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## 1. Why a new Kawarau Falls Bridge?



The existing historic single lane Kawarau Falls Bridge is 85 years old and requires increasing maintenance. The Kawarau Falls Bridge project will provide a modern two-lane State highway bridge over the Kawarau River at Frankton while retaining the old bridge for walking and cycling.

### Project benefits:

- Remove traffic signals used to manage traffic flows on the current single lane bridge and therefore improve journey times and reliability
- Improve security of a State highway link, where the only other alternative southerly access into the Wakatipu Basin involves taking a 180 km detour
- Improve connectivity between developments south of the Kawarau River and Frankton or Queenstown
- Remove all vehicular traffic from the existing historic bridge.

### The new bridge will have the following features:

- Two full traffic lanes
- Sealed shoulders suitable for road cyclists
- Footpath on one side of the bridge
- Enhanced State highway southern entrance to Queenstown
- Minimal disruption for boats using the Kawarau River.

### Timeline

