

## Why do we need restrictions to access the recovery area?

Restrictions to access the recovery area are needed, so we can control the types of vehicles and the number of vehicles on what is a very fragile roading environment. Doing this will:

- reduce the amount of traffic
- reduce the risk of further damage
- allow the Marlborough Roads Recovery Team to progress repairs as fast as possible
- ensure the safety of both the community and those working on the repairs.

## If a road is 'closed/no access' how will this be controlled?

There are a variety of ways that a 'closed/no access' road will be controlled, and this depends on what is appropriate at each construction site. You may see any or all of the following:

- A controlled and monitored barrier arm (while construction works are in operation)
- Water filled barriers/concrete barriers/gates (when not in active construction)
- Signage and lights at the location of the closure.

The road may be closed some distance from the actual closed area to give the road user plenty of notice and adequate time to turn. Expect pre-warning signage and lighting.

We will ensure there is signage in place at key points prior to the road closure area, eg for the Kenepuru Road this would be at the Linkwater intersection.

We will be sharing updates through the current channels (see the end of this document for how to keep up to date with new information. The [CDEM map](#) update will be up to date with controls/locations.

Emergency services will be allowed through, if physically possible. Information is being shared with the key services.

Anyone choosing to use a road when it is 'closed/no access' will be asked to complete a non-compliance form.

There will be spot checks by our traffic management team.

### **What does 'Controlled Access' mean?**

This term refers to the following constraints:

- A high risk of road closure
- Access may be restricted at times
- Delays can be expected
- No vehicle combination length over 12.6m is allowed – there is a risk to towing even under this length. It is the driver's responsibility to ensure safe passage
- Permitting will be required for this level of access
- No heavy vehicle above 3.5t allowed; some specific locations may have permitted heavy vehicle access
- Reminder that road conditions and access status can change frequently and without warning due to weather conditions, which could limit access.

### **Controlled Access allows access for:**

#### *Permanent residents:*

- "Essential service provider" professional services with evidence of supporting welfare needs, eg, emergency property repairs, insurance assessments
- The owner of a holiday home/bach or land
- The owner of a commercial interest
- An essential service supporting a commercial interest
- Emergency Services.

#### *Visitors:*

- Visitors, ie, someone who is visiting a property owner/resident who is present at the property at that time - does not apply to guests who are borrowing or renting accommodation
- Visitors are not able to drive vehicles into the Controlled Access areas in any of the recovery zones. ie non-resident vehicles are not allowed in these areas
- Residents with passes are able to pick their visitors up from Public Access points across the recovery area and transport them to their property.

#### *Holiday accommodation guests:*

- Lodge operators can use the road under the resident access permitted system, to transport guests to holiday accommodation
- Tourist operators can apply for an access permit, but will be considered on a case-by-case basis
- Holiday accommodation operators, including Airbnb and the like. Guests can water taxi in or get a shuttle service from wharf to accommodation. Non-resident vehicles are not allowed in these areas.

#### **Does a 'resident' include people travelling to stay at a holiday home?**

No, people hiring a holiday home or renting a bach where rental arrangements have been made through a property letting agency or directly with the owner are not regarded as a 'resident' under this definition.

#### **Can heavy vehicles travel on a road when it is controlled access?**

In most locations, no, this type of access does not allow heavy commercial vehicles. There may be some specific locations where heavy vehicles can gain permitted access.

#### **What types of vehicles will be permitted under controlled access?**

- Vehicle restrictions, type and specifications will be provided and these may be specific to different sections of a road
- A piloting vehicle may be required
- Access may have certain restrictions
- Trade vehicles or vehicles supporting a commercial interest in vans or light vehicles (no trucks) will have access under this classification with approval and with a convoy pass
- Road access may change at any time.

Please note: If a vehicle can travel in on a road with controlled access, there is no guarantee it will be able to get out when the driver wants to as the road status may need to change due to a change in circumstances.

## **If a road is Controlled Access, how will this be controlled?**

When a road is under construction, but controlled access has been made available, the following controls will be used:

- A convoy/resident access pass will be required.
- There will be traffic management at each construction site, controlling any resident travel through active sites.
- Access controls will be placed at the entry and exit of road corridor.
- Expect signage and lighting.

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There may be restricted access at certain times and on certain days.

Anyone choosing to use a road when asked not to will be asked to complete a non-compliance form.

When a road is outside of active construction and deemed safe for traffic to travel:

- A convoy/resident access pass will be required (spot checking at control points).
- Expect signage and lighting.
- Soft barriers will be used.

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When a road is outside of active construction and deemed not safe for traffic to travel:

- The road status will be changed to 'road closed/no access'.
- Water-filled barriers or similar road closing mechanisms will be in place.
- Road closed signage and lighting will be installed.
- Access control will be manned at certain times

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## What if I am riding a bike or walking?

The same controls and conditions apply whether you are walking, biking or driving. However, as road repairs continue, there may be some sections that may become accessible for pedestrians and cyclists to allow access, even while the road remains closed. In that instance, please be aware that there may be construction traffic on the road so do not treat it as a closed road.

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