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9(2)(ba)(ii)	to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which 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 otherwise to damage the public interest
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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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Weekly Report to the Minister of
Transport

For the week ending 25 August 2023

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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 9(2)(f)(iv) <i>Responsibility: Chris Gulik, Acting Director, Auckland Light Rail</i>	Week ending 1 September 2023.
Issue Of Consent Under The Wildlife Act 1953 To Waka Kotahi For Mount Messenger Bypass <i>Responsibility: Brendan Booth, Chief Legal Adviser and Manager, Procurement</i>	Week ending 1 September 2023.
Land Transport (Road Safety) Amendment Bill 2023 Implementation – Approved Vehicle Surveillance Equipment (AVSE) And Average Speed System Notices <i>Responsibility: Megan Moffet, Manager, Regulatory Policy</i>	Week ending 1 September 2023.
Airport Security Screening Procedures Policies And Training Briefing <i>Responsibility: Harriet Shelton, Manager, Governance</i>	Week ending 1 September 2023.
Air Navigation System Review: Initial Actions <i>Responsibility: Tom Forster, Manager, Economic Regulation</i>	Week ending 1 September 2023.
Creation Of Six Marine Reserves In The Southeast Of The South Island Under The Marine Reserves Act 1971 <i>Responsibility: Jacob Ennis, Acting Manager, Supply Chain</i>	Week ending 1 September 2023.
Draft Transport Orders-In-Council To Be Submitted To Review Panel And Regulations Review Committee (Tranche 5B) <i>Responsibility: Carmen Mak, Director, System and Regulatory Design</i>	Week ending 1 September 2023.
Road to Zero Quarterly Progress Report (April to June 2023) Including Evidence Of What Works (Speed And Infrastructure NZ Case Studies) <i>Responsibility: Bryan Sherritt, Director, Road to Zero</i>	Week ending 1 September 2023.
Ministerial Direction to Waka Kotahi To Collect Tyre Product Stewardship Fees <i>Responsibility: Helen White, Manager, Mobility and Safety</i>	Week ending 15 September 2023.

Briefings to Minister Parker	Due date
Official Information Act Request From ^{s 9(2)(a)} Regarding The Emerging Preferred Option For The Waitematā Harbour Connections Project <i>Responsibility: Karen Lyons, Director, Auckland</i>	Week ending 15 September 2023.
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New Zealand – Solomon Islands: Outcome Of Air Services Negotiations <i>Responsibility: Tom Forster, Manager, Economic Regulation</i>	September TBC.
Proactive Release Of Policy Advice On GPS 2024 <i>Responsibility: Tim Herbert, Manager, Investment</i>	September TBC.

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2 UPCOMING BRIEFINGS

Briefings to Minister O'Connor	Due date
<p>Recreational Safety and Search And Rescue Review Report – Findings And Recommendations</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Bev Driscoll, Director, Recreational Safety and Search and Rescue Review</i></p>	<p>Week ending 1 September 2023.</p>
<p>Road To Zero Quarterly Progress Report (April To June 2023) Including Evidence Of What Works (Speed And Infrastructure NZ Case Studies)</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Bryan Sherritt, Director, Road to Zero</i></p>	<p>Week ending 1 September 2023.</p>
<p>Proactive Release Of Briefing To The Incoming Associate Minister Of Transport</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Alec Morrison, Acting Manager, Strategy</i></p>	<p>Week ending 1 September 2023.</p>

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3 Key priorities

Minister Parker	
Civil Aviation Authority Report for the June Quarter 2023	
<p>During the week ending 25 August 2023, you received the Civil Aviation Authority’s (the Authority) Quarterly Performance Report for quarter four 2022/23.</p> <p style="color: red; font-size: small;">s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p> <div style="background-color: #cccccc; height: 300px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>Other notable developments during the quarter include the Civil Aviation Act being given Royal Assent and ongoing work to deliver the Enabling Drone Integration project—expected to progress over the coming year.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Harriet Shelton, Manager, Governance</i></p>	<p>Next steps:</p> <p>The Ministry will continue to work closely with the Authority as it addresses its performance against output measures and works towards financial sustainability. We expect to see final performance information for 2022/23 when we receive its annual report.</p>

3 KEY PRIORITIES

Minister Parker	
Air Service Licence for Texel	
<p>We noted in the Weekly Report for the week ending 4 August 2023 that we were considering an application by Texel Air for a licence under the Civil Aviation Act 1990 in order to commence “scheduled” Trans-Tasman cargo services. Licences are granted by the Secretary for Transport. After obtaining further information from Texel, the licence has now been granted, for a period of five years.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Tom Forster, Manager, Economic Regulation</i></p>	<p>Next steps:</p> <p>As required by the Act, a notice will be published in the New Zealand Gazette.</p>

