



Lone Kauri Road – Full Closure – Questions from the Community

24/ Full Closure - In the past many sites on Lone Kauri Road have allowed for some access for residents. Why is this not possible for this site? Can access be granted after hours by moving the machinery?

For most other sites on Lone Kauri Road, we have provided access before and after the workday for residents. This helped minimise the impact of the road works on people for work, school and play.

The work on this site involves using large machinery – a drilling rig - that must sit on the road. It must sit away from the edge of the slip to keep the machine in balance- and to prevent the weight of the machine causing the road to fail. We will also be completing some temporary works on the road to support the machinery on site. This will involve cutting into the road surface to build a support platform, further narrowing the driveable road width. If the machinery is moved to a safe place off the road, like we have done in other locations, there will still not be safe access for traffic.

Due to the nature of the works and the width of the road, it will not be possible to safely open the road for traffic after each day's work. There will not be a lane wide enough, away from the slip edge, to allow safe passage of traffic.

The safety of those who are working on the road and those who are travelling through this site is the responsibility of AT and our Contractors. This responsibility is legislated in Health and Safety Laws.

We understand that the full closure significantly impacts the community. We will keep you updated on progress and restore access as soon as safe to do so.

Is there any option to review this decision or over-ride this decision for a 24/7 full closure?

Safety is the number one priority. No work site can proceed without meeting the safety requirements. AT Managers cannot override safety requirements, nor would they want to be put in such a position. The safety of those who work in or travel through the site cannot be compromised to provide access. There are serious consequences and outcomes.

There is no alternative option available for this site.

Why not cut a new temporary road on the opposite side of the slip and make a lane for traffic, using a temporary metal surface?

Cutting into the embankment above the road will require significant work to remove vegetation, excavation of the bank and construction of temporary road. We would also need to close the road to do this work.



There are also environmental and resource consent implications of destroying this section of the embankment and forest for a temporary road.

How long will the works take?

We expect the works to take up to 2 months (weather dependant). We will be working to get the road reopen as soon as safely possible. We will keep the community updated along the way on the WhatsApp Channels, via your community coordinators.

Would AT close roads in other communities for 2 plus months? Why target Karekare? Would AT close roads in wealthy urban areas?

Yes, Full Road closures occur across Auckland. Closures are based on safety requirements, not on the community type or location. In many urban locations, the detour routes are shorter than detour routes that are available in rural and coastal areas. We understand that a full closure impacts a community such as Karekare where there is only one detour option.

Similar road closures have occurred in Karekare as part of these storm recovery works, a section of Karekare Road (The Cutting) was closed for a number of months under 24/7 closure whilst work was completed on a number of the slip sites, these had similar site constraints to what we face at Lone Kauri Road.

What if there is an emergency or accident in Karekare?

Emergency Services will have access through Karekare Road.

What if people driving on Karekare Road cause accidents due to additional levels of traffic?

AT is unable to police driver behaviour, but we encourage all road users to drive to the conditions and be respectful towards others on the road. Any dangerous driving should be reported to the NZ Police.

Can AT fix the potholes on Karekare Road?

Our maintenance contractor is reviewing Karekare Road and will complete repairs to potholes. Over time, potholes do occur, and we encourage anyone to report a pothole directly to us at

[Report a road, footpath or pothole issue in Auckland](#)

Can AT provide confirmation of the works for any community members who are claiming support from a support agency or from insurance?

If you are eligible for any support or compensation from insurance or an agency due to this disruption, we can provide the information about the works and closure to support your claim. Please email our team ATEngagement@at.govt.nz to let us know.