

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

