in the coming weeks to help them align their urban programmes with the national VKT reduction target.

Responsibility: Holly Walker, Manager, Environment and Emissions Strategy, and Nick Potter, Acting Manager, Placemaking and Urban Development

Minister O'Connor

No updates this week.

Ministers Parker and O'Connor

Cyclone Recovery

Policy function (excluding legislation)

The Cabinet paper on the transport recovery and rebuild following the severe weather events was considered by the Extreme Weather Recovery Committee (EWR) on 16 August 2023.

Legislation function

The Cabinet Legislation Committee (LEG) paper which seeks approval to submit the Order in Council (OiC) modifying the Land Transport Management Act (LTMA) 2003 to the Executive AL REPACT Council and Governor-General for enactment, is due to be considered by LEG on 23 August 2023.

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Investment function

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Finance function:

As of 16 August 2023, Waka Kotahi was paid a total of \$79m against Equity injection to the Waka Kotahi NZTA appropriation. This was to reimburse it for additional NIWEs response costs incurred in FY22223. This appropriation was provided through phase 1 of the NRP process.

Next steps:

Following Cabinet confirmation of the EWR decisions on the transport recovery and rebuild following the severe weather events (expected on 21 August 2023), you will need to formally advise the KiwiRail Board of changes to the Rail Network Investment Programme. This will reflect Cabinet's decision to release the \$160 million tagged operating contingency for rail network reinstatement approved in Budget 23.

As above, the LEG paper which seeks approval to submit the OiC modifying the LTMA, to the Executive Council and Governor-General for enactment, will be considered by LEG on 23 August 2023.

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Ministers Parker and O'Connor

Cyclone Recovery

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Year to date road fatalities

As at 17 Aug 2023 provisional road fatalities are **209** for the year, this is 10 fewer fatalities than the same date in 2022. A year-to-date comparison is shown in the table below:

crash month	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Jan	32	21	18	29	22
Feb	26	32	28	25	32
Mar	33	31	34	32	27
Apr	45	9	25	37	32
Мау	29	23	31	27	27
Jun	27	29	37	32	31
Jul	14	32	16	25	25
Aug	15	9	13	12	13
Total	221	186	202	219	209



3 KEY PRIORITIES

Year to date road fatalities

The chart below provides a comparison of fatalities by mode and region for the last five years. The map show fatalities for 2023 by mode and location, highlighting fatalities from the last seven days with larger circles.



Clean car and electric vehicle registrations Summary of registrations by CCD Band for week ending 13 August, 2023 Total registrations last full month (Jul) delta prev month year to date delta prev year to date total registrations this week delta prev week -28,212 -15,162 3722 -687 13,839 173,214 This week's registrations by emissions band and vehicle type Weekly trends this year delta_prev_wk CCD.band Heavy Light Motorcycle Total High Low Zero (0g/km) 0 231 22 253 78 1317 Very low (1-49g/km) 0 0 52 52 7 607 Low (50-99g/km) 0 811 0 811 187 1758 Moderate (100-149g/km) 0 993 0 285 4210 High (150-199g/km) 0 530 0 204 6904 -32 Very high (200-249g/km) 0 422 78 7220 Extremely high (over 250g/km) 1 309 -71 3637 49 Unknown 147 13 -77 107 933 This week's registrations for ZERO EMISSION BAND (0g/km) batters elect Weekly trends this year Total Vehicle type New delta_prev_wk Low High . A. A. B. L. 19 Car 147 -113 1195 -15 1 minu Bus 1 20 4 0 22 1 1 22 1 1 22 Julter Van -1 1 5 36 MAL 0 0 Truck 1 3 manhan Motorcycle 22 -3 1 46 Much 0 Other 0 0 1 36

