

Table A1.1(a) Estimated westbound traffic on Main Road at Redcliffs.

Period Ending	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Averages	
								4Day	7Day
01:00	5	4	5	7	10	18	24	5	10
02:00	3	4	4	4	7	15	20	4	8
03:00	3	3	3	10	5	16	18	5	9
04:00	6	7	5	10	10	14	18	7	10
05:00	18	13	15	24	22	17	20	18	18
06:00	65	65	56	61	69	35	26	62	54
07:00	255	243	281	250	258	107	65	257	208
08:00	993	1001	967	921	886	220	141	970	733
09:00	984	1028	969	1030	955	423	302	1003	813
10:00	705	708	696	753	762	669	570	715	695
11:00	622	588	541	639	639	814	757	598	657
12:00	585	586	526	618	670	839	853	579	668
13:00	488	476	461	510	555	655	758	484	558
14:00	457	441	418	470	518	634	774	447	530
15:00	454	427	420	509	531	562	754	452	523
16:00	490	478	475	543	552	520	727	497	541
17:00	479	471	484	509	522	484	563	486	502
18:00	380	384	404	397	388	288	317	391	365
19:00	345	362	380	391	399	288	289	369	350
20:00	244	242	265	292	304	264	181	261	256
21:00	116	126	143	144	143	101	109	132	126
22:00	78	94	89	99	105	84	63	90	87
23:00	43	45	51	46	72	68	31	46	51
00:00	11	13	14	22	39	44	11	15	22

**Table A1.1(b)** Estimated eastbound traffic on Main Road at Redcliffs.

Period Ending	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Averages	
								4Day	7Day
01:00	27	21	28	40	54	99	137	29	58
02:00	10	12	11	11	20	45	62	11	24
03:00	6	5	7	20	10	32	36	9	17
04:00	6	7	5	10	10	14	18	7	10
05:00	5	3	4	6	6	4	5	5	5
06:00	17	17	15	16	19	9	7	16	14
07:00	68	65	75	67	69	29	17	69	56
08:00	247	249	241	229	221	55	35	242	183
09:00	350	366	345	366	340	150	107	357	289
10:00	268	269	265	286	290	254	217	272	264
11:00	298	281	259	306	306	390	362	286	315
12:00	343	343	308	362	392	491	499	339	391
13:00	500	488	472	523	568	670	776	496	571
14:00	560	540	511	575	634	775	947	546	649
15:00	611	574	565	685	714	757	1015	609	703
16:00	709	691	688	785	798	752	1052	718	782
17:00	789	776	798	840	860	798	928	801	827
18:00	930	939	988	972	949	703	775	957	894
19:00	562	589	618	638	649	469	470	602	571
20:00	317	314	345	380	396	343	236	339	333
21:00	227	247	280	282	279	198	214	259	247
22:00	205	246	234	260	274	220	164	236	229
23:00	155	163	182	164	257	243	111	166	182
00:00	56	65	70	107	193	217	52	75	109

There is a clear inverse correlation between traffic density and speed. Table A1.2 has been developed by the authors to provide a rough representation of the way in which vehicles speeds vary with traffic levels; it has been tailored so that, when coupled with the traffic counts here and in our Quarry Road and Deans Head reports (Massey et al., 2014a,b), the predicted average traffic speeds at different times of day are broadly consistent with our own (considerable) experience of using this road over the past 2–3 years. The average separations shown are those resulting from uniform distribution of the average number of vehicles in each category, assuming all travel exactly at the average speed.

**Table A1.2** Correlation between traffic levels and average speeds/separations.

1-way vehicles/hr	Speed range (kph)		Average separation (m)	
	lower speed	upper speed	lower speed	upper speed
<400	40	50	>95	>120
400-600	38	48	95	120
600-800	36	45	60	75
800-900	32	40	40	50
900-1000	22	30	24	33
1000-1100	15	20	15	20
>1100	10	15	9	14

Table A1.2 can be used in combination with the traffic levels in Table A1.1 to provide estimates of the average traffic speeds for each hour of the day and day of the week, in both directions along the road. Average traffic speeds for the purpose of estimating average times at risk from cliff collapse hazards are then estimated simply by averaging over 24 x 7 hours, to produce the following estimates at Redcliffs:

- Average speed (both directions, lower) = 34.9 km/hr
- Average speed (both directions, upper) = 44.0 km/hr

Note that the lower travel speed corresponds to higher risk estimates as it takes longer to travel through the at-risk area. A summary of assumed numbers of road users, average speeds, and numbers of journeys per day for heavy road users (used as the basis for estimating annualised individual fatality risk for heavy road users) is provided in Table A1.3.