Ministers Parker and O'Connor	
Meeting with Emirates Airlines	
<p>Minister O'Connor is scheduled to meet with Sir Tim Clark, President of Emirates Airlines in the United Arab Emirates later this month in his Trade and Export Growth portfolio.</p> <p>Emirates will very likely wish to discuss their perceived concerns about a lack of resilience in New Zealand's aviation system, in particular the ongoing reduction in the availability of the Royal New Zealand Air Force Base Ohakea (Base Ohakea) as an alternate runway for long-haul flights to New Zealand due to a lack of 24/7 coverage of suitable fire-fighting staff.</p> <p>Emirates wrote to the previous Minister of Transport in May 2023 seeking a resolution to the reduced availability of Base Ohakea. This letter was transferred to the Minister of Defence, who delegated it to New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) as it is an operational issue. NZDF have recently replied to Emirates but are unable to provide a timeline for resolution at this stage.</p> <p>We have provided advice to MFAT for inclusion in their briefing to Minister O'Connor's meeting with Sir Tim Clark.</p> <p>While this is part of a broader aviation resilience issue, the availability of Base Ohakea can only be operationalised by the Air Force. Minister O'Connor may wish to discuss this issue with Minister Little prior to his meeting with Emirates.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Paul Fistonich, Acting Manager, Resilience and Security</i></p>	<p>Next steps:</p> <p>We continue to monitor the issue and work with all parties towards increasing the availability of Base Ohakea as an alternate runway.</p>

Ministers Parker and O'Connor

Cyclone Recovery

Policy function (excluding legislation)

Cabinet this week confirmed the Extreme Weather Recovery Cabinet Committee (EWR) decisions on the transport recovery and rebuild following the severe weather events. This included agreement to release the \$160 million tagged operating contingency for rail network reinstatement announced in Budget 23.

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 was considered by LEG on 24 August 2023.

We are continuing to work on the draft OiCs (for Waka Kotahi and KiwiRail works), including liaising with other agencies to provide Parliamentary Counsel Office (PCO) with final drafting instructions.

Oversight, Monitoring and Assurance function

Waka Kotahi and KiwiRail have been advised of the reporting requirements for the National Resilience Plan (NRP) funded projects. The delivery agencies will need to provide monthly reporting to Treasury, and it will need to be approved by their organisations' Board or the Executive Leadership team (as appropriate). Additionally, a risk profile assessment process will be undertaken to establish risk rating, and therefore any further reporting requirements; large/high risk projects will be subject to a quarterly investment reporting process in addition to the previously mentioned monthly reporting.

Finance function:

Waka Kotahi have claimed the first \$15 million against the \$275 million Cyclone Gabrielle: National Land Transport Fund (NRLF) operating cost pressure funding appropriation in FY2023/24. The claims have been a mix of Council claims and State Highway emergency maintenance works. Of this, \$10.5 million was claimed for works undertaken by Councils on local roads and the remaining \$4.6 million was for State Highway maintenance works.

Next steps:

Following Cabinet confirmation this week of the EWR decisions on the transport recovery and rebuild, you will need to formally advise the KiwiRail Board of Cabinet's decision to release the \$160 million tagged operating contingency for rail network reinstatement approved in Budget 23.

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Ministers Parker and O'Connor	
Cyclone Recovery	
<p>We will provide you with a briefing in the week ending 1 September 2023 to approve the other two OiCs for Waka Kotahi and KiwiRail works, for submission to the Review Panel and the Regulations Review Committee, as per the Tranche 5B timeframes.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Nick Paterson, Manager, Cyclone Recovery</i></p>	

Minister O'Connor	
Maritime New Zealand consultation on maritime rules changes	
<p>As agreed with Minister O'Connor, Maritime New Zealand has begun consultation on a small omnibus change to maritime and marine protection rules. The primary issue under consultation is to clarify fishing privileges for class 4 and 5 marine engineers. Other minor amendments being consulted on are setting out requirements for operator certificate renewals, updating standards for foam-based fire extinguishers, and clarifying surveyor recognition for issuing MARPOL Annex VI endorsements. Submissions close on 19 September 2023.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Megan Moffet, Manager, Regulatory Policy</i></p>	<p>Next steps:</p> <p>A briefing with submissions analysis and the finalised rule will be provided later in 2023.</p>

