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Height clearance Ngauranga Stock Effluent Disposal Site

Purpose

This advisory update the status of the tunnel height under the SH1 Wellington Motorway that leads to the Ngauranga Stock Effluent Disposal (SED) site.

What operators can do

The tunnel floor has been milled and surveyed by Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency and there is vertical clearance ranging from 4.42 metres (m) to 4.55m, therefore the tunnel can now accommodate a stock crate at the maximum legal height of 4.3m.

However, until it can be replaced a sign “MAXIMUM CLEARANCE 4.275m” remains displayed at the tunnel entrance.



I appreciate you will have drivers that may be reluctant to use the tunnel given the outdated sign and this is a matter you will need to consider before determining what action you wish to take given the new information.

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Notwithstanding, I hope you will pragmatically weigh up the options of losing effluent from full tanks onto the public road and the resulting damage that does to the reputation of the sector versus using the Ngauranga SED site while waiting for the sign to be replaced.

I would appreciate any co-operation livestock operators can give us on this issue.

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