**Table A1.3** Summary of road user numbers and average speeds.

Road user	Trips/day, heavy user		Trips/year, all users		Average speed, kph	
	lower	upper	vehicles	people	lower risk	higher risk
Cars	1	2	5478385	8695720	44.0	34.9
Buses	1	2	39244	598660	44.0	34.9
Heavy goods	1	2	188834	299732	44.0	34.9
Motorcycles	1	2	292200	292200	44.0	34.9
Cyclists	1	2	29220	29220	25	15
Pedestrians	1	2	14610	14610	5	3

(cars/trucks split as per Main Rd/Ferrymead Rd junction; cycles/pedestrians estimated by authors)

#### **A1.2.4 Individual Risk per Journey – Hazard 1 (Impacted/Inundated by Debris)**

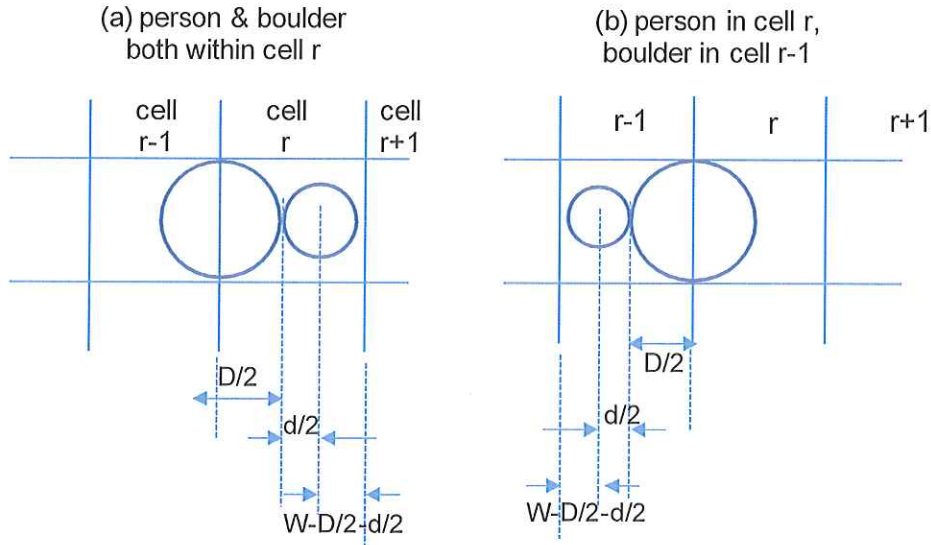
In reviewing the model developed for assessing the impact of debris inundation, from earth/debris flows, on road users, the “rockfall” impact model has been updated in order to improve the calculation of the probability that a random boulder passing through a cell will strike a road user whose centre is also within that cell. Vulnerabilities (probabilities of death if in the path of a boulder) have also been reviewed to take into account the different circumstances.

The impact of cliff collapse, in terms of the numbers of boulders passing through a given section of road (grid cell) is assessed by analogy with the model used to assess the risk to dwelling occupants. However, for the road users, the vulnerabilities have been reduced to take into account that road users, in contrast with people in dwellings, are all outdoors and facing their direction of travel at all times.

##### **A1.2.4.1 Cliff collapse modelling**

A road user located within a 1 m by 1 m grid cell could be hit by a boulder, within the debris, passing through that cell or through the cells either side, as illustrated in Figure A1.4 for cell width ( $W$ ), boulder diameter ( $d$ ) and person diameter ( $D$ ).