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4 CABINET PAPERS

4 Cabinet papers

Minister Parker				
Paper	Committee	Status		
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Cabinet Economic Development Committee (DEV) 23 August 2023. Cabinet Legislation Committee (LEG) 31 August 2023	We provided a draft Cabinet paper to your Office on 17 August 2023.		
Responsibility: Marian Willberg, Manager, Demand Management and Revenue	Stri			
Order in Council for Modifications to the Land Transport Management Act 2003	Cabinet Legislation Committee (LEG).	Lodged.		
This paper seeks agreement to submit the Order in Council (OiC) to the Executive Council for approval. The timeline for this paper is consistent with the timeline for Tranche Four OiCs. Responsibility: Carmen Mak, Director,	24 August 2023.			
System and Regulatory Design				
Regulations implementing changes to Land Transport Regulatory Fees and Charges This paper seeks Cabinet approval to submit Regulations setting land transport fees and charges to the Executive Council. Responsibility: Brendan Booth, Chief Legal	Cabinet Legislation Committee (LEG). 24 August 2023.	We provided a draft Cabinet paper to your Office on 19 July 2023. Proposed lodgement has now moved to 17 August 2023 after discussion with		
Adviser and Manager, Procurement		your Office.		

4 CABINET PAPERS

Minister Parker				
Paper	Committee	Status		
s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Cabinet Economic Development Committee (DEV) 30 August 2023.	We provided you with a briefing and draft Cabinet paper on 17 August 2023.		
Responsibility: Jacob Ennis, Acting Manager, Supply Chain		24		
Government response to the Inquiry into the Future of Inter-Regional Passenger Rail in New Zealand Responsibility: Nick Potter, Acting Manager, Placemaking and Urban Development	Cabinet Legislation Committee (LEG) 31 August 2023.	We provided you with a briefing and draft LEG paper on 10 August 2023.		
Confirmation of Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy This paper seeks Cabinet approval to release the final Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy. Responsibility: Holly Walker, Manager Environment and Emissions Strategy	Cabinet Economic Development Committee (DEV). Date to be advised by your Office.	We understand you spoke with Minister Woods on 7 August 2023 about this matter. We await further direction following this meeting.		
Minister O'Connor				
Paper JA	Committee	Status		
Maritime Transport (Infringement Fees for Offences – Otago Regional Council Navigation Safety Bylaw 2020) Regulations 2023 This paper seeks Cabinet approval to submit Regulations setting Infringement Fees for	Cabinet Legislation Committee (LEG). 24 August 2023.	Minister O'Connor's Office has informed us this paper is intended for LEG on 24 August 2023, with the paper being lodged on		
Offences for breaches of the Otago Regional Council Navigation Safety Bylaw 2020 to the Executive Council. <i>Responsibility: Brendan Booth, Chief Legal</i>		17 August 2023.		
Adviser and Manager, Procurement				

5 CABINET PAPERS LED BY OTHER AGENCIES

5 Cabinet papers led by other agencies

Title	Lead agency	Minister and Committee	Estimated timing to Cabinet Committee		
Appointments in response to the Ministerial Inquiry into Land Use in Tairāwhiti-Gisborne and Wairoa	Ministry for the Environment and Ministry for Primary Industries	Minister for the Environment and the Minister of Forestry	23 August 2023 Appointments and Honours Committee		
Comment	Comment 6				
This paper concerns the potential appointment of two ministerial advisers in response to the findings and recommendations of the Ministerial Inquiry into Land Use in Tairāwhiti-Gisborne and Wairoa (the Inquiry). The Ministry did not provide any feedback on the paper Responsibility: Nick Paterson, Manager, Cyclone Recovery					

Title	Lead agency	Minister and Committee	Estimated timing to Cabinet Committee	
Biosecurity (Information for Incoming Passengers) Regulations and Biosecurity (Infringement Offences) Amendment Regulations	Ministry for Primary Industries (Biosecurity)	Minister for Biosecurity Cabinet Legislation Committee	31 August 2023.	
Comment				
The purpose is to require a person in charge of a commercial passenger craft (such as aircraft and cruise ships) arriving in New Zealand with 20 or more passengers (excluding crew), to provide information on New Zealand's biosecurity laws to all passengers. The Ministry supports the intent of this paper. <i>Responsibility: Tom Forster, Manager, Economic Regulation</i>			Next steps: For your information only.	

