

Scotts Road Forestry & Log Transport Summary of Feedback from 2011-12 harvest season

End of season feedback

In July this year feedback was sought from Scotts Road residents on the transport operations over the previous summer harvest period. A feedback form was delivered and mailed out to residents on the road. A total of nine responses were received. A summary of the main points raised and responses to these points are set out below.

Operation generally good (4 responses)

- Logging truck drivers thoughtful of people living along road.
- Have always found the drivers courteous
- Travelling at reasonable speed
- Would like to acknowledge courtesy of forestry drivers

Damage and poor repairs to sealed section of road (8 responses)

- Potholes opening up because of logging trucks
- Repairs aren't suitable and holes open up again within hours
- Chips and pieces of seal are thrown up by trucks
- Condition of sealed part of road has been terrible

Response: Damage is occurring due to the increased weight of traffic on the road. The road will be weaker during wetter seasons and it is possible that increased damage in the last season was partly due to logging traffic being on the road during wetter conditions before Christmas.

There have been problems getting suitable repairs in place. Repairs involve using lime or cement stabilised material that sets and increases in strength over time. Seal is then laid on top of this. It has been difficult to get sufficient time for these repairs to harden properly before truck traffic has to pass over them again. This has resulted in repairs failing.

A number of alternative approaches will be trialled over the next season to improve this situation. This will include scheduling regular (approximately monthly) "repair windows". During these periods trucks will be kept off the road for 3-4 days incorporating a weekend to extend the time for repairs to cure. Alternative methods of repair including bitumen bound basecourse may also be trialled. Repairs are also being undertaken now during the off-season and the road will be checked again towards the end of the year to identify any other repairs that need to be carried out before logging operations commence.

Some trucks are speeding down the road (1 response)

Response: Drivers should not be exceeding the voluntary speed limit of 70km/hr on the sealed section of road. Please report any trucks not adhering to this. Please contact 0800 logtruck with the truck details, date, time and location and also provide this information to the contact below.

Some trucks are stopping at the beginning of Scotts Road (1 response)

Response: A pull over area for tightening chains has been created on a straight section approximately half a kilometre above the sealed section of the road. Drivers should not be stopping trucks near the intersection and have been instructed not to. A standard notification to transport operators at the start of next season will remind them again of this requirement. Any trucks stopping near the intersection should be reported. Please contact 0800 logtruck

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Concerned about stress on bridge at lower end of road, has it been checked (1 response)

Response: There is no indication of any issues with this bridge. All bridges are checked on a regular cycle. The check on this bridge will be brought forward to the current year.

Bus stopping at intersection is dangerous and creates a hazard for cars entering from north (1 response)

Response: A car park site was recently created near the intersection of Scotts Road and the Highway for parents meeting the school bus. Additional drainage has been undertaken to improve the area around the car park. Subsequently the school bus service has changed and the bus is now turning into Scotts Road and stopping near the junction. A site meeting will be held with the households raising this issue to see if there is further opportunity to improve the way the site is used for school buses.

Very early starts occurring (1 response)

Response: Some transport does occur early in the morning. As identified in earlier communication this has been difficult to avoid due to a poor domestic log market meaning transport is focused on delivery to Port Wellington. This makes scheduling of transport more difficult, particularly as Port Wellington is often working to capacity.

Lack of communication re cessation and starting of operations (1 response)

Response: Effort will be made to ensure future communication is kept up to date.

End of season meeting

Three households identified that they were interested in a feedback meeting. A public meeting does not appear to be warranted. However, direct contact will be made with each of the households that were interested in further discussion.

If you would like further clarification on any of these points or wish to discuss how we could improve our communication around this project, please contact:

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