



The Bulletin Kaikōura earthquake update

E noho ra Kaikōura!



We're all done! The rockfall canopy south of Kaikōura wrapped up this week – marking the last of the 253 construction projects undertaken by NCTIR since the 2016 earthquake. Last, but certainly not least – the canopy project has posed a technical engineering challenge, requiring a good deal of innovation from the team, and patience from the travelling public. The first of its kind in the southern hemisphere, and fifth of its kind in the world, it required a committed (and mostly nocturnal) team of abseilers, traffic controllers, geologists and engineers to see it through to completion.

This brave and highly-skilled team of women and men were left to complete the canopy work from the Peketā office after the majority of the NCTIR team finished up in December 2020. With this piece of essential safety work completed the crew is excited to return to their respective homes around the country, and the world, leaving behind a safer and more resilient stretch of road. For those interested in seeing some behind-the-scenes footage of

the construction process, a video can be found at this link: bit.ly/CanopyVideo. A canopy timelapse video will also soon be available on the Waka Kotahi Kaikōura YouTube playlist: bit.ly/CanopyTimelapse.

This final project is the culmination of four years hard mahi – and we could not have achieved what we did without the support of the community and mana whenua. We'd like to say an extra special thank you to those living south of the canopy site, in Oaro, Goose Bay and the Hundalees, who had to travel through our site to get to town. We hope you'll enjoy taking a drive along the coast at any time of the day or night without having to check a schedule!

Now that our work here is done, this will be our final NCTIR Bulletin. We hope you've enjoyed the updates from behind the construction cordons – thanks for reading!

From all of us at NCTIR, past and present, thank you for having us Kaikōura – it has been an absolute privilege.

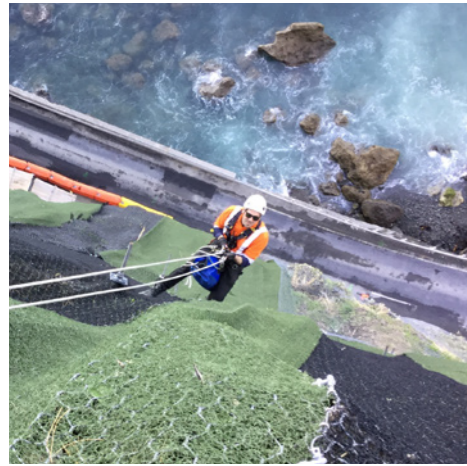
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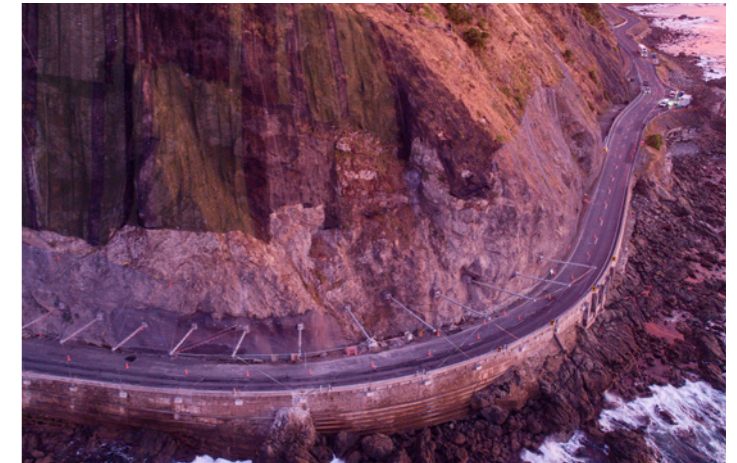
Canopy: Progress in pictures



