

Media Release

Stop/Go on State Highway 1 South of Pūhoi

Work is about to begin on the creation of a wetlands around 900 metres south of Pūhoi Road adjacent to State Highway 1 (SH1). To form the wetlands, we will be removing the top five meters of a hill near to SH1. When the works are taking place, there will be a “Stop/Go” operation.

For safety reasons, the works will be completed over five nights starting November 18 between the hours of 9:00pm and 3.30 am when traffic volumes are lower.

The work is being managed by the Northern Express Group (NX2) which is responsible for financing, designing, building, maintaining and operating the motorway for up to 25 years.

“Health and safety is our highest priority during the works. We ask motorists to reduce their speed and drive safely through the area. We thank motorists for their patience while these works are carried out” says NX2’s CEO Vicente Valencia.

The wetlands will bring greater ecological diversity to the region. More information about the importance of wetland habitats can be found [here](#).

The Pūhoi to Warkworth project will extend the four-lane Northern Motorway (SH1) 18.5km from the Johnstone’s Hill Tunnels to just north of Warkworth. It is the first stage of the Ara Tūhono – Pūhoi to Wellsford project and will be open for traffic by late 2021.

The four-lane motorway will provide increased safety, more consistent travel times and create a more robust and reliable road between Auckland and Northland.

Read more about Ara Tūhono -Pūhoi to Warkworth [here](#).

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