## CILT NZ Northern Section Webinar

# A Port on the Manukau - Conclusions



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## Where does this leave us?

### Mick has pointed to:

- Looming congestion issues at Auckland and Tauranga, even at present patterns of shipping
- The increasing size of ships and its impacts on port infrastructure
- The increasing tendency to relay cargo at hub ports by transhipment

## Where does this leave us?

#### Mark has:

- Outlined the implications for Auckland and Tauranga
  - Greater transhipping swamps port capacity
  - Auckland and Tauranga won't cope
- Reviewed the Sapere report
  - Economics, engineering, operations, hinterland access and social issues all stack up
  - Outstanding issue is that of environmental consentability

## Where does this leave us?

#### Sian has shown:

- How other projects overcome environmental and consentability challenges
- Proper planning to achieve balance
- Can progress through:
  - Data & information exchange
  - Adaptive management plans
  - Shared responsibility but single point for delivery
  - Iterative flexible approach —monitoring, reporting and response

## Steps to Progress

- In 1989, the Port Development Plan for Auckland (ARA, ACC, POAL) stated "The practicability of providing a suitable Manukau entrance and approach channel should be established within the next two years."
- The Sapere report finally did this, 30 years later (2019). Finally, we are on the way.
- But it needs leadership.
- The project needs to be followed through to its conclusion, even if negative, although we see no evidence of any acceptable alternative.
- A sponsor is needed.
- It would seem incumbent on Government to empower a party to deliver the project.

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