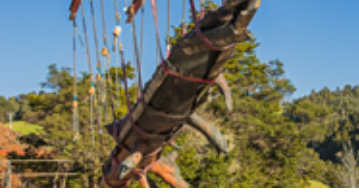


# Ara Tūhono Pūhoi to Warkworth

An NZ Transport Agency PPP Project



## 2018 – It's a wrap!

Yet another year draws rapidly to a close, with a year of change as well as preparation since I took over the helm in April. We have spent months gearing up for the biggest earthworks season on the project and I am proud of what we have accomplished in 2018.



Our achievements this year:

- The project passed the two million-man hours worked
- Our first structure, Perry Road underpass, is complete and works on the two southern viaducts have commenced and is progressing well
- Over 500 staff working across the site
- All harvesting of the pine forest across the project is complete
- All spoil disposal sites, which receive excess material from the bulk cut excavations are in place and working well
- All major environmental controls are in place to facilitate the bulk earthworks for the season ahead
- Kicked off the biggest most challenging earthworks season and brought in the 'big kit' to get the job done
- Safely carried out 20 blasts to date each producing in the order of 15-20,000m<sup>3</sup> with the biggest blast producing 74,000m<sup>3</sup> of rock for earthworks operations.
- Carran Road realignment complete
- Two of the significant cuts in the central north are almost complete
- Attended/hosted over 65 community engagement events
- Established a good working relationship with our Iwi partners

The project will be having a short break with the site closing over Christmas. We are aware of how busy the roads are during the Christmas/New Year holiday period so, the site will close from 3:00pm, Friday 21 December 2017 to 7:00am Thursday 3 January 2018.

I hope you all have a very happy and safe holiday season and we look forward sharing another great year with you in 2019.

Ngā mihi,  
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