

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

You're planning formal safe stopping areas but what about the informal areas we regularly use?

There are seven formal safe stopping areas planned which will include parking and landscaped areas as well as various levels of amenity such as seating, viewing areas, and toilets. They are at Ōkiwi, Papanoa, Ōhau, Te Ana Pōuri (Rākautara north), Rākautara, Raramai and Toka-ānau (Hikurangi marine reserve).

There are also 13 informal safe stopping areas where NCTIR has been working that will be tidied up with some planting to help them blend back into the environment. Some planting will not be available until the 2020 planting season.

There will also be numerous casual places along the coastline where there will remain room to park and access the coast as before the earthquake. Only the areas where parking is considered unsafe will be closed off.

I like the boulders at Ōhau. Will the other safe stopping areas look natural?

Yes. The safe stopping areas will be softened by using landscaping, local materials and

planting so that they blend into the natural environment. This blending will increase over time as the materials weather and plants mature.

The planting season for these areas is June and July and we will use eco-sourced seeds that are native to the area.

Please explain how the new names for safe stopping areas, such as Te Ana Pōuri, came about

The names for the formal safe stopping areas have been agreed through our local Cultural Advisory Group. They originate from the Ngāi Tahu maps of the local area and are from nearby landmarks.

Will there be wheelchair access to the coast? There is currently no access from the pathway that has been constructed to date

Providing continued access for all community members is a priority. Easy access for the coast will be available at Toka-ānau (Hikurangi marine reserve), Raramai, Rākautara and Ōkiwi. The other areas being developed have rocky foreshores or drop offs where ramped access is not practical.

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