

**National Hikoi  
November 10 to November 21, 2024  
Operations Plan**



## Key Contacts

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## Overview

There is current intelligence indicating a national Hīkoi from Te Hapua (Northland settlement), to Wellington, is to commence on or about 8 November 2024, with the intention of arriving at Parliament Grounds in Wellington by 18 November 2024.

The Hīkoi arrival was set to coincide with the introduction of the "Treaty Principles Bill" on Monday 18 November, followed by its first reading on Thursday 21 November. However, the decision was taken on Thursday November 6, 2024, that the introduction of the Bill was changing to Thursday November 7<sup>th</sup> with the reading now scheduled for November 14, 2024. National Hīkoi organisers have stated that this move doesn't change anything for the hīkoi, and it will still proceed as planned.

The scale and nature of the Hīkoi is currently evolving, s 9(2)(g)(i)

A current estimate of numbers attending is predicted to be upwards of 15,000 attendees, with scanning indicating that numbers could reach 25,000.

Over the course of the Hīkoi organisers have confirmed with NZTA the hīkoi will march from Te Rerenga Wairua (Cape Reinga), to Kaitiāia, Whangārei, across the Auckland Harbour Bridge to Bastion Point, Huntly, Hamilton, Rotorua, Hastings, Palmerston North, and Porirua. We are also advised that Iwi from Taranaki and Te Tairāwhiti intend to join the larger hīkoi along the route.

The hīkoi has a current Kaupapa of being peaceful. This Kaupapa is also endorsed by NZ Police.

NZTA are well connected nationally and regionally with the NZ Police to co-ordinate our approach to responding to this event which will cause disruption to our networks.

We are aware there are two parts to this hīkoi, there is a group of participants who will relay from Northland to Wellington. They intend to have up to 20 runners with a support van that will take it in turns to travel between locations running along the state highway and local roads of the cities and towns they will travel through.

The other group of participants will have vehicles. At certain *activation points* along the route, they intend to hīkoi through townships, generally between 10am until 12noon, then return to their vehicles and move onto the new town/city. Some of the routes involved are Local Council roads for example, we anticipate there will be no impact in Waikato on State Highways. However, this is subject to change as more information comes together.

Planning is well advanced in all regions. Due to the nature of the hīkoi being over a week, NZTA could change the response in real time as the situation unfolds over the time the event leaves Northland until it arrives in Wellington.

The Official Domestic and Security Group (ODESC) was activated on October 15, 2024, to support the government agencies impacted by this hīkoi.

On October 30, NZ Police formally asked NZTA to work with them to facilitate movement across the Auckland Harbour bridge. NZTA agreed to plan alongside NZ Police and the Hīkoi organiser and then take a decision to the board on this matter.

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## Planning Assumptions

- Police are the lead agency,
- Police and Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet have stood up a communications team to lead on all of government comms,
- NZTA are embedded into the PIM function for the all-of-government comms,

- The ODESC Group has been activated with a *purpose to ensure consistent situational awareness; confirm that response arrangements are calibrated appropriately; consider issues and risks arising; ensure appropriate communications arrangements are in place; and identify next steps,*
- NZTA will have ATOC and WTOC teams stood up to respond in real time to events,
- Journey Managers are working closely in regions with NZ Police planners to share information and plan responses to hikoi,
- Hikoi is being described by national organiser as a peaceful march,
- Police are liaising with local Road Controlling Authorities,
- Wednesday November 13<sup>th</sup> will be most the disruptive section of Hikoi with impacts to the Auckland Harbour Bridge and local roads around Auckland.

## Timings and Route

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For the purposes of planning, this is the route that we will be planning for. This route was supplied to NZTA by the National event organiser on Thursday October 31<sup>st</sup> and is consistent with information received from Police.

