



Interislander Cook Strait Ferry Infrastructure Project

July 2026

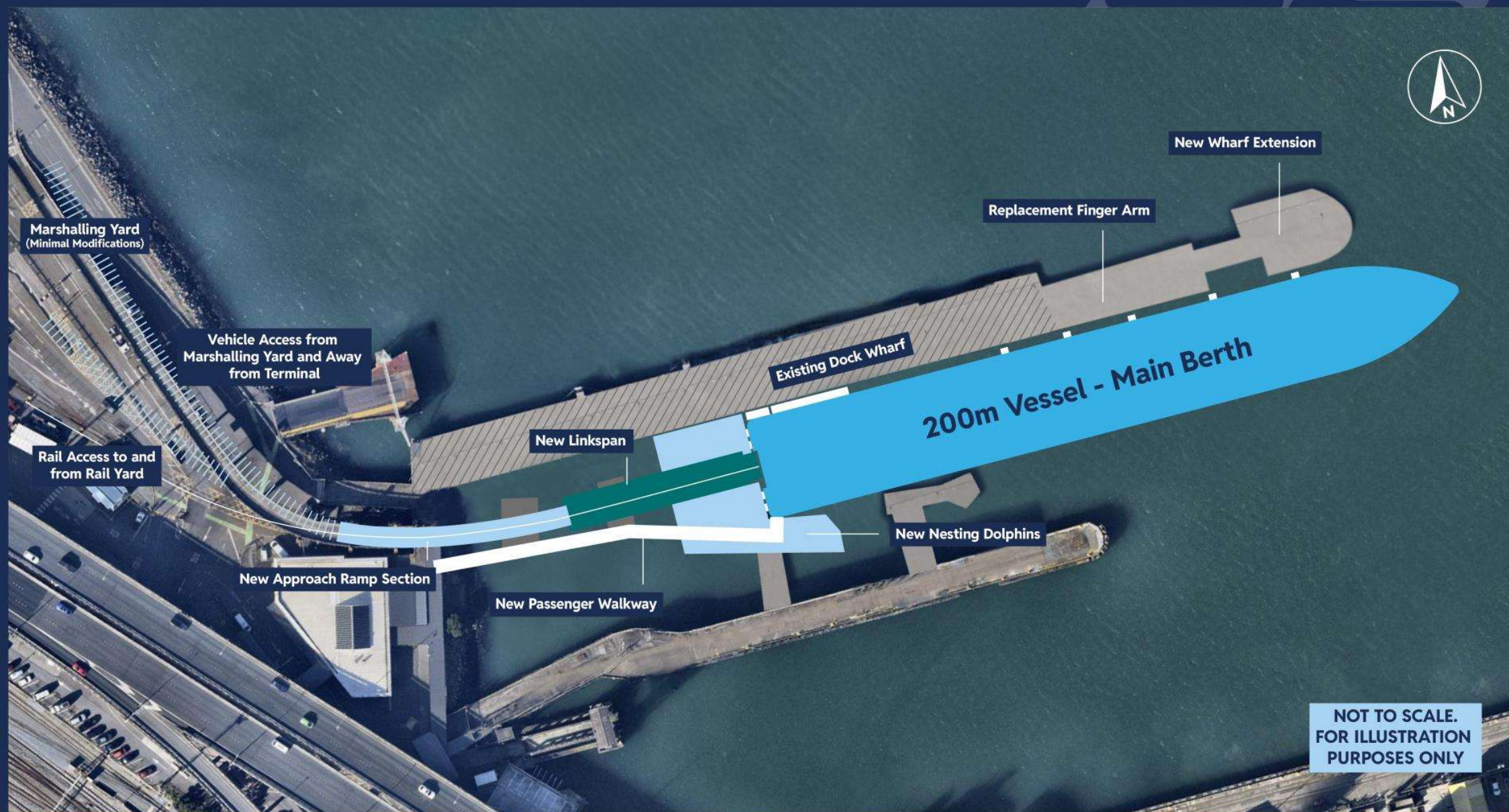




Background

- The Cook Strait is SH1 and the main trunk line between the North and South islands.
- The Cook Strait is a key part of the supply chain
- Two ferry operators on the route
- The Government, through Ferry Holdings is purchasing two new rail enabled ferries for delivery 2029
- These ferries will be operated by KiwiRail, through Interislander
- Ferry Holdings and the ports, CentrePort and Port Marlborough, are building the necessary infrastructure to support these new ferries
- CentrePort/Ferry Holding/KiwiRail have now signed a collective set of agreements to progress the infrastructure
- In Wellington, at Kaiwharawhara, the focus is building infrastructure with an ethos of minimum viable product with maximum reuse of existing assets



