The geographic issue relates to road closures due to landslides.

Different viewpoints

Local Residents:
Woodville residents like JM are especially concerned about this issue because commuting to Palmerston North has become longer and more expensive. Many Woodville residents work in PN, JM works at Massey University and she has had to extend her commuting time by over 30 minutes and her fuel budget has gone up by over $60 a week. $60 x 4 x 15 months is $3,600 on average, “That is a lot of money for people to find just to get to work”. As a result, many people are cross about their increased work costs and are seeking compensation or a guarantee that this situation will not happen again. Ashurst residents have been affected as the bypass route...

Courses of action

Keep the status quo – repair the road and move the slips when they happen

A strength of this option is that overall the road is in great condition. A lot of work and $19 million has been spent on the road. This includes sealing and addition of extras slow vehicle bays. A large part of the funding was spent on preventative methods to reduce the chance of future landslips and rock falls. Over 40,000 sq. m of netting has been used to secure the rock and pins have been used to brace the slopes.

The weakness with this option is the continuing risk of rock slides and closures to the road. The alternative routes are not suitable for trucks and increase travelling time.