



Kaimai Range night closures

30 November – 4 December 2025



State Highway 29 (SH29) Kaimai Range will close for 5 nights, from Sunday 7 December to Thursday 11 December (reopening early Friday morning).

These closures are necessary to complete urgent scaling works on the Ruahihi Bluffs near the Ruahihi Power Station.

NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) is taking full advantage of these closures to undertake other work at multiple sites along the state highway during this time.

What this means for you

SH29 will be closed to through traffic between SH29/SH28 intersection and SH29/Cambridge Road intersection between 8.00pm and 3.30am each night (reopening early Friday morning).

Emergency services will have access through the closed section of SH29 at all times.

Residents will also be able to access their property from the relevant side of the closure. However within the closure the state highway will be fully closed at Ruahihi and a number of other sites. These sites will open on the hour every hour each night to allow residents through.

The programmed works at Ruahihi will require 5 nights to complete and is weather sensitive. If work is unable to proceed any night due to rain, additional night closures will be needed, which we will publicise as early as possible so road users can plan ahead.

What we are doing

To ensure the resilience of the SH29 corridor, we must undertake urgent work to remove potentially unstable vegetation and loose material from the Ruahihi Bluffs, just west of the Ruahihi Power Station.

This work, called scaling, will involve abseilers working above the road to dislodge vegetation and rocks. Similar work was done in 2012 and the site has been monitored since.

To complete this work safely and efficiently, a full road closure is required.

Other work being done along SH29 during the closure includes:

- chipseal resurfacing and asphalt rehabilitation at the Soldiers Road/SH29 intersection
- structural asphalt rehabilitation between McLaren Falls Road and Kaimai School, and near Valley View Road
- other maintenance activity including localised drainage works, road marking and surface repairs at numerous sites along the state highway.



More information

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