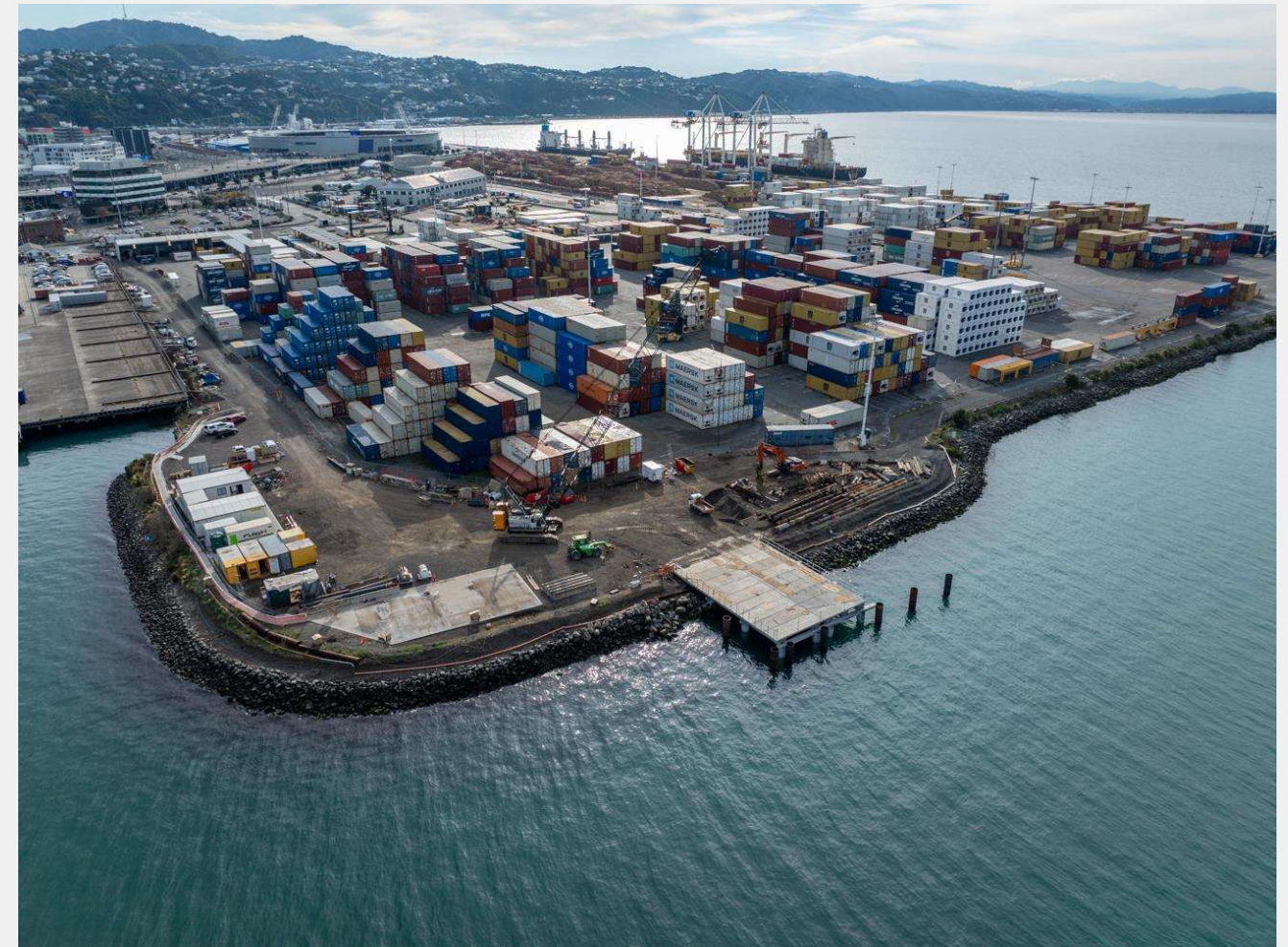


Physical works update

Early Works

- Design works, incorporating ECI contractor, involvement progressing well
- Initial consenting through the permitted activity provisions progressing well
- Priority has been preparing the site for construction and developing staging wharves to support construction activity
- Defunct infrastructure and old piles have been removed.
- Barges and staging wharves will become important for construction with key materials arriving (e.g. pile casings)
- Piling begins this month for a staging wharf for construction

