

Aotearoa Shipping Alliance

Coastal shipping funding

The government committed \$30 million of funding for coastal shipping through the National Land Transport Programme (NLTP) to support a resilient, competitive and sustainable coastal shipping sector.

Waka Kotahi has co-invested this funding with four successful suppliers. Collectively the suppliers will be investing over \$60 million to deliver these projects, resulting in combined investment in the coastal shipping sector of over \$90 million.

About the supplier

The Aotearoa Shipping Alliance has been formed by four entities from three regions who share a common vision of supporting trade, creating economic and social benefits for their communities and providing resilience. The alliance involves Ngati Waewae (West Coast South Island), Te Rimu Trust (East Cape), Tainui Kawhia Incorporation (Tainui Kawhia) and Westland Mineral Sands Co (West Coast South Island).

About the project

Waka Kotahi will be contributing towards delivering new barge services in the East Cape, Kawhia and the West Coast.

This project includes procuring vessels, upgrading ports and vessels to New Zealand standards and training crews. It will unlock regional mineral assets that are currently stranded, support Māori communities in several regions, and create mode choice and resilience through coastal shipping systems.

The shipping system will also support the emergence of new port infrastructure and investment, both private and public, in strategic assets for generations to come.

Waka Kotahi investment: \$7 million

Benefits

- Increased use of coastal shipping with a minimum of 40 voyages in the first year of operation, building to over 300 voyages within the first three years.
- Reduced emissions as every tonne of cargo carried by the vessel will only create 33% of the CO₂ emissions of moving cargo by road.
- Increased resilience as the West Coast ports will be upgraded to a point where vessels can call in the event of a natural disaster.
- New seafaring jobs will be created with the Kawatiri dredge operation, as well as the potential creation of further jobs on new vessels (10 new jobs by 30 June 2023, increasing up to 40 over time).

Timeframes

This system is expected to be operational in 2022/23. Shipping will begin in 2022, but on a short term and smaller scale, while the motorised barges are brought up to New Zealand standards.



More information

Find out more about the coastal shipping funding, including other projects being funded, on the Waka Kotahi website at www.nzta.govt.nz/coastal-shipping