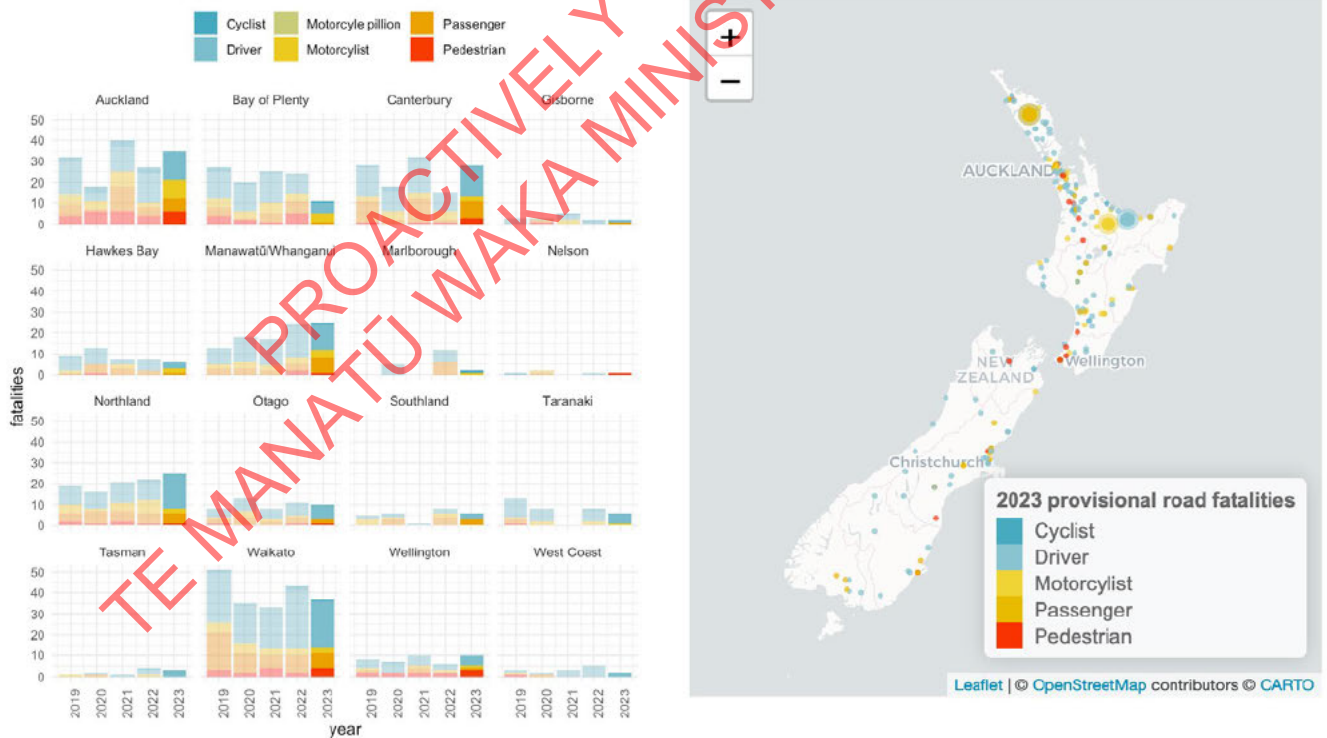
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Year to date road fatalities

As at 24 Aug 2023 provisional road fatalities are **216** for the year, this is 9 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
May	29	23	31	27	27
Jun	27	29	37	32	31
Jul	14	32	16	25	25
Aug	19	13	18	18	20
Total	225	190	207	225	216

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.



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Responsibility: Roselle Thoreau, Acting Manager, Analytics and Modelling

Clean car and electric vehicle registrations

This week's registrations for ZERO EMISSION BAND (0g/km) battery electric vehicles

Vehicle type	New	Used	Total	delta_prev_wk	Weekly trends this year		
					Low	High	
Car	157	91	248	23		19	1195
Bus	11	0	11	11		1	20
Van	7	0	7	2		1	36
Truck	0	0	0	0		1	3
Motorcycle	14	0	14	-8		1	46
Other	1	0	1	1		1	36

EV (Battery electric) LIGHT vehicle Fleet (inc. motorcycles/ATV etc.)

CCD.band	Vehicle_gp	Fleet size 2018	long-term trend	Fleet size today	% of total fleet
Zero (0g/km)	Car	3869		58041	1.263
Zero (0g/km)	Motorcycle	336		2704	0.059
Zero (0g/km)	Other	16		178	0.004
Zero (0g/km)	Van	653		1537	0.033

EV (Battery electric) HEAVY vehicle Fleet

CCD.band	Vehicle_gp	Fleet size 2018	long-term trend	Fleet size today	% of total fleet
Zero (0g/km)	Bus	11		329	0
Zero (0g/km)	Other	2		50	0
Zero (0g/km)	Truck	11		142	0

Summary of registrations by CCD Band for week ending 20 August, 2023

Total registrations

total registrations this week	delta_prev_week	last full month (Jul)	delta_prev_month	year to date	delta_prev_year_to_date
4124	407	13,832	-28,218	177,325	-16,016