Day	Date	From	To	Likely impacted State Highway	
Day 1	<b>November 11</b> <b>Monday</b>	Cape Reinga	Kaitaia	SH1	
		Kaitaia	Kawakawa	SH1	
		Kawakawa	Whangarei	SH10 SH1	
Day 2	<b>November 12</b> <b>Tuesday</b>	Whangarei	Dargaville	LR	
		Dargaville	Northcote	SH1 SH12	
Day 3	<b>November 13</b> <b>Wednesday</b>	Northcote – North Shore	Onepoto Domain	SH1	
		Onepoto Domain	Across Auckland Harbour Bridge (AHB)	SH1	
		AHB	Bastion Point	SH1	
		Bastion Point	Ihumatao	SH1 SH20	
Day 4	<b>November 14</b> <b>Thursday</b>	Ihumatao	Huntly	LR	
		Huntly	Hamilton	SH1 or SH1B Could also take LR	
		Hamilton	Rotorua	SH1 SH5 SH30A	
		<b>NOTE: Not part of National route but local Iwi activating to meet National group</b>	Matawai	Gisborne	SH2
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Day 5	<b>November 15</b> <b>Friday</b>	Rotorua	Hastings	SH30 SH5	
		<b>NOTE: Not part of National route but</b>	Gisborne	Hastings	SH2

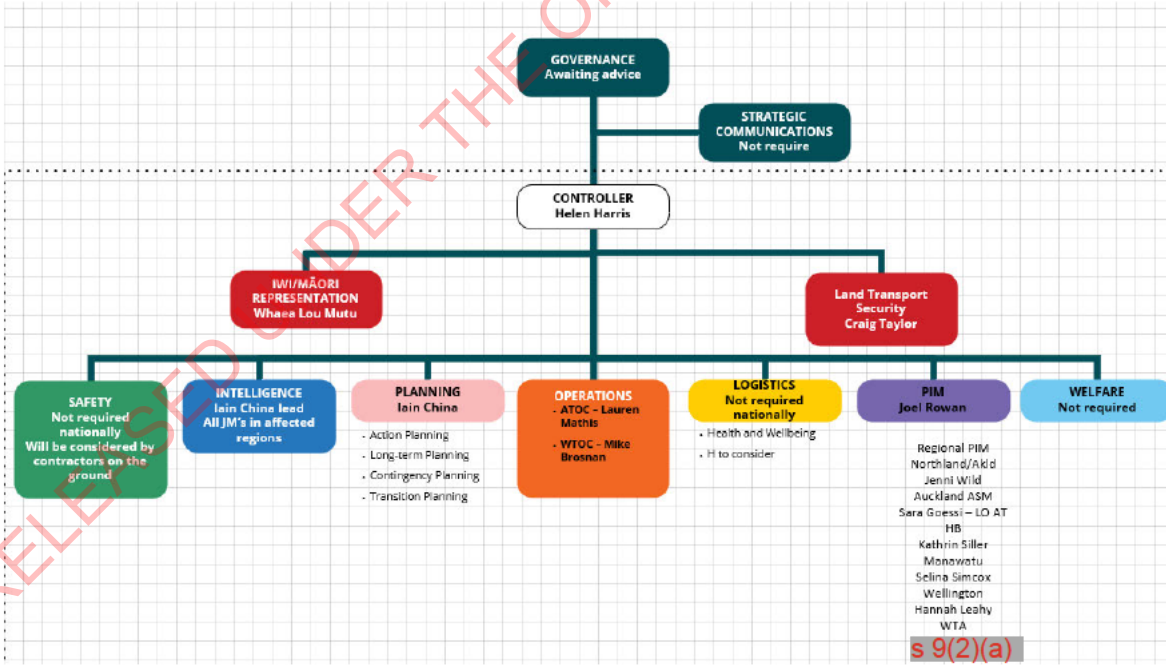
	<b>local Iwi activating to meet National group</b>			
Day 6	<b>November 16</b>	Hastings	Palmerston North	Likely to be SH50
<b>Saturday</b>				
Day 7	<b>November 17</b>	Palmerston North	Otaki	SH1 SH56 SH57
	<b>Sunday</b>	Otaki	Porirua	SH1 SH59
Day 8	<b>November 18</b>	Rest Day in Porirua		
<b>Monday</b>				
Day 9	<b>November 19</b>	Porirua	Wellington	SH1 SH59
<b>Tuesday</b>				

The hikoi also intends to have an on the ground relay. The National Organiser has described the relay is to have several runners on the shoulder of either the highway or local roads. They will be running in short bursts, and have two vans behind them, one to pick up the runner and another van to drop off the next runner. They also intend to have a *traffic management truck* behind the runners.

