



A moment too soon

Road works to fix a notorious black spot in the Hawke's Bay came too late to save one occupant of the van involved in this pile up.

The van and a 4WD collided at the intersection of Meeanee Rd and SH50, the expressway between Hastings and Napier, killing one passenger and seriously injuring another and the driver.

The driver of the 4WD also suffered injuries after it spun into a stationary truck waiting at the lights.

Firefighters had the grisly task of cutting free the dead passenger.

It was at least the fourth fatal accident at the intersection, despite it being controlled by traffic lights.

Photographer Kerry Marshall noted the bitter irony that the first evidence of earth-works to fix the black spot could be seen just beyond the crash scene.



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