**Figure A1.4** Possible boulder/road user collision configurations.

In the first situation, if  $(D+d)/2 > W$  then collision is inevitable. But in this assessment that is not the case; we have  $D = 1$  m,  $d = 0.5$  m and  $W = 1$  m. Therefore, with the person located with their centre on the left edge of the cell as in Figure A1.4(a), there is a gap of width  $W - D/2 - d/2$  within which the centre of the boulder can pass without striking the person. As the person shifts to the right this gap decreases, reaching zero when the person's centre is  $D/2 + d/2$  from the right hand edge of the cell ( $W - D/2 - d/2$  from the left edge). There is thus an average gap of width  $0.5(W - D/2 - d/2)$  pertaining over a distance  $(W - D/2 - d/2)$  from the left hand edge of the cell, and the same again on the right. The proportion of the cell within which the boulder can pass without striking the person is thus:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 2 \text{ (right and left side)} \times (0.5/W) \cdot (W-D/2-d/2) \text{ average gap as proportion of cell width} \\
 & \times (2/W) \cdot (W-D/2-d/2) \text{ proportion of cell width over which gap present.} \\
 & = (W-D/2-d/2)^2 / W^2
 \end{aligned}$$

The probability  $P_{1,r}$  of the person in cell r being struck by a boulder passing randomly through cell r is thus  $1 - (W-D/2-d/2)^2 / W^2$ . **Equation 7**

We now consider a boulder passing randomly through cell r-1 to the left of the cell containing the person situated on the extreme left edge of cell r. If the boulder centre is within  $(D/2 + d/2)$  of the right edge of cell r-1 then it will strike the person. The width of the space within cell r-1 within which the boulder must pass to strike the person in cell r decreases linearly as the person shifts to the right, reaching 0 when the person centre is  $D/2 + d/2$  from the left edge of the cell. There is thus an average width of:

$0.5 (D/2+d/2)/W$  as a proportion of the width of the cell, applying over a distance  $(D/2+d/2)/W$  proportion of cell r from the left edge of the cell,

for which the boulder will strike the person. The same probability of the person in cell r being struck applies to a boulder passing randomly through cell r+1 to the right of cell r. Denoting these probabilities  $P_{1,r-1}$  and  $P_{1,r+1}$  respectively we then have:

$$P_{1,r-1} = P_{1,r+1} = 0.5 (D/2+d/2)^2 / W^2 \quad \text{Equation 8}$$

For a single boulder passing randomly through each of these three cells, the probability  $P_1$  of the person being in the path of 1 or more boulders is given by:

$$P_1 = 1 - (1 - P_{1,r-1}) \times (1 - P_{1,r}) \times (1 - P_{1,r+1}) \quad \text{Equation 9}$$

The probability of death for road user  $j$  per single boulder passing through each of these cells is now calculated as:

$$P_{\text{death},1,j} = P_{1,j} \times V_{1,j,\text{rockfall}} \quad \text{Equation 10}$$

A significant complication now is that the number of boulders passing through each cell may be different. This might be possible to model if the cells formed a continuous straight line along an axis of the model grid, but in this case they do not. We therefore introduce the approximation for the purposes of calculating the probability of being killed by  $N$  boulders passing through the cell that THE SAME number of boulders passes through the cells either side. The probability of death for  $N$  boulders passing through the cell is then:

$$P_{\text{death},N,j} = 1 - (1 - P_{\text{death},1,j})^N \quad \text{Equation 11}$$

This is then multiplied by the proportion of a year for which the user is present in the cell (based on the average travel speeds in Table A1.3 above) and the frequency of the triggering event which gave rise to the  $N$  boulders per cell (as per Equation 6 above) to calculate the contribution of this cell and this slope collapse scenario to the road user's individual risk per journey.

The values of the parameters used in this assessment are as follows:

**No. of boulders passing through cell** – taken directly from dwelling model output

**Years present in cell per journey** – as shown in Table A1.4 (based on average road user speeds as in Table A1.3 above).

**Table A1.4** Road user speeds and times per journey within 2 m cell.

Road user	Average speed, kph		Time (yrs/jny) spent in cell	
	lower risk	higher risk	lower risk	higher risk
Car occupant	44.0	34.9	5.18E-09	6.54E-09
Bus Occupant	44.0	34.9	5.18E-09	6.54E-09
Truck occupant	44.0	34.9	5.18E-09	6.54E-09
Motorcyclist	44.0	34.9	5.18E-09	6.54E-09
Pedal Cyclist	25	15	9.13E-09	1.52E-08
Pedestrian	5	3	4.56E-08	7.61E-08