**NZTA National Response Structure**

A response structure has been stood up by NZTA to support Transport Operations centres in their real time response.

The Public Information Function is critical to the response that NZTA will provide to our partners. PIM is well connected to all of government teams that are stood up.



## WTOC Responsibility

A separate Operational Plan is available for review if required. This document details how WTOC intend to respond in real time and how the handover will be conducted between ATOC and WTOC.

This plan is in draft form, as WTOC will be able to add information as the hikoi progresses through the country.

## ATOC Responsibility

A separate Operational Plan is available for review if required. It is currently still in draft. As the hikoi is now underway, ATOC can add to the plan.

Because the greatest impact to Auckland is a key risk for NZTA and particularly given the intention to transverse the Auckland Harbour Bridge, ATOC will stand up an IMT for Wednesday November 13<sup>th</sup>.

## SITREP reporting

Both ATOC and WTOC reporting via SitReps will be completed when they are the lead TOC.

The schedule for SitReps will be:

- Sitreps will be released each day (except November 13<sup>th</sup> - Auckland leg and November 19<sup>th</sup> – Parliament leg) at 1730hrs and this will sum up the days oversight of the hikoi.
- On November 13<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, Sitreps will be released at:
  - 0900hrs
  - 12 Noon
  - 1500hrs

## Auckland Harbour Bridge

ASM, NZ Police and ATOC have jointly worked together to facilitate the hikoi traversing the AHB. The hikoi organisers have provided assurances that they will adhere to the conditions of the walk across the AHB.

The traffic management plan developed has provided options on risks, provided options for full and partial closure and meeting points.

This is the most disruptive section of the hikoi as it impacts, state highways, local roads, and public transport.

## Police Operation

NZTA is well connected to the NZ Police regionally and national. NZ Police have advised they intend to stand up the Major Operations Centre (MOC) based at Police National Headquarters from November 11 for the duration of the Hikoi through until at least November 21.

NZ Police are receiving TOC's Heads Up text for category 3 and above, this will allow real time planning as the Hikoi advances through the motu.

NZ Police are sharing their intelligence reporting with NZTA.

National JM is the POC for the MOC.

## Communications and Media

Joel Rowan is the Public Information Manager (PIM). He is receiving support from Aimee Brock and Andy Knackstedt.

The PIM is well connected into other PIM staff from other government organisations including NZ Police who are the lead on comms.

A communications plan is approved in consultation with Karen Jones the GGM Engagement and Partnership. The plan covers a comprehensive way NZTA will communicate with the public including traffic bulletins and social media channels. It also covers tasks such as an email to our staff and contractors about the hikoi coming through.

The comms plan has provided Templates for use by TOCs for social media. This is a first for our response and sets the scene for working together in any future responses.

In accordance with the Public Service Commission, NZTA have released a statement for all NZTA staff who intent to participate in the Hikoi. This statement includes exploring the political neutrality of government employees. This document is on OnRamp and has been shared in the People Leaders update on November 11, 2024.

A media spokesperson has been agreed, if NZTA wish to have someone available.

On November 5, 2024, the first request for commentary on the hikoi was received and responded to by the National Media Manager. The nature of the request was relating to the level of disruption that was anticipated and what should the public do.

