

Engine-braking remains a community concern

Due to this being one of the multiple roles and responsibilities the Transport Agency does not have an on-road enforcement role that it can undertake. While this remains a challenge, nationally there is increasing co-operation between the Transport Agency, freight companies and their representative associations to improve this issue.

The Transport Agency has found that liaison and engagement with the trucking industry; in particular with individual companies and driver identified utilisation of engine braking, has led to very good outcomes (i.e. a decrease in engine brakes in that particular area). It seems that the offending drivers do indeed modify their behaviour when presented with the facts from their employers and a government agency.

The key is identifying the responsible company, truck and driver. Luckily this process has been boosted by the development and successful use of **noise cameras** which captures a sound recording and a number plate. This proves a very good starting point for discussions with freight companies.

The Transport Agency only has two of these cameras currently available. A request has been put in to the Transport agency that SH1-Taupiri gets included in the rotation of these cameras and it has been confirmed that a camera will be deployed early in 2018; likely February-March. Taupiri Community Board will be advised when the cameras are put into place and become active.

In the meantime, with **identification** being the key, we would urge local residents to be proactive to **capture** the date, time and fleet name of truck that uses engine-braking; a registration plate number would be even better. ([Refer to the sheet on the back of this page to capture the necessary information](#))

These details should be forwarded to one of the Transport Officers in the Access and Use area of the Transport Agency - iain.rossiter@nzta.govt.nz by email or alternatively please drop it into the **Taupiri Dairy** where one of the Board Members will collect it.

Thank you,

Taupiri Community Board

Capturing of Exhausting Braking in and around the Taupiri Community

TIME	DATE	ROAD LOCATION	REGO	TRUCKING COMPANY	FULL EXHAUST	HALF EXHAUST
eg; 6pm	30.06.2017	1st round about	WBA1234	ABC Trucks	✓	example only

Key: Location of noise

1st round-about = Gt South Rd / Gordonton Rd

2nd round-about = Gordonton Rd / Orini Rd

Gordonton Rd = between 2nd round-about and expressway round-about

Kainui Rd = backing onto the expressway

Great South Rd - going through Taupiri