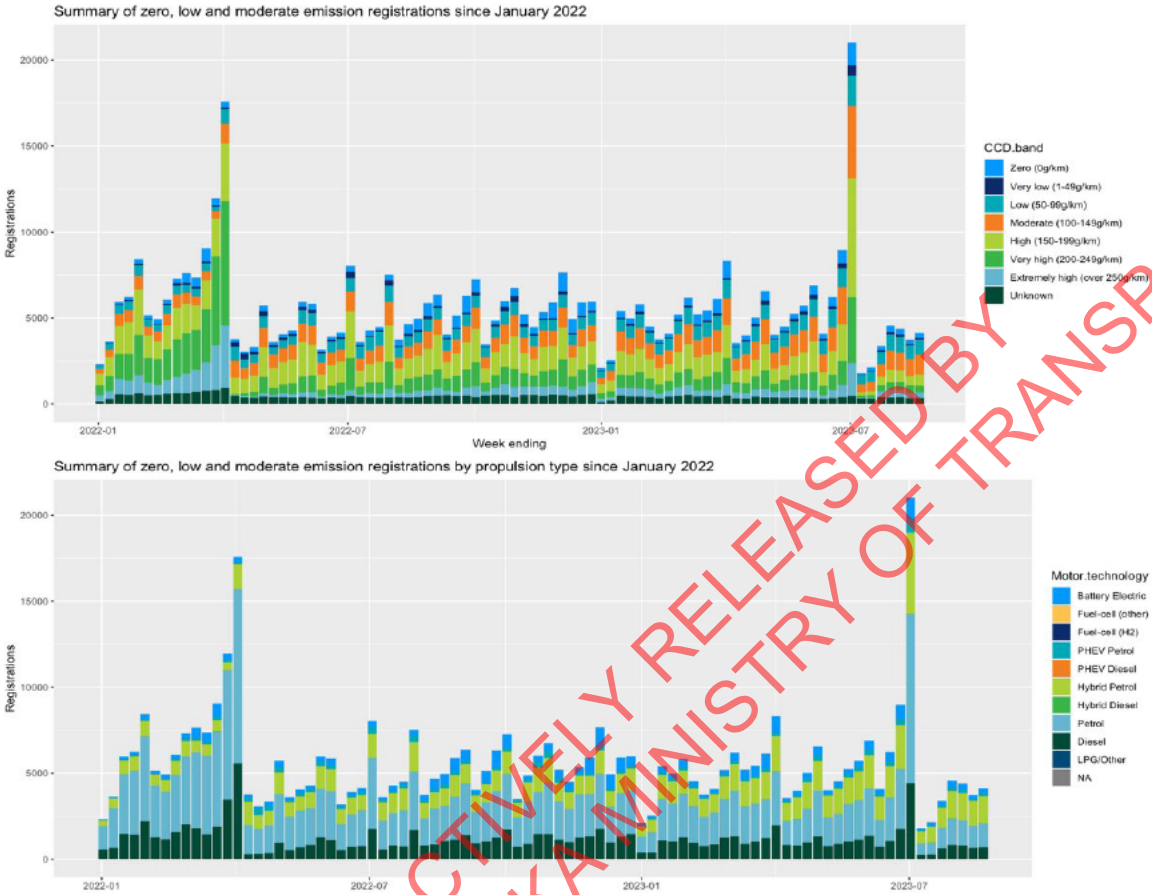
This week's registrations by emissions band and vehicle type

CCD.band	Vehicle type			Total	delta_prev_wk	Weekly trends this year	
	Heavy	Light	Motorcycle			Low	High
Zero (0g/km)	11	256	14	281	29		78 1317
Very low (1-49g/km)	0	117	0	117	66		7 607
Low (50-99g/km)	0	878	0	878	68		187 1758
Moderate (100-149g/km)	0	1118	0	1118	125		284 4210
High (150-199g/km)	0	657	0	657	128		204 6903
Very high (200-249g/km)	0	369	0	369	-32		76 7220
Extremely high (over 250g/km)	1	323	0	324	14		49 3637
Unknown	172	4	184	360	9		107 933

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Clean car and electric vehicle registrations

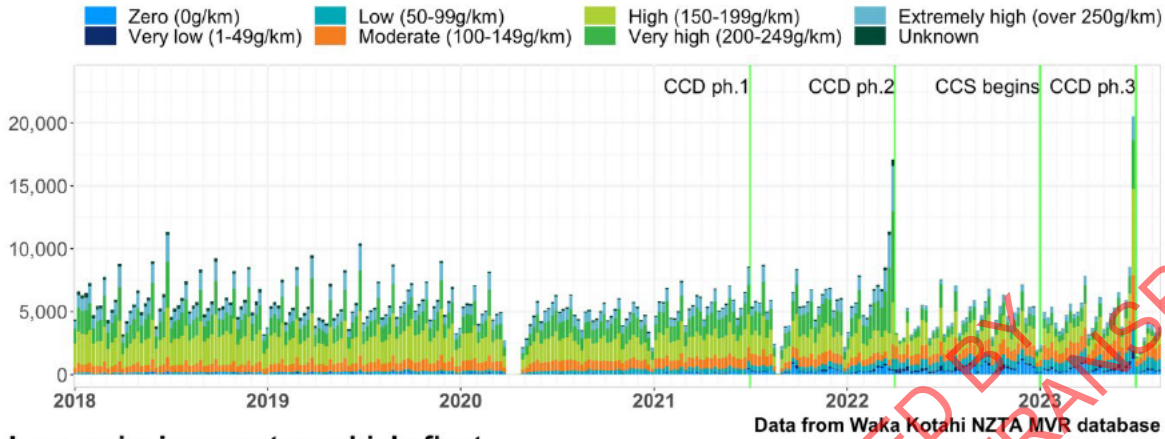
Graphical summary of registrations:



