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# Auckland floods: Train lines damaged on rail network, debris slows harbour ferries, bus depots inundated

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P The big Friday flood has damaged tracks on two major Auckland railways.

Auckland Transport alerted commuters this evening to the damage, which will likely impact rail travellers for several days.

P “Tracks on the Western and Eastern Lines have been damaged as a result of yesterday’s heavy rain and flooding. Following a rail network inspection, KiwiRail has discovered issues of subsidence on both lines,” the council-controlled organisation said.

“At this stage we are expecting a reduced frequency on some areas of both lines and buses may will replace trains for at least part of the Western Line and Eastern Line from Tuesday.

Buses will keep replacing services on the Onehunga Line and Southern Line between Newmarket and ... because of a pre-existing rail network rebuild.

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Newmarket Station was flooded, as were several underpasses, and AT said staff were inspecting train stations and platforms.

Bus depots at Ranui, Onehunga, Glenfield and Kaiwana Rd were also flooded.

The damage to railways follows the enormous floods in which three people were killed, low-lying areas inundated, and numerous landslips reported across the region.

“Work is continuing across Auckland to reopen roads and restore public transport services as soon as it is practical and safe to do so,” Auckland Transport added.

On Saturday evening, AT said about 80 per cent of scheduled bus services were running, but more bus services were falling behind schedule.

Significant bus detours existed in places as Friday’s flood damaged some roads.

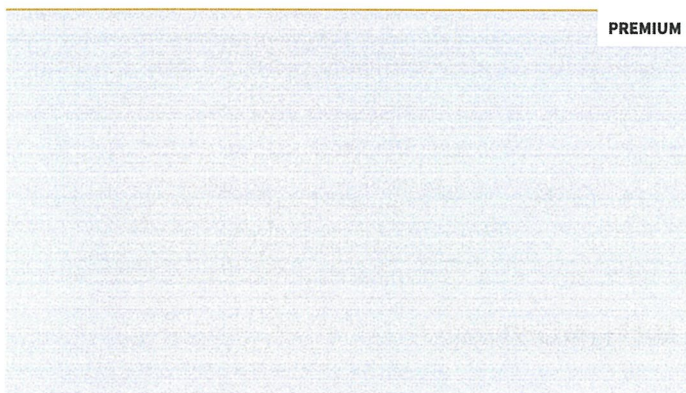
AT said due to unspecified “technical issues” live tracking was unavailable for rail replacement bus services this weekend.

Ferry services were largely unaffected, AT said.

“Services are running as usual on all weekend ferry routes other than Hobsonville/Beach Haven.”

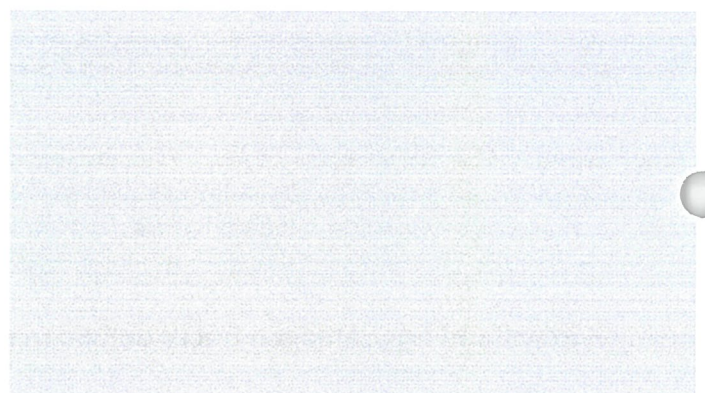
But inner harbour services were delayed as potential debris in the water meant the boats had to operate more slowly, and needed additional lookouts on board.

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