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MIN-4225 Moana Chief Site Tour in Auckland

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Provide information to assist the Minister of Transport while visiting Moana Chief ship in Auckland on 13 July 2023.

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency's response:

- The Moana Chief is one of two coastal shipping vessels operated by Swire Shipping (Pacifica) and has been operating off the New Zealand coast for many years.
- Coastal shipping remains a small but important part of the New Zealand freight system.
- Recently, the government committed \$30 million of funding for coastal shipping funding through the National Land Transport Programme to tap into the potential of coastal shipping as an alternative for moving freight.
- After a competitive procurement process where Waka Kotahi worked with the wider freight industry (NZ Shipping Federation, Port Company CEO Group, National Road Carriers, KiwiRail, and Te Manatū Waka - Ministry of Transport) to determine the best possible investment, four suppliers that would receive a share of the funding were announced.
- One of these successful suppliers was Swire Shipping Limited, operating as 'Pacifica' in New Zealand, who were able to add a second vessel, the Takutai Chief, to their fleet.
- The Moana Chief currently completes weekly sailings between Auckland, Lyttleton and Timaru or Marsden Point on alternating weeks, with the Takutai Chief currently sailing between Nelson, Tauranga and Wellington every week.
- We are committed to improving freight connections. Through this funding we are taking an important step towards better utilising the blue highway, improving our freight system and future proofing our national supply chain.
- Well-designed transport corridors with efficient, reliable and resilient connections support a productive economy. By investing in coastal shipping, we are strengthening and diversify our domestic supply chain.
- Utilising coastal shipping will help reduce the number of trucks on the roads, minimising wear and tear, improving safety and reduce congestion.
- As a lower emissions transport mode, investing in coastal shipping will also help us achieve our decarbonisation goals.