

SH1 LOOP ROAD TO SMEATON'S HILL

● Whangarei

THE CASE FOR CHANGE

- The SH1 Loop Road to Smeaton's Hill improvements, south of Whangarei, are one of the NZ Government's regional accelerated projects.
- The NZ Transport Agency, on behalf of the NZ Government, is delivering a network solution which addresses safety and efficiency issues in this area, where the Inland Freight Route (State Highway 15) meets State Highway 1.
- Loop Road (North) is currently used by logging trucks and other heavy freight as the primary connection to State Highway 1. This presents a number of safety and efficiency issues as freight is regularly held up at this intersection, leading to driver frustration and risky manoeuvres.
- Portland Road generates traffic on and off SH1 from the Portland community as well as Portland Cement (Golden Bay), who share a single access to Portland.
- Competing needs of freight traffic, local traffic and visitors creates safety risks at the intersections of Loop Road and Portland Road



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