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6 Transport Crown entity and state-owned entity (SOE) updates



Research into the Prevalence of Abuse, Aggression and Violent Threats Toward Drone Operators

A Massey University masters student is embarking on research to examine the prevalence and severity of abuse, aggression, and sometimes threats of violence with firearms to drone operators. Unmanned Aerial Vehicle New Zealand (UAVNZ) has reported anecdotal evidence of such behaviour and the CAA has been called upon by industry to help change public perception of drones. The primary research method will be to survey drone operators.

CAA will have access to the findings of the study which will help to inform any public communication on this issue. The preliminary research findings are likely to be available in early 2024.

CAA will support the research with some communication activity at the launch of the survey, for example, a coordinated media release with UAVNZ.

Communications and External Engagement 14 August 2023

Media plan – 7 days from Sunday 20 August

Nil

Media mentions – 7 days to Wednesday 16 August 2023

Date	Activity	Channel
10 August 2023	Live shot gun cartridge found in overhead cabin locker on Air NZ aircraft raises concern about aviation	Stuff
	The journalist received a tip about this case from an airline crew member. Aviation Security Service was approached for information and confirmed that a live shotgun cartridge was found in an overhead locker on 10 July 2023. The investigation did not determine how the cartridge got onto the aircraft, how long it had been there, or whether it had passed through security screening. Our response explained the procedure, that it is highly unlikely that the single cartridge fell out of a bag with multiple cartridges, and that the most likely scenario is that it was in a hunter's jacket pocket, and fell out in the overhead locker. New Zealand Airline Pilots' Association President Andrew McKeen was quoted in the article as follows, "That's our argument with Avsec, we have to go through all these things, but they can't find a cartridge in a passenger's carry-on bag." In the 12 months to 7 August 2023 there were 3678 instances where live rounds of ammunition were removed from bags - none of these were determined to be deliberately concealed. This data was also provided and included in the article.	ROY
10 August 2023	Invercargill Airport to manage Milford's new aerodrome status CAA is mentioned briefly in regard to the certification of the aerodrome.	NBR (paywalled
11 August 2023	Christchurch drone expert calls for greater public tolerance Experienced drone operator and trainer John Moss is	Star News (Canterbury)
	advocating for more understanding and open-mindedness from the public towards the small flying machines, in response to feedback drone operators receive, and comments on social media about shooting down drones.	

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Date	Activity	Channel
12 August 2023	Hospital drone yet to get off the ground	Greymouth Star
	A drone operation between the Australian company Swoop Aero and Te Whatu Ora in the West Coast, which was to start early this year, has yet to begin as an application has not been made to the CAA.	
15 August 2023	Any necessary measures: How airline crew handle potentially dangerous passengers In response to the Malaysian Airlines bomb threat incident on 15 August 2023, we provided comment yesterday about disruptive or unruly passengers on flights. The article had input from the Flight Attendants Association of New Zealand about when and why a plane might be diverted, and how airlines deal with disruptive or unruly passengers. We provided information about unruly passenger offences under the Civil Aviation Act, and the right to restrain passengers under the Civil Aviation Crimes Act.	Stuff

Upcoming communications and engagement

Planned release/publish	What	Туре	Why
August - September	Becoming a licensed aircraft maintenance engineer.	GAP booklet (new / updated version of existing booklet).	Minor update and then reprint.
July - September (multiple dates)	Airworthiness and maintenance.	Face-to-face workshop with industry.	Education for owners and operators to increase their understanding of the requirements for maintaining their aircraft.
September	Vector Spring Issue.	Aviation industry magazine.	A way of getting relevant information to industry in an easy-to-read format.