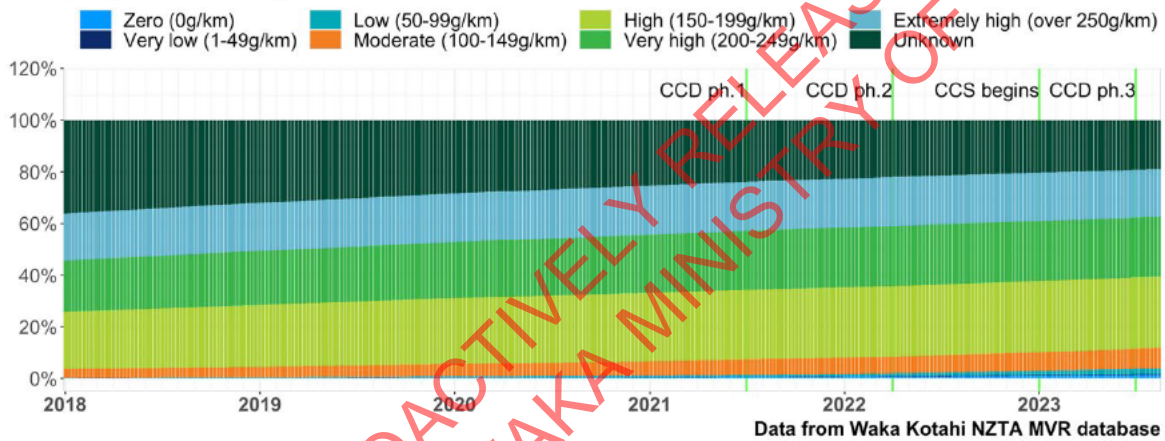
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Clean car and electric vehicle registrations

Weekly registrations of low-emissions motor vehicles



Low-emissions motor vehicle fleet
As a proportion of all light motor vehicles



More detail of the weekly registrations and fleet size can be found at the link below:

<https://www.transport.govt.nz/statistics-and-insights/fleet-statistics/weekly-electric-vehicle-report/>

Responsibility: Roselle Thoreau, Acting Manager, Analytics and Modelling.

4 Cabinet papers

Minister Parker		
Paper	Committee	Status
<p>Introducing the Land Transport Management (Congestion Charging) Amendment Bill</p> <p>This paper seeks Cabinet agreement to introduce the Land Transport Management (Congestion Charging) Bill, with changes following discussions with other Parliamentary parties.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Marian Willberg, Manager, Demand Management and Revenue</i></p>	<p>Cabinet. 28 August 2023.</p> <p>Cabinet Legislation Committee (LEG). 31 August 2023.</p>	Lodged.
<p>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Jacob Ennis, Acting Manager, Supply Chain</i></p>	<p>Cabinet Economic Development Committee (DEV). 30 August 2023.</p>	We provided you with a briefing and draft Cabinet paper on 17 August 2023.
<p>Government response to the inquiry into the Future of Inter-Regional Passenger Rail in New Zealand</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Nick Potter, Acting Manager, Placemaking and Urban Development</i></p>	<p>Cabinet Legislation Committee (LEG). 31 August 2023.</p>	Lodged.
<p>Confirmation of Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy</p> <p>This paper seeks Cabinet approval to release the final Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Holly Walker, Manager, Environment and Emissions Strategy</i></p>	<p>Cabinet Economic Development Committee (DEV). 24 August 2023.</p>	Minister Woods intended to lodge this paper with DEV on 24 August 2023.

Minister Parker		
Paper	Committee	Status
<p>Orders in Council for Waka Kotahi and KiwiRail works</p> <p>This paper seeks agreement to submit the Orders in Council (OiCs) to the Executive Council for approval. The timeline for this paper is consistent with the timeline for Tranche 5B OiCs.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Carmen Mak, Director, System and Regulatory Design</i></p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>18 September 2023</p>	<p>We intend to submit the draft Cabinet paper to you by 11 September 2023. Departmental and Ministerial consultation is scheduled to take place in parallel from 11 to 14 September.</p>

Minister O'Connor		
None this week		

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5 Cabinet papers led by other agencies

Title	Lead agency	Minister and Committee	Estimated timing to Cabinet Committee
Future of severely affected locations: August report back	Treasury	Minister of Finance Cabinet Extreme Weather Recovery Committee	30 August 2023.
Comment			
<p>This paper provides an update on Government support to councils as they progress categorisation and funding decisions for property severely affected by the 2023 Auckland flood events and Cyclone Gabrielle, within the context of a locally-led response for Category 2 and 3 properties.</p> <p>The paper doesn't raise any transport-related issues.</p> <p>The Ministry did not provide any feedback on the paper</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Nick Paterson, Manager, Cyclone Recovery</i></p>			<p>Next steps:</p> <p>For your information only.</p>

Title	Lead agency	Minister and Committee	Estimated timing to Cabinet Committee
Future of severely affected land: Kaupapa Māori pathway report-back.	Treasury.	Ministers of Finance, Māori-Crown Relations and Māori Development. Cabinet Extreme Weather Recovery Committee.	30 August 2023.
Comment			
<p>This paper provides an update on progress toward developing the Kaupapa Māori pathway, established for Māori land and communities, as part of work on the Future of Severely Affected Locations (FOSAL) following the North Island extreme weather events.</p> <p><i>s 9(2)(f)(iv)</i></p> <p>Funding of local road recovery is being considered as part of Phase 2 of the National Resilience Plan, being led by the Treasury.</p> <p>The Ministry did not provide any feedback on the paper.</p> <p><i>Responsibility: Nick Paterson, Manager, Cyclone Recovery</i></p>			<p>Next steps:</p> <p>For your information only.</p>

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



Aviation Security Service
Kaiwhakamaru Rererangi

Key Updates

Potential Protest Activity by Local Iwi at Kaitaia Airport

Kaitaia Aerodrome, owned by Far North Holdings Limited, has been advised by representatives of Ngati Kahu that:

“.....Ngāti Kahu will move on to the whenua of the Kaitāia airport and repossess these lands to return these lands back to the haukāinga”

Kaitaia Aerodrome has advised the CAA that the protest is planned for 4 September 2023. Similar actions have been taken by the Iwi in the past and during such events Far North Holdings have closed the aerodrome for the duration of the protest. In those instances, the CAA issued relevant advisories to the aviation sector via a Notice to Airmen. At this point, we are unclear how long Ngati Kahu plans to occupy the aerodrome.