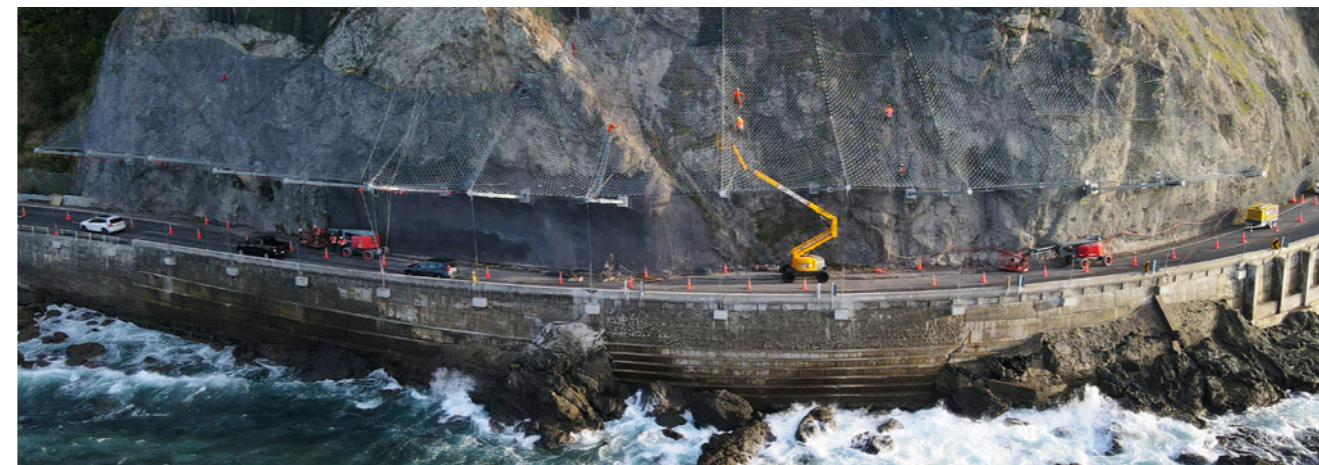
Before



Night works team



Traffic Controller Stella Martin waving traffic through site



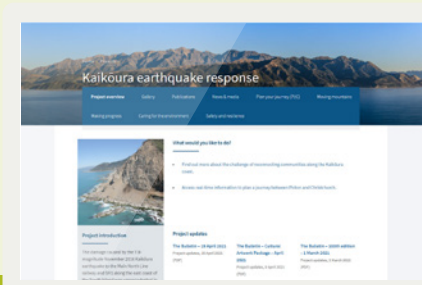
The team gathered at the Peketā site office after the completion of the canopy to close out the NCTIR programme with a karakia, which was led by Rāwiri Manawatu from Te Rūnanga o Kaikōura.

Legacy links

Below is a series of links to NCTIR's photos, Bulletins, and StoryMaps, which are available to the public to tell the story of the rebuild journey.

NCTIR Project Page

The Kaikōura earthquake recovery page on the Waka Kotahi website contains an overview of the project - including a photo gallery, Bulletins, media releases, and major construction milestones.



<http://bit.ly/NCTIRProject>

StoryMaps

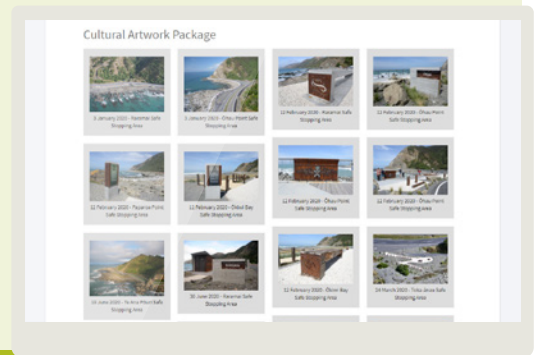
An online collection of eight interactive stories, all covering different aspects of the rebuild from the initial recovery, through to feats of design and engineering.



<https://bit.ly/NCTIRStoryMaps>

Photo gallery

A collection of images showing the rebuild progress - before, during and after.



<http://bit.ly/NCTIRGallery>

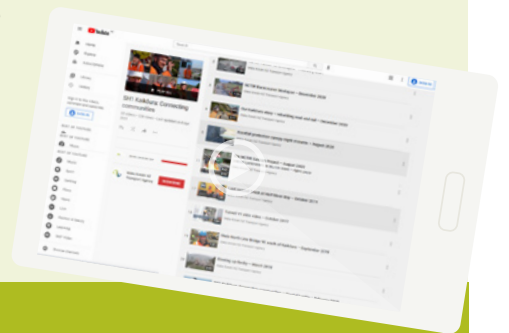
Bulletins

A digital library of all 102 NCTIR Bulletins, detailing the construction, environmental, and community milestones achieved along the way.

<https://bit.ly/NCTIRBulletin>

Videos

Including everything from timelapses and interviews to an award-winning short video, Our Kaikōura Story, which sums up the amazing work of around 9,000 women and men who worked on this project.



<https://bit.ly/NCTIRVideos>

Who you gonna call?

NCTIR is handing the last piece of road back over to the Waka Kotahi Kaikōura-based roading maintenance contractor, Downer. This team was the first to respond after the earthquake, and has worked closely with NCTIR over the past four years. They know the area well, and will be responsible for its ongoing maintenance and incident management. To report issues impacting travel on SH1, or for real-time journey information, call the Waka Kotahi dedicated 24-hour contact centre on 0800 4 HIGHWAYS (0800 44 44 49).



This Bulletin provides the latest information about the rebuild of road and rail networks damaged by the Kaikōura earthquake in November 2016. The Bulletin is produced by the North Canterbury Transport Infrastructure Recovery (NCTIR) - an alliance representing the NZ Transport Agency and KiwiRail, on behalf of the Government.