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Planned release/publish	What	Туре	Why
September - November (multiple dates)	Plane Talking.	Face-to-face workshop.	This series of seminars, as part of the Work Together, Stay Apart campaign, serves the aerodrome communities and will be held in aero clubs and flying schools throughout New Zealand. There are 21 dates in total.
September	Plane Talking.	GAP booklet (new/ updated version of existing booklet).	To educate the aerodrome community about standard radio calls. This video is the first educational product to be released as part of the Work Together, Stay Apart campaign.
July - December (multiple dates)	Dangerous Goods (DG).	Face-to-face course for industry.	To provide training and qualification for the carriage of DG.
October	Weight and balance.	GAP booklet (new / updated version of existing booklet).	Business As Usual (BAU) version update.
October	Vector special issue: accidents that have common causes.	Aviation industry magazine.	To highlight the most common causes of fatal accidents that safety investigators go to.
TBC	In, Out and Around – Queenstown, Christchurch and Manawatu editions.	GAP booklet (new / updated version of existing booklet).	BAU version update.

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Public Consultation on Maritime and Oil Pollution Levies

The public consultation on Maritime Levies and Oil Pollution Levies is now closed. The levies rates changes proposed in this funding review are consistent with a return to full cost recovery from 1 July 2024, as Cabinet has directed. Putting these changes in place from 1 July 2024 would remove the need for further Crown liquidity funding.

During the consultation, we held two webinars covering the proposals in the consultation document, and the recordings of these are on our website. We also shared the Frequently Asked Questions received from the webinars and email queries to ensure equitable access to the same information. We received approximately 43 submissions.

Our next steps will include analysing the submissions (including identifying themes and assessment of all feedback) and based on that, preparing final recommendations on regulatory changes. The Ministry will also participate in this process. Within the next few weeks we will meet with the Oil Pollution Advisory Committee (OPAC) on any recommended changes to the Oil Pollution Levies methodology and rates. Under the Maritime Transport Act there must be consultation with OPAC ahead of advising the Minister on the imposition of, and the rate or rates of oil pollution levies.

We will then prepare and present the Cost Recovery Impact Statement (CRIS) to the Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) panel, organised by the Ministry. This ensures the impact analysis meets the quality assurance criteria before a Cabinet paper is drafted. We expect to complete the CRIS process by the end of October 2023.

Upcoming item on TVNZ's Fair Go

In the week ending 11 August 2023; Maritime NZ was contacted by Environment Southland about a story being undertaken by *Fair Go*. The current affairs programme was approached by a family that asked it to look into the process around maritime incident investigations following an accident that took place last year. The accident involved members of a family that were in a rowing skiff, which collided with a motorboat. The daughter of the family that contacted *Fair Go* received facial injuries in the accident.

Maritime NZ made initial inquiries, however, the incident was later passed to Environment Southland to investigate as it was a navigational issue and they were best-placed to investigate as the local regulator. As a result of the investigation, the motorboat's skipper was given a \$200 infringement fine. The family considered the fine to be too small given the impact on the family as a result of their daughter's injuries.

Environment Southland provided a compliance staff member for interview, while Maritime NZ and the Ministry provided statements. Our statement covered work we do assisting Regional councils as the local regulators, our compliance model and the work we did initially investigating this incident. The reporter also asked questions around how the amounts for fines are set, and whether there is or is going to be the potential for licensing for skippers of recreational craft. The questions around fines and licensing were handled by the Ministry.

To support our statement we also provided information on how we support safer boating initiatives focused on reducing harm, and the rules recreational craft users should be following. The item is expected to air on 21 August 2023.

Ports of Auckland plead guilty to stevedore death charges

On 8 August 2023, Ports of Auckland Limited (POAL) pled guilty to two charges filed by Maritime NZ under s48 of the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015, following the death of Pala'amo Kalati, a stevedore, on 30 August 2020.

The two charges relate to the company failing to comply with its health and safety duties, and exposing workers to the risk of death or serious injury. Two other charges for reckless and adverse conduct by POAL were withdrawn by Maritime NZ.

The sentencing date for Ports of Auckland will be on 1 December 2023. Proceedings agains POAL's former chief executive officer, Anthony Gibson, are ongoing.

