# CILT NZ Northern Section Webinar

# A Port on the Manukau - The present situation



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# The need for a larger/ new port

- 12 months ago We reported:
  - Two studies conclude Manukau is the preferred future UNI port- Port Future Study & Sapere Report
- We now have the prospect of
  - Larger ships
  - Relay of tranship cargoes through UNI ports
- Existing ports are 50 years old
  - Not designed to accommodate the larger ships
  - Many channels and berth pockets too shallow, channel bends too tight
  - Larger beam means larger outreach of cranes can mean too high loads on wharf structures
- Auckland and Tauranga will NOT have the long term required capacity
  - Auckland appears to be at capacity now, even after automation complete
  - Tauranga is seeking to extend wharf by a much needed one berth and associated stack area

# Add in the demand presented by increased coastal shipping/ transhipping

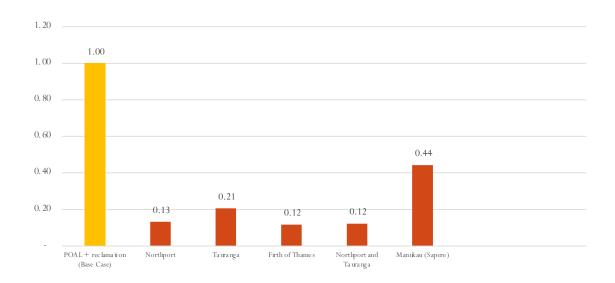
- Transhipped cargo needs to be handled twice at hub
- Also occupies stack slots while waiting onward ship
- Auckland and Tauranga presently handle abt 130,000 teu pa of tranships
- Imports and exports for/ from regions outside the Upper North Island totalled about 775,000 teu in 2020
- The potential additional tranships are therefore up to 645,000 teu pa, resulting in twice that, 1.3 million teu pa additional handlings, a 10-fold increase in tranships
- Auckland and Tauranga presently handle 1.8 million teu pa between them (2020)
- Their unplanned potential increase is thus anything up to 70% of total throughput
- Even if its only half this, it represents an increase of more than a third
- The two ports would not be able to cope

#### How long have Auckland & Tauranga got?

- The two ports are virtually at capacity now
- A berth extension and added stack area at Tauranga might add 400,000 teu pa capacity enough for 10 years?
- But what then?
- A multi-berth increase is needed
- The Port Future Study and Sapere concluded that neither Auckland nor Tauranga have much in the way of long-term expansion capability
- Conclusion: a new port is required
- They also concluded that the best choice is a new port on the Manukau

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Benefit : Cost Ratio (BCR) - Sapere Analysis



• Shorter Shipping routes



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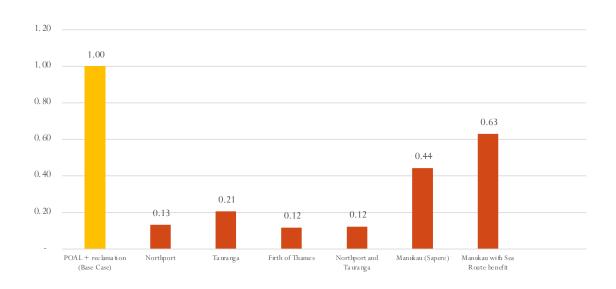


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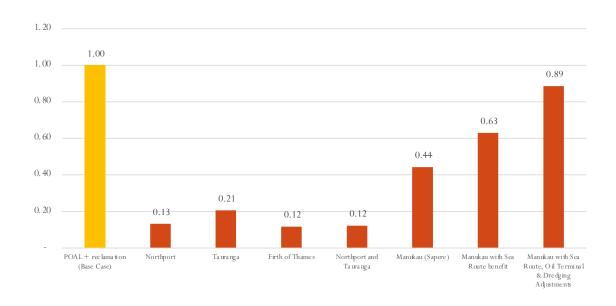
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  - Change of port for cargoes
    - steel and coal direct to/from steel mill
    - fuel imports through Manukau, reducing costs and improving resilience
    - PV \$250 million plus
  - Overstated dredging costs
    - \$60/m3 instead of \$15/m3
    - PV \$650 million

Revised BCR, including Sea Route Benefit, Oil Terminal & Adjustment for Dredging



#### Overwhelmingly in favour of Manukau

# Only a new port will work

We can conclude that:

- 10 years to consent, plan and build a new port (Ref: Sapere)
- Auckland & Tauranga on borrowed time
- Might eke out 10 years
- Backstop is relaying from Australian ports
- But for resilience, can't rely on Aust ports: no influence over port development or industrial relations
- Need to start now on a new port

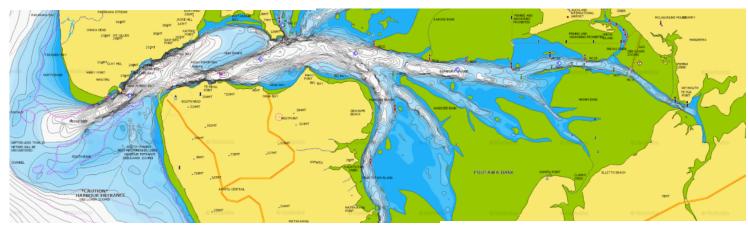
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#### Charts of Manukau, Waitemata and Tauranga

To same scale, showing channels. Depths greater than 12m are shown in white

#### Manukau



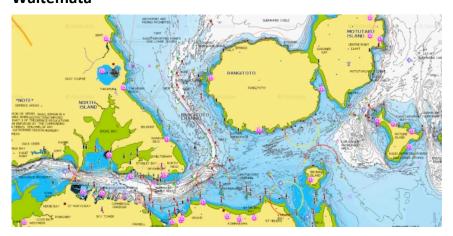
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#### Waitemata



#### **Tauranga**



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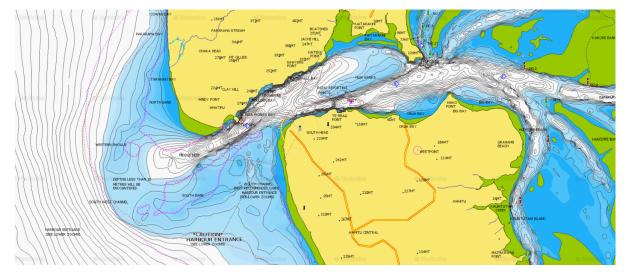
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  - A Bar channel is attainable and safe
    - Wave action in a channel is much less than on a bar
    - No problem for large ships; smaller ships will find it easier
  - Several suitable sites for location within harbour
- Hinterland connections to road and rail networks are excellent
- No Social issues of significance
  - No 'fatal flaw' from Maori perspective, and Maori would look to secure commercial opportunities
- The outstanding issue is the Environment. Sapere and Mitchell Daysh concluded that any
  greenfield port is likely to present considerable consenting challenges