**Vulnerabilities** – Values of 0.4 (lower) and 0.7 (higher) are used for motorcyclists, and of 0.3 (lower) and 0.5 (higher) for all other road users. Note that these are probabilities of death if in the path of a single boulder; each successive boulder confers the same probability of death again. This contrasts with some of our earlier assessments in which we applied the vulnerability to the “Probability of being in the path of one or more boulders”. This approach (treating vulnerability as independent of number of boulders) was based on the primary contribution to survival being the ability of the individual to get out of the way of boulders. With the lack of any obvious place of escape in the event of rockfall at the Redcliffs road

section modelled we consider it more appropriate here to assume that getting out of the way is unlikely. We recognise that motor vehicles will provide some modest protection against boulders relative to the vulnerable road users (cyclists and pedestrians), but consider that for pedestrians and pedal cyclists this is offset by their greater ability to hear what is going on off the road and to take evasive action before boulders fall. Motorcyclists are considered to have the worst of both worlds (vulnerability if struck, and inability to hear environmental noises), hence their higher assumed vulnerability.

#### **A1.2.5 Road user risk per journey and risk parameters derived from it**

The parameters shown in the above tables are uncertain. As in our previous work on road user risk from rockfall, inputs and outputs are presented as ranges from “reasonable lower” to “reasonable upper” values. No statistical significance is attached to these ranges; the results are regarded as providing a sensible range, given the associated uncertainties, within which to assume the actual risk might lie. Perhaps the single largest uncertainty is in the volume of material which flows from the debris sources; as for the dwelling risk assessments this has been explicitly considered by carrying out all assessments three times, for upper, central and lower estimates of debris source volumes.

The risk equation is evaluated for each cell in the grid for each cliff-collapse scenario considered, as described in Section A1.2.4. The grid used was simplified relative to that used in modelling dwelling risk by excluding cells that did not form part of the roadway in order to streamline the calculation process; in all other respects the rockfall modelling used to estimate individual road-user risk was identical to that used to estimate individual dwelling occupant risk.

As in the dwelling occupant assessment, the set of scenarios modelled covers:

- Seven seismic trigger scenarios ranging from 0.1–0.3 g up to 2–3 g peak ground acceleration, with an increasing probability as shaking increases that cliff collapse will be triggered;
- Four non-seismically triggered cliff collapse scenarios (corresponding to different severities of weather-induced rockfall); and
- Source areas 1, 2 and 3, with probabilities of triggering in each seismic scenario taken exactly as for the dwelling assessment (note – only source area 3 generates debris sufficient to reach the road).

The risk per journey in a given cell is then calculated by summing over all source areas.

The overall risks per journey were calculated by summing over all cells making up the NEAR (landward) side of Main Road and the FAR (seaward) side of Main Road, allowing the risks on either side of the road to be compared with each other and with the existing motor vehicle crash risk (based on average statistics for New Zealand urban roads, from Ministry of Transport publications on road crashes and casualties and on number of journeys and distance travelled by different road user groups; NZ MoT, 2012).

The individual risk per journey is then used to calculate individual risk per year for heavy users of the road, the average expected fatalities per year, and the average time expected between fatal accidents as shown in Table A1.5.

Current New Zealand road traffic accident statistics were used to provide comparison information on the risk road users would face in their ordinary travel along this section of Main Road for a journey of the same length (81 m) as that covered in the risk assessment model.

**Table A1.5** Calculation of risk parameters of interest from single cell risk per journey.

**Aggregation of Risk Parameters for Cells**

**(a) Risk per journey**

Risk $R_{ij}$ for road user $j$ within cell $i$ =	$R1_{ij} + R2_{ij}$
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Risk $R_j$ per journey to road user $j$ =	sum of $R_{ij}$ for all relevant $i$ (all cells on uphill side or downhill side of road, as appropriate)
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**(b) Other key risk parameters**

Annual Individual Fatality Risk for user $j$	$= R_j \times M_{j,ind}$	$M_{j,ind}$ = Journeys/year by individual heavy road user of type $j$
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Average expected fatalities per year, user $j$	$= R_j \times M_{j,tot}$	$M_{j,tot}$ = Journeys/year by ALL road users of type $j$
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Probability of 1 or more fatal accidents/year (road user type $j$ )	$= P_j = 1 - (1 - R_j)^{M_{j,tot}}$
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Probability of 1 or more fatal accidents/year (among ALL road users)	$= 1 - (1 - P_{car}) \times (1 - P_{motorcycle}) \times (1 - P_{cycle}) \times (1 - P_{pedestrian})$
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