

Waka Kotahi Cyclone Recovery

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- State Highway 1 over the Brynderwyn Hills was opened in both directions for the first time since Cyclone Gabrielle hit last month. The road will close again from 17 April for two weeks to complete major earth works and drainage installation before permanently opening the road in May. We monitor the road and weather conditions, and the road may be closed at short notice should conditions become unsafe for road users. Unless further resilience work is undertaken this section of SH1 will be prone to future closures.
- An early high-level scope has been confirmed for future recovery work which will be further clarified by Strategic Planning work to be completed by the end of June. Currently the footprint being considered is SH1 south of the Brynderwyns to Whangarei, including SH12, SH14 and local road alternate routes used during the response phase.
- Strategic planning will consider options for building resilience into existing highways and alternate routes, and also a major re-alignment for the Brynderwyn section using previous planning work undertaken.
- A significant amount of technical work has already been completed with earlier Programme Business Case work that looked at the entire SH1 corridor between Whangarei and Auckland.
- A Project Director has been identified, who is currently managing the Mangamuka rebuild and we will start organising additional resources to support the project as we build more clarity into the recovery scope.