

10 April 2024

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REF: OIA-14877

Dear [REDACTED]

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 11 March 2024 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

No 1: The most dangerous intersection in New Zealand - State Highway 3 (Rangitikei Line)/Flygers Line intersection.

No 5: The Bunnythorpe/Kairanga Rds intersection.

No 9: The Bunnythorpe Rd/Gillespies Line intersection.

Can we get a list of dates of accidents that occurred at these intersections in the last 10 years?

When does NZTA expect to rectify the problem intersections indicated north of Palmerston North?

I will answer each part of your request in turn in relation to these intersections on State Highway 3 (SH3).

Can we get a list of dates of accidents that occurred at these intersections in the last 10 years?

I am releasing to you the relevant crash data for these three intersections in the attached document:

- OIA-14877.xlsx

I am withholding the dates for crashes that occurred at these intersections under section 9(2)(a) of the Act. This section allows for the withholding of information to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

When does NZTA expect to rectify the problem intersections indicated north of Palmerston North?

The upgrades in the table over the page are planned for the 2024-27 National Land Transport Programme (NLTP), which is subject to funding and direction provided by the upcoming Government Policy Statement on Land Transport (GPS).

Figure 1: Planned upgrades for in-scope SH3 intersections:

Intersection	Timing for planned upgrades
The intersection of State Highway 3 Rangitikei Line, with Flyers Line in the North Island's Palmerston North.	The intersection is within the SH3 Sanson to Palmerston North safety improvements project. Pre-Implementation (design) and Implementation (construction) are planned during the 2024-27 NLTP subject to funding and direction provided in the upcoming GPS.
Kairanga Bunnythorpe Rd intersection with State Highway 54 Milson Line in Manawatu.	As above.
The Kairanga Bunnythorpe Rd intersection with Gillespies Line in the North Island's Palmerston North.	This intersection is on local roads managed by Palmerston North City Council and Manawatu District Council. NZTA co-funded the delivery of an intersection speed zone to address crash risk at this intersection in late 2023. The effectiveness of this treatment is being monitored by Council.

With respect to the information that has been withheld, I do not consider there are any other factors which would render it desirable, in the public interest, to make the information available.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to withhold this information. The contact details for the Ombudsman can be located at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

In line with Waka Kotahi policy, this response will soon be published on our website, with personal information removed.

If you would like to discuss this reply with NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA), please contact Ministerial Services, by email to official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz

Yours sincerely



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