Maritime in the media

Last week, the Transport Accident Investigation Commission released its findings about the Enchanter, the fishing charter vessel that capsized in March 2022. As the matter is currently before the courts, we did not undertake any interviews. Instead we provided a proactive media statement, which was widely reported by media. Our statement talked about issues raised about vessel surveyors, and included comments from the Rescue Coordination Center New Zealand that it would be interested in any recommendations for improvements to the Search and Rescue sector.

PROMINE AND Maritime NZ will be included as part of a *Fair Go* piece about a boating accident in Southland in July 2022 (see report item above for more details)

No update this week.

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FREIGHT

Kmart have this month opened their new Distribution Centre at the Ruakura Freight Hub. Kmart have confirmed that KiwiRail (in partnership with Nexus, Ruakura Inland Port, the Ports of Auckland, and Tauranga) will move their import containers on rail to their distribution centres around the country.

This is a five year initial commercial agreement, with approximately 9,000 truck movements removed from the roading network. The transition to rail will begin in September 2023.

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Kaitaki Incident

On 9 August 2023, the 8.30pm sailing of the Kaitaki returned to Wellington after developing software issues in the steering system just outside of the Wellington Heads. The ship did not lose steering control at any time, with full control maintained through the first of two backup systems.

However, using an appropriately cautious approach, the ship's master decided to return to Wellington and also not to berth at Kaiwharawhara without being guided by tugs. This was a safe and sensible decision. Unfortunately, the tugs were not available until around 6am the following morning so passengers were forced to remain onboard overnight.

There were 27 passengers onboard, primarily commercial vehicle drivers. Each was provided a cabin for the night.

Maritime New Zealand were advised of the incident

The steering issue was due to a computer software fault, with the software that controls open sea sailing not working as it should. The Kaitaki has three levels of steering backup, and the second level kicked in as it should. We stress that at no point was there a loss of control of the vessel - the decision to turn back to Wellington was about caution and ensuring safety.

There have been no issues with the steering software previously (it was upgraded a few years ago), and Interislander is working with the manufacturer to investigate why it occurred. An external specialist software technician from Sperry, the equipment supplier used in the Kaitaki navigation system, boarded Kaitaki on the morning of 10 August 2023 when she was able to berth, and promptly resolved the software issue.

The technician found the auto pilot system settings required adjustment. Out of precaution he also replaced the main electronic control board in the system that evening on return to Wellington. There have been no problems since, and no further issues are expected.

We are sorry for the impact this has had on our freight customers and private passengers, however safety has to be our priority in these situations.

Aratere

Between 12 - 15 August 2023, Aratere was out of service to undergo remediation work on the Megastar, the ship's power management system.

This is complex work, and significant effort was made to ensure the work was completed in a timely fashion over the weekend, to ensure she returned to service promptly.

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Dry Dock

Kaiarahi has arrived in Singapore for its scheduled dry dock from 1 August 2023, and is now in day 16 of the docking. It will be in dry dock for 28 days, before returning to New Zealand.

We have been impressed with how quickly the dockyard have sprung into action with work both inside and outside of the vessel now well under way.

This is scheduled maintenance, and is key to KiwiRail's programme to lift service reliability for the existing Interislander fleet. Dry docks are scheduled outside of the peak seasons as the remaining fleet is able to meet demand.



Work underway on the stern of the vessel with the dockyard team in the process of removing the rudders.

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Performance

On Time Performance and sailings have been affected by weather events and the Kaitaki disruption.

The below shows the trend data for OTP and reliability:



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Date range	On Time Performance (15min Tolerance) OTP Target 88%	Reliability (Excl. Weather) Reliability Target 98%	Reliability (Incl. Weather)
17 Jul 2023 –	92%	100%	100%
23 Jul 2023	Aratere – 88%		0 sailings cancelled due
	Kaiarahi – not sailing		to weather
	Kaitaki – 96%		
	Valentine – not sailing	F	SX .
24 Jul 2023 –	71%	100%	93%
30 Jul 2023	Aratere – 58%		4 sailings cancelled due
	Kaiarahi – not sailing	S'	to weather
	Kaitaki – 85%	45 OX	
	Valentine – not sailing	r t	
31 Jul 2023 –	62%	100%	92%
06 Aug 2023	Aratere - 65%	0	4 sailings cancelled due
	Kaiarahi - not sailing		to weather
	Kaitaki 58%		
	Valentine - not sailing		
07 Aug 2023 –	46%	91%	91%
13 Aug 2023	Aratere - 74%		0 sailings cancelled due
	Kaiarahi - not sailing		to weather
7,	Kaitaki - 23%		
	Valentine - not sailing		
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The weekly breakdown of the relevant statistics is shown in the table below:

