

Investment in the Golden Triangle to boost New Zealand's fastest-growing region



**OUR WAIKATO
FREIGHT HUB SUPPORTS
LOCAL BUSINESSES**



**IMPROVING
SUSTAINABILITY
BY PRIORITISING RAIL**

Our Waikato Freight Hub has opened in the heart of the Golden Triangle, New Zealand's fastest-growing region. Our rail-connected North Island freight hub network links Kiwi businesses with New Zealand and global markets, supporting regional growth. The Waikato Freight Hub is located in Horotiu, and complements our existing freight hubs in South Auckland, Mt Maunganui and Manawatū.

We are an import-dominant port thanks to our proximity to Auckland – New Zealand's largest consumer market. Our freight hub network allows us to balance the volumes of imports and exports, and enables a greater use of rail, improving sustainability and generating infrastructure savings at a national level.



Open for business

Transport Minister Hon Phil Twyford and Waikato District Council Mayor Allan Sanson officially opened the new facility earlier this year. The hub already has its first customer, Open Country Dairy – New Zealand's second-largest exporter of whole milk powder. We are actively talking to more potential tenants and expect further developments during 2020.



Generating local economic stimulus

Once fully complete, the new freight hub is likely to generate 300 new jobs directly in the local district and across the Waikato region. It provides Waikato customers with a flexible and efficient supply chain. Construction of a new road access bridge over the main trunk rail line is now complete.

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Rail connection

A temporary rail service is now operational between Hamilton and Auckland, helping to reduce pressure on roading. Currently, rail-siding design concepts are in development and we anticipate work to be happening on site by 2021.