

Swire Shipping NZ Limited (Pacifica)

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

Swire Shipping (NZ) Limited has an operating division in New Zealand called Pacifica. For over 30 years Pacifica has been dedicated to coastal shipping operations and sustainable domestic cargo transport in New Zealand. Their core activity is domestic transport – offering door-to-door and wharf-to-wharf movements for inter-regional full container load cargo to complement New Zealand's road and rail networks.

About the project

Pacifica is currently operating a dedicated, New Zealand flagged and crewed container vessel, M/V Moana Chief. The project will deploy a second dedicated coastal vessel of similar size to improve frequency between the key ports of Auckland and Lyttelton, as well as expanding coverage into additional regional ports.

Waka Kotahi is contributing towards the initial operating cost of the new vessel.

Waka Kotahi investment: up to \$10 million

Benefits

- Increased use of coastal shipping through deployment of a second vessel doubling frequency of calls to twice per week.
- Reduced emissions from heavy transport between the North and South Island through an additional 31,000 Twenty-foot Equivalent Units (TEU) carried.
- Increased resilience through improved supply of essential commodities during a natural disaster.
- New seafaring jobs will be created (up to 30 new jobs).

Timeframes

A vessel within the parent company's fleet has already been identified and earmarked for deployment on the Aotearoa New Zealand coast. Given the previous work already completed by Pacifica and its parent company, the second vessel could be procured and deployed in 2022.



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