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Tēna koe,

Re: Devich Road bridge follow up

You are receiving this letter as a resident affected by the temporary closure of Devich Road bridge.

This is a follow up to the first letter we sent in late May, outlining the cyclone damage that had impacted the bridge and detailing the possible solutions.

Geotechnical ground investigations were completed in the last week of July and early August. These investigations have confirmed that the ground conditions are soft; nevertheless, it is possible to repair the current bridge. This is good news, but we will need to undertake further site assessments to finalise the strengthening work.

The repairs will involve replacing two of the most severely impacted retaining walls and constructing a third retaining wall, repairing the scouring damage, and then overall strengthening works on the bridge. As part of this process, we are also reviewing the state of the surrounding roads and outlining a management plan for both the short term and long-term issues.

We are already in discussion with Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency to receive a higher subsidy of 82% (rather than 62%) for this repair, to ease the burden on ratepayers.

In the meantime, I apologise again for the inconvenience the closure is causing you, and the impact it is having on Devich Road residents as well as surrounding roads. We anticipate getting the works completed by the end of the year.

We will follow up this letter with another update when we have a confirmed programme of works. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please call us on 0800 727 059. If you would like to read a copy of the first letter that was sent in late May you can find it online at www.kaipara.govt.nz

Ngā mihi,

Anin Nama

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