The CAA Aeronautical Services Unit are maintaining communications with Far North Holdings as the situation develops. We expect the aerodrome to take all necessary steps and precautions to limit and/or prohibit aviation activities that may be effected by unsafe conditions created by the occupation. This would include closing the runway as appropriate.

Review of investigation and enforcement functions

In February 2023 the Director commissioned Mike Heron KC to review CAA’s investigation and enforcement functions.

The review examined the Civil Aviation Authority’s “management systems, procedures, and practices operating within the investigation and enforcement function, including the way in which expert evidence is obtained and managed and to identify any changes that may be required to the Authority’s regulatory policies or practice”.

The purpose was to ensure that the Authority’s investigation and supporting functions are working in a cohesive, coherent, and effective manner - meeting the Authority’s strategic and regulatory obligations and goals in accordance with our aspirations to be a values-based, modern regulator.

The review was informed by a case involving a mid-air collision at Masterton’s Hood Aerodrome in which charges were laid by the CAA and shortly before trial, the CAA received defence expert evidence that focused on an alternative view of the key crash factors. Considering the defence perspective, combined with ongoing review and analysis by the CAA of the evidence, the CAA made the difficult decision not to proceed to trial, as it was not in the public interest to do so.

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The findings and recommendations of the review will be implemented in a manner that supports CAA to operate as a modern regulator, as part of which investigation activity:

- reacts to concerns, occurrences, incidents and accidents in a risk-based way;
- can be proactively triggered by intelligence assessments, as well as supported by them;
- is integral to understanding the aviation system, supporting safety and security outcomes;
- supports ongoing improvement of policy, standards and operational activity; and
- where appropriate, based on careful assessment of evidential sufficiency, the CAA Regulatory Enforcement Policy and the public interest supports enforcement activity.

The review report has now been released internally. The aviation industry is always sensitive to investigation and enforcement activity and there will be engagement with industry representatives and bodies to inform them of the review and ensure understanding of its purpose. The review may be picked up by media, and CAA is prepared to respond as required.

Partnership Arrangement Signing Ceremony - Samoa Airport Security Equipment

During the week ending 11 August 2023, Samoa and New Zealand signed a Partnership Arrangement for the installation and maintenance of next generation aviation security screening equipment. This was formally announced at the Pacific Islands Forum Leaders meeting in September 2017, but was delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The CAA will oversee new security equipment installations at Faleolo International Airport in Samoa from 2024. The equipment includes three x-ray machines for screening carry-on baggage, one x-ray machine for checked baggage, one x-ray machine for large cargo, three walk-through metal detectors, a workstation for baggage inspections, a new air-conditioning system to accommodate the new equipment, and an Explosive Trace Detection system. The agreement includes staff training support for maintenance, and spare parts to ensure that the system is resilient and meets Samoa's aviation security needs. The equipment complies with US Federal Aviation Administration regulations, which will meet International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) security standards to enable direct flights between the United States to Samoa.

CAA to Host 4th Industry Aviation Security Workshop

The CAA is hosting a fourth aviation security industry workshop in Christchurch on 31 August 2023. These workshops bring together key airlines, airports/aerodromes, the Police, the Board of Airlines Representatives (BARNZ), the NZ Airports Association, Airways NZ, Te Whatu Ora, the Ministry, and the CAA. The workshops will focus on the broader aviation passenger system and links between the various organisations. Previous workshops have been held in Auckland and Wellington along with Customs and MPI.

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Communications and External Engagement 21 August 2023

Media plan – 7 days from Sunday 27 August

Date (planned)	Item	Description	Targeted media
No date	Comment or statement	Statements prepared relating to release of CAA Investigation and Enforcement Review report. Media release currently under consideration.	n/a

Media mentions – 7 days to Wednesday 23 August 2023

Date	Activity	Channel
17 August 2023	<i>The images that made us realise we had the brace position all wrong</i> This article details the brace position, prompted by a question of why passengers shouldn't interlace their fingers. We provided commentary and background information about the research that has guided the current brace position recommendations.	Stuff
17 August 2023	<i>How to travel with a sex toy and avoid a vibrating bag</i> We provided comment for this article with regard to how sex toys are treated at aviation security screening: there are no rules that specifically apply to sex toys; depending on the device, passengers may need to consider the rules for travelling with electronic devices, batteries and power banks; electronic devices in checked bags should be turned off; if batteries can be removed, these could be taken out and carried separately in carry-on luggage; batteries in carry-on bags should be stored in an individual bag, protective pouch, or have tape placed over exposed terminals.	Stuff
17 August 2023	<i>Nine to Noon re. stalking legislation</i> CAA is briefly mentioned in a radio interview about New Zealand's limited legislation against stalking, with a listener giving feedback that they are allegedly being stalked by a drone.	Radio NZ
18 August 2023	<i>Man removed from Air NZ flight to Samoa after 'security risk'</i> Reports on a security incident at Auckland Airport on 17 August 2023. Aviation Security Service was not approached for comment, however coordinated with other agencies to respond to the incident. Police determined that the incident was a misunderstanding, and no threats were identified.	1 News