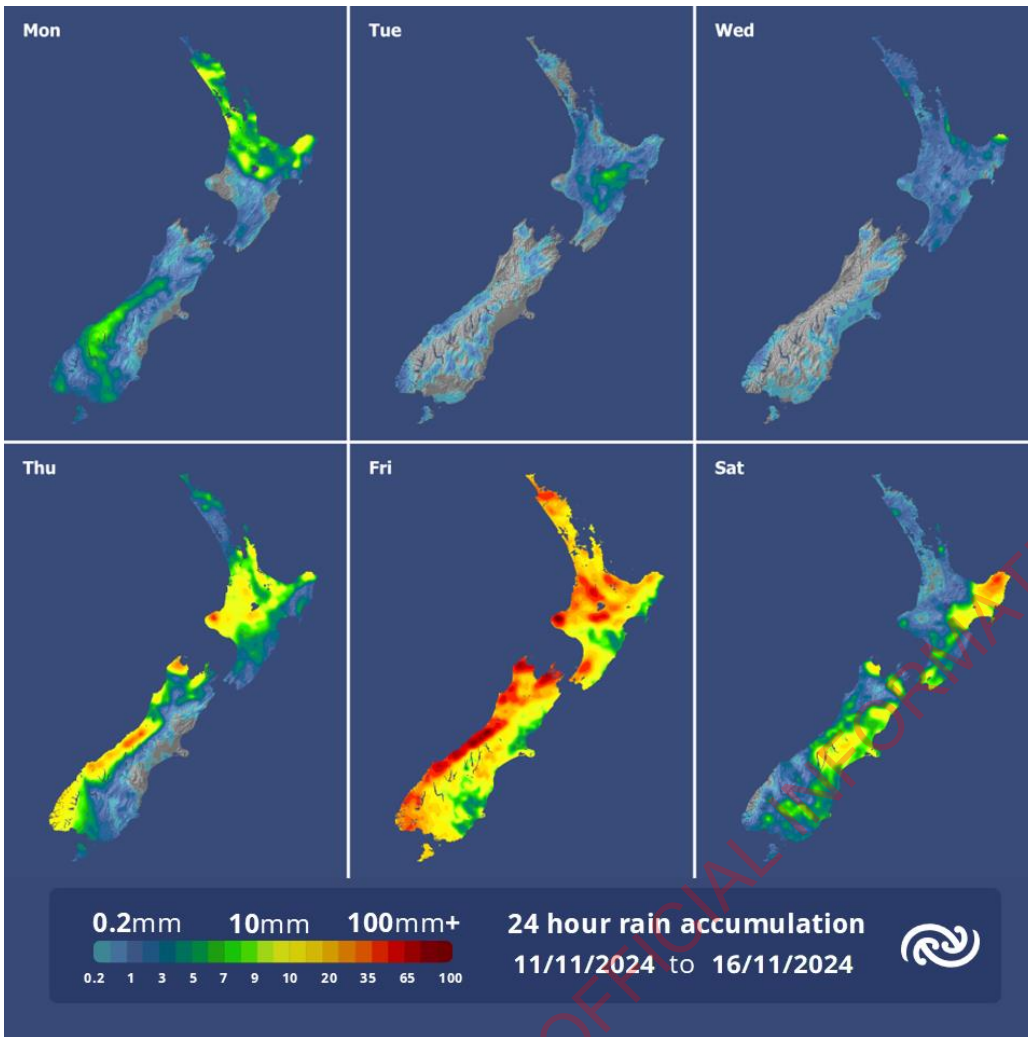
NZTA/ATOC and AT have agreed to provide a media release on Tuesday November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, this media release will advise of the disruptions expected in Auckland on Wednesday November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Risk and Assurance Manager has advised that there is need for any communications to be delivered to regional offices.

PIM is monitoring the need to provide information to the Bowen Street NZTA offices which is near parliament grounds.

#### **Weather**

The 6-day weather forecast is pictured, that was issued Monday November 11, 2024. It could be that weather plays apart in the attendance of people involved in the National Hikoi.



### Risks

- High level of disruption in locations that the hikoi will travel through,
- Due to the uncertainty of numbers involved in the hikoi, this could cause disruption that is beyond our BAU abilities to respond in real time,
- Significant risk to Auckland Harbour Bridge asset,
- Delays to public transport in Auckland,
- Impacts to road works and project works around the country that the hikoi travels through,
- Members of the public frustrated by the delays that are being caused throughout towns and cities the hikoi passes through,
- The relay group, impacting the state highways, with vans and participants on the shoulders running on the road with no traffic management,
- Much greater numbers joining the hikoi than anticipated by Police.