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Opening of the Waterview Tunnel

The Transport Agency and Well-Connected Alliance are working to open the Waterview Tunnel as soon as possible. Testing and commissioning of the complex systems that ensure the safe operation of the Waterview Tunnel are continuing and progressing well.

The testing and commissioning has worked exactly as it's designed to do. It has picked up a potential issue before opening and steps are now being taken to fix this to ensure the tunnel operates as expected when it opens.

The intermittent fault is in the software for the jet fan and water extraction pump system which is part of the deluge system. Changes are being made to the software to remedy this, and parts of some valves are being replaced.

The Waterview Connection has been in construction for five years and short delays like this are not uncommon for such a large scale and complex construction programme. Building a project of this size in an urban environment in this time scale is on a par with similar projects worldwide in similar environments.

The Well-Connected Alliance and the NZ Transport Agency are looking forward to sharing this fantastic piece of transport infrastructure with all New Zealanders as soon as we can.