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KiwiRail benchmarks Interislander against Air New Zealand's quarterly On-Time Performance. The table below shows Air New Zealand's On-Time Performance results for the 4 months ending 31 March 2023.

Month	International Long Haul %	International Short Haul %	Domestic Jet routes %	Regional routes %	
December 2022	44.6	46.1	76.2	75.3	
January 2023	59.2	59.3	80.1	80.7	
February 2023	62.4	54.7	72.6	77	
March 2023	70.8	56.3	75.4	82.8	
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IREX UPDATE

Terminals update

In Waitohi Picton we are offering accommodation to a group of residents who we know will be disrupted by night works happening nearby on 27 August 2023. We continue to have a communications presence in the community with Downer HEB JV holding a coffee drop-in session on 17 August 2023.

The first of what will be ongoing cultural inductions for workers joining the project was hosted by our Mana Whenua partners, Te Ātiawa o te Waka a Māui Trust Te Atiawa at Wakaiwa Marae in the week ending 11 August 2023.

At Kaiwharawhara, the Downer HEB JV team are starting geotechnical investigations in the week ending 25 August 2023 to evaluate the current ground conditions prior to ground improvement works starting.

They are coordinating with Interislander operations to minimise disruptions to ferry loadings and unloadings. A wānanga (workshop) on the project is organised for 26 August 2023. This is being led by our Wellington Mana Whenua partners, Taranaki Whānui ki Te Upoko o Te Ika and Ngāti Toa Rangatira.

MAJOR PROJECTS

Drury/Southern Stations

On 17 August 2023 KiwiRail will be hosting the Prime Minister, Rt Hon Chris Hipkins, the Minister of Transport, Hon David Parker and other officials and media at the Drury Station site for their announcement of the Government Policy Statement for Land Transport.

The event will be held in collaboration with Waka Kotahi, who are holding the speeches and media stand up at its Drury Interchange site.

NETWORK UPDATE

Auckland Network Signalling issue

On 9 August 2023, an issue relating to an axel counter which was not working properly caused delays to commuter services across Auckland. For two days the system in the area experienced intermittent failures.

The counter, which is attached to the tracks, is integral to the safe operation of the signals system by registering that a train is in a particular section of line. KiwiRail teams investigated the issue once we had access to the Parnell Tunnel overnight to enable detailed diagnostics to be carried out. The failure was resolved in time for the morning peak on 11 August 2023.

While peak services normally operate at 10-minute intervals, Auckland One Rail ran services across the network at 20-minute intervals, with Onehunga – Penrose services running at 30-minute intervals, in addition, Western Line services stopped at Newmarket, Manukau services at Otahuhu and Onehunga Line services at Penrose, which required commuters to change trains.

We regret the disruption to commuters.

FIFA Women's World Cup

With the final whistle of the Spain vs Sweden match marking the end of the matches in New Zealand, KiwiRail can be proud of its efforts in getting fans to the games. KiwiRail worked closely with Auckland Transport, Wellington's Metlink, Auckland One Rail and Transdev to plan and prepare for the FIFA Women's World Cup (FIFA).

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Prior to special event services running on Auckland's Eastern Line on FIFA game days, our Rail Network teams worked hard to re-connect the tracks affected by the Rail Network Rebuild and get it up to standard for passenger trains.

To ensure fans' travel to and from the games at Eden Park went smoothly, Auckland Metro teams supported Auckland One Rail and Auckland Transport with dedicated special event infrastructure management and response teams covering track, signals, traction and protection.

