

State Highway 4 Anzac Parade, Whanganui

Under the Land Transport Management Act 2003, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency primary objective is to contribute to an effective, efficient and safe land transport system in the public interest. Our vision is of a land transport system that connects people, products and places for a thriving Aotearoa New Zealand.

We continue to work with our iwi partners and local and regional councils to ensure communities remain connected. Flood protection and management does not sit within Waka Kotahi regulatory responsibilities.

Waka Kotahi is dedicated to ensuring continued connection and resilience on our state highways. The Whanganui community is not at risk of being isolated should State Highway 4 (SH4) be impacted from crashes or environmental factors. Both State Highway 1 and State Highway 3 provide several access options and alternative routes for road users.

We will continue to do everything we can within our maintenance and operations to ensure the safety and resilience of the state highway network in the region. The work to repair and reinstate a large washout on SH4 Anzac Parade that occurred because of a flood event in 2015 is an example of this.

As part of our operations, we are carrying out a hydrological assessment of the catchment area of Purua Stream, which is culverted under SH4 and flows into the Whanganui River. We want to better understand the stream's carrying capacity and the flows upstream of the culvert.