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Date	Activity	Channel
19 August 2023	<p><i>Warnings for pilots in crash report</i></p> <p>Covers the fatal accident report released on 21 July 2023 about a Cessna 172 aircraft which crashed into a hillside in the Waikaia Valley on 3 February 2021, during a flight from Cromwell to Gore. The pilot did not survive the accident.</p> <p>The CAA investigation found that the probable cause of the accident was the pilot flying in reduced visibility conditions and inadvertently impacting terrain, with several human and environmental factors contributing to the accident.</p>	Otago Daily Times

Upcoming Communications and Engagement

Planned release/publish	What	Type	Why
31 August 2023	Aviation industry workshop.	Face-to-face event.	Workshop with key stakeholder organisations, led by CAA.
August 2023	How to be a pilot – junior.	GAP booklet (update).	Business as usual (BAU) version update.
August - September 2023	Becoming a licensed aircraft maintenance engineer.	GAP booklet (update).	Minor update and then reprint.
July – September 2023 (multiple dates)	Airworthiness and maintenance.	Face-to-face event	Education for owners and operators to increase their understanding of the requirements for maintaining their aircraft.
September 2023	Vector Spring Issue.	Aviation industry magazine.	A way of getting relevant information to industry in an easy-to-read format.
September - November 2023 (multiple dates)	Plane Talking.	Face-to-face event.	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.

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Planned release/publish	What	Type	Why
September 2023	Plane Talking.	GAP video.	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 2023 (multiple dates)	Dangerous Goods (DG).	Face-to-face event.	To provide training and qualification for the carriage of DG.
October 2023	Weight and balance.	GAP booklet (update).	BAU version update.
October 2023	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.	GAP booklet (update).	BAU version update.
TBC	In, Out and Around Christchurch.	GAP booklet (update).	BAU version update.
TBC	In, Out and Around Manawatu.	GAP booklet (update).	BAU version update.

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**Maritime workforce work programme**

Maritime NZ has been working with a group including Te Pukenga, Hanga-Aro-Rau (one of the new Workforce Development Councils) and industry representatives to identify issues with maritime workforce and training, and potential solutions to address these issues. Lack of access to an adequate workforce is a global challenge for the maritime sector and a particular challenge for New Zealand given the importance of this sector to our economy. Growing a sustainable long term workforce by attracting more people into the sector is a critical part of the long term solution, and this will require a joined-up response from the regulator, sector, and training providers.

We have now had two meetings as a group and agreed the following priorities:

- Maritime NZ will propose changes to the SeaCert Rules, which govern the licensing and certification of seafarers wanting to work in New Zealand. Our aim is to create clearer and richer pathways for people wanting to enter or stay in the sector, including potentially easier options to enter the sector and greater scope for cross-recognition of experience.
- Hanga-Aro-Rau will work with Te Pukenga and other interested parties to review the Maritime qualifications that would follow, flow from, and be guided by the above SeaCert changes. The development of apprenticeships and other approaches that enable on-the-job rather than classroom based learning will be included.
- A package of communications and other tools will be developed, with the aim of raising the profile and the attractiveness of the maritime sector with potential trainees. We will consider incentives for people wanting to enter the sector/training, such as scholarships. This will likely need to be led substantively by the sector.
- Maritime NZ will continue to take part in discussions around immigration settings – including feeding into the Green List – and will look for opportunities for joint solutions with our Australian counterparts, who are facing similar challenges.

The group will continue to meet monthly to discuss and coordinate the above work. We will provide you with further updates as we reach significant milestones or if new key issues emerge.

Alongside this work:

- Following a meeting convened by the previous Minister of Transport a number of months ago, Maritime NZ has now completed some targeted short term steps to help with workforce issues on Auckland Ferries. These steps include the identification of a dedicated relationship manager, and moves designed to make the certification of new seafarers working on those ferries smoother.
- Maritime NZ is continuing to work with Ports and Unions to progress the workforce elements of the Port Health and Safety Leadership Group insights picture and action plan. This work includes looking at how roles and training can be better standardised across ports to allow for better safety outcomes, career development opportunities, and workforce sharing.

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A second satellite network will soon provide robust and reliable service to mariners in our region.

From 16 August 2023, the Iridium global satellite communications network will direct distress alerts from the New Zealand and Fiji search and rescue regions to our Rescue Coordination Centre.

From there, the centre will route the alerts to the closest, most appropriate rescue co-ordination centre.

The satellite network will be online following the completion of an extensive test and evaluation process.