Their first call out came only an hour before the opening ceremony on 20 July 2023 after a bus broke down on a level crossing at Morningside, next to Eden Park. While directing traffic around the incident, the team via the bus company's radio on board, with their control room mechanic managed to move the bus off the crossing, minimising delays to road users and rail passengers eager to get to the opening ceremony on time.

The team sprung into action again on 22 July 2023, when a slip on the line near Parnell Station threaten to disrupt travel to the United States of America vs Vietnam game.

In Wellington, aside from some minimal Wairarapa Line re-railing works during the day when interpeak services weren't running, KiwiRail project and maintenance works across the network were put on hold between 21 July 2023 - 11 August 2023 to make sure people could travel smoothly to and from the matches.

Greater Wellington Regional Council (Metlink) and Transdev, who run the passenger trains, have worked hard to support the World Cup. For every one of the nine games played in Wellington, Metlink allowed for an extra capacity of about 15,000 passengers on its services almost doubling capacity.

Funding for Auckland Rail Network Rebuild (RNR)

As you have been advised previously, we are waiting on the funding recommendation from Waka Kotahi following its Board meeting on 17 August 2023. We have been asked by media about the availability of funding for the RNR works following comment by Auckland Transport that there was insufficient funding to complete the works.

In our response we have noted that one of the key focuses of the RNR is replacing the formation, the rock foundation that can be a metre under the tracks. The exact amount of formation that needs to be replaced and the amount of civil work required to achieve this was always subject to confirmation once physical works commenced and the below-ground condition could be fully determined.

The outcome of RNR work in the areas completed so far has resulted in more extensive formation replacement than our geotechnical investigations predicted, which has resulted in significant funding pressure.

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Temporary Speed Restrictions (TSR)

Overall, the number of speed restrictions on our network are trending down, leading to better ontime performance and fewer network delays.

The tables below show the trend for the last six months on our two key metropolitan networks. We are exceeding our target for TSRs for these networks, enabling our commuter partners to run a reliable train service.

The two graphs below show the six-week trend for the two key metropolitan networks.



For our key lines across the whole of our network the below graph shows a trend back down towards target as the network recovers from the series of weather disruptions earlier in the year.



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ŌTIRA TUNNEL CENTENARY

On 4 August 2023, current and former rail workers joined the local community to celebrate the centenary of the Ōtira Tunnel, which has linked the West Coast to the rest of the South Island for the past 100 years.

The tunnel, opened in 1923, travels 8.5 kilometres through the Southern Alps, completing the Christchurch to Greymouth rail link. The tunnel remains a vital link on the Midland Line and a gateway to the West Coast. Each week, around 70 trains travel through the tunnel, carrying freight and visitors on TranzAlpine.

As part of the commemoration events planned, a special themed TranzAlpine service took guests to Ōtira township and tunnel, alongside speeches, guided walks, lunch, historical displays and celebratory cake, along with live entertainment.



RAIL SAFETY WEEK

Rail Safety Week launched on 7 August 2023 at our Auckland head office, with the introduction of a memorable cowboy called 'Steely Stan' who encouraged pedestrians, motorists and cyclists to take a decent look each way (a steely stare) before crossing the tracks.

Engagement metrics will be provided once available, however initial feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. With his signature campaign phrase, 'Steely Stare. Steely Stare. All clear', Steely Stan was a popular choice for promoting rail safety awareness, and our staff have been out in schools across New Zealand spreading the safety messages as well.

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Spreading the rail safety message at Sheffield School in Canterbury



In the year to 30 June, 40 vehicles or people collided with trains across the national rail network and there were 305 near misses. At public level crossings alone, there were 11 collisions and 192 near misses. Near misses at level crossings have steadily increased since a low of 150 in 2021. All of the collisions at level crossings and 77 per cent of near misses were at crossings that already have active protection.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

17 August 2023 – Announcement of Government Policy Statement for Land Transport at Drury Interchange. Prime Minister Chris Hipkins and Minister Parker will be attending.

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