

# Takitimu North Link Partnership with tāngata whenua

The alignment for the Takitimu North Link Stage One project is within the rohe of Ngāti Ranginui iwi, and includes Ngā Hapū ō Te Paerangi (represented by six hapū), and Pirirākau. We will work together with Te Tiriti partners to deliver construction of the project.

Hapū representatives have supported the project to develop a Cultural Mitigation Plan and Protocols which are a critical part of the contract and obligations for the construction of the road.

Some key areas of this partnership kaupapa are:

- Environmental initiatives and native planting
- Investing in Māori business, job and training opportunities
- Cultural artwork and symbolism
- Embracing te ao Māori, mātauranga Māori and te reo Māori.

## The gift of a name

Tāngata whenua gifted the project name Takitimu North Link in acknowledgement of the area's cultural significance and whakapapa connections of the local hapū to the Takitimu Waka, in September 2020.