Since 2013, New Zealand has been working closely with Iridium to develop a system that would provide a robust and reliable service to mariners within the New Zealand Search and Rescue Region (SRR). New Zealand was in a unique position to do this, as we have the harsh environment of the Antarctic in our SRR. We are working to ensure a truly global service.

In December 2019, Iridium became the second satellite company in addition to Inmarsat to be recognised by the International Maritime Organization as an approved provider of satellite distress, urgency, safety alerting, and communications for the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System.

In the spirit of Pacific partnership, New Zealand has amended our bi-lateral search and rescue arrangement with Fiji to include the Fiji SRR in our Iridium area of responsibility, providing additional support to the US and assisting our Fiji neighbours. Alerts received from within the Fiji SRR will be delivered by RCCNZ to RCC Fiji for search and rescue coordination.

Whangarei board meeting and stakeholder visits

The Maritime NZ Board and senior management visited Whangārei last week to meet with key stakeholders and to gain insight into the work we do to keep New Zealand secure. This activity was part of the Board’s regular engagement programme with stakeholders outside of Wellington. Such Board external visits take place three times per year, focusing on one of safe, secure, clean and sustainable organisation outcomes.

Visits were made to the Harbourmaster’s office and to meet the Northland Regional Council CEO Jonno Gibbard. Mr Gibbard is relatively new to his role, but was impressed by the strong link between our organisations. The group also met with Customs NZ to better understand their roles and responsibilities and explore relationship strengthening opportunities, and ways to work better together for a secure New Zealand.

The final formal visit was to Northport, where the Board and the Executive Leadership Team (ELT) participated in a robust discussion about Northport’s vision for the future, and the challenges and barriers to growth. The North Tugz team also joined the conversation. While at the port, the Maritime NZ Security Team worked with the Northport Team to perform a security exercise and demonstrate what happens in the event of a security threat.

A dinner discussion was held with guests from Northland Regional Council, Whangārei District Council, North Tugz, Northport, Channel Infrastructure, Coastguard NZ, ISO and the Harbourmaster’s office. The discussions focussed around aspirations for the future of Northland and the role of the maritime sector, and how Maritime NZ could contribute to those aspirations either directly or with others. Particular issues discussed were the drydock and future of NorthPort, recreational safety issues (particularly around boat and skipper licensing, lifejackets and communication), and our collective safety work on ports.

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The Board and ELT were pleased to have the opportunity to meet with the local maritime community in Whangārei, and are committed to working with them to ensure Maritime NZ plays its role in supporting a sustainable, safe and secure maritime industry. The regular Board meeting was held on the second day of the visit.

Consultation starts: proposed Rule changes, Domestic Omnibus 2023

On 22 August 2023, the Ministry and Maritime NZ commenced consultation on proposed changes to a number of Maritime Rules and Marine Protection Rules.

The changes touch on:

- Maritime Transport Operator Certificates (MTOCs) renewals
- Clarifying fishing privileges for Marine Engineer Class 4 and 5 engineers working on fishing vessels that don't need to meet STCW-F requirements
- Updating rating for foam-based portable fire extinguishers on ships and houseboats, in line with upcoming restrictions made by the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA)
- Improving implementation of NZ rules for MARPOL Annex VI, which controls air pollution from ships

Links to the consultation document and an online submission form can be found on Maritime NZ's website: <https://www.maritimenz.govt.nz/public/consultation/proposed-changes-to-maritime-and-marine-protection-rules-domestic-omnibus-2023/>

The consultation closes on 19 September 2023. After this date, Maritime NZ will consider the feedback on the proposals.

Will Watch guilty plea

Sealord pleaded guilty to a charge under section 48 of the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 (HSWA) on 16 August 2023 in the Nelson District Court. The charge detailed the offence that Sealord failed to comply with their duty to ensure the health and safety of workers whose activities it influenced, and that failure exposed those workers to a risk of death or serious illness due to the risk of harm arising from exposure to asbestos fibres on-board the *Will Watch*.

The matter is to be sentenced in December 2023 and the guilty plea comes at the end of a complex compliance response and subsequent investigation by Maritime New Zealand. As the crew was seconded from, and by, Sealord in New Zealand, this gave rise to HSWA duties which Sealord ultimately accepted they did not meet.

Media update

On 22 August 2023, we were contacted by a freelance reporter who is writing a story for *The Listener* around the progress of the Milford Opportunities Project, and who intends to touch on the safety of big vessels such as cruise ships in Fiordland. Maritime NZ is working with Environment Southland as to which agency is best to provide different aspects of the information requested by the reporter.

As previewed in last week's media update, on 21 August 2023 Fair Go ran a piece on recreational craft safety, following an incident in Riverton (Southland) last year. The incident was between a rowing skiff and a motorboat. A teenage girl in the skiff suffered facial injuries as a result of the collision. The piece focused on the \$200 fine handed down by Environment Southland to the skipper of the motorboat and whether fines and penalties need to be increased to reflect the impact of incidents such as this. Previously, we received a letter from the family of the injured teenager about how we managed the initial investigation. In our response we informed the family of the process we undertook in the initial investigation and the high-level reasons for our decision to hand the file over to Environment Southland. Since the initial Fair Go piece, two further items (on Breakfast and Seven Sharp) ran during the week of 21 August 2023.

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