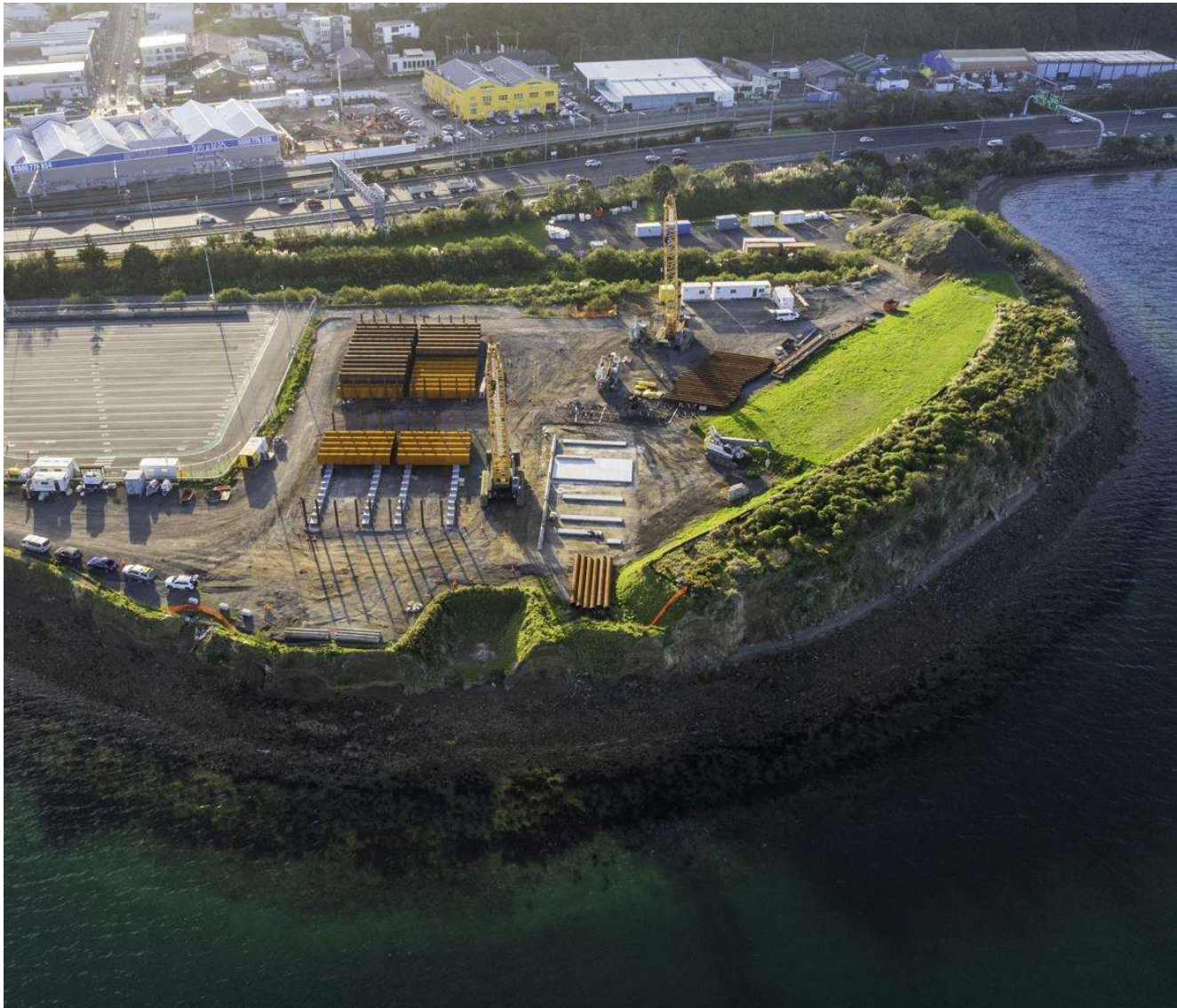
South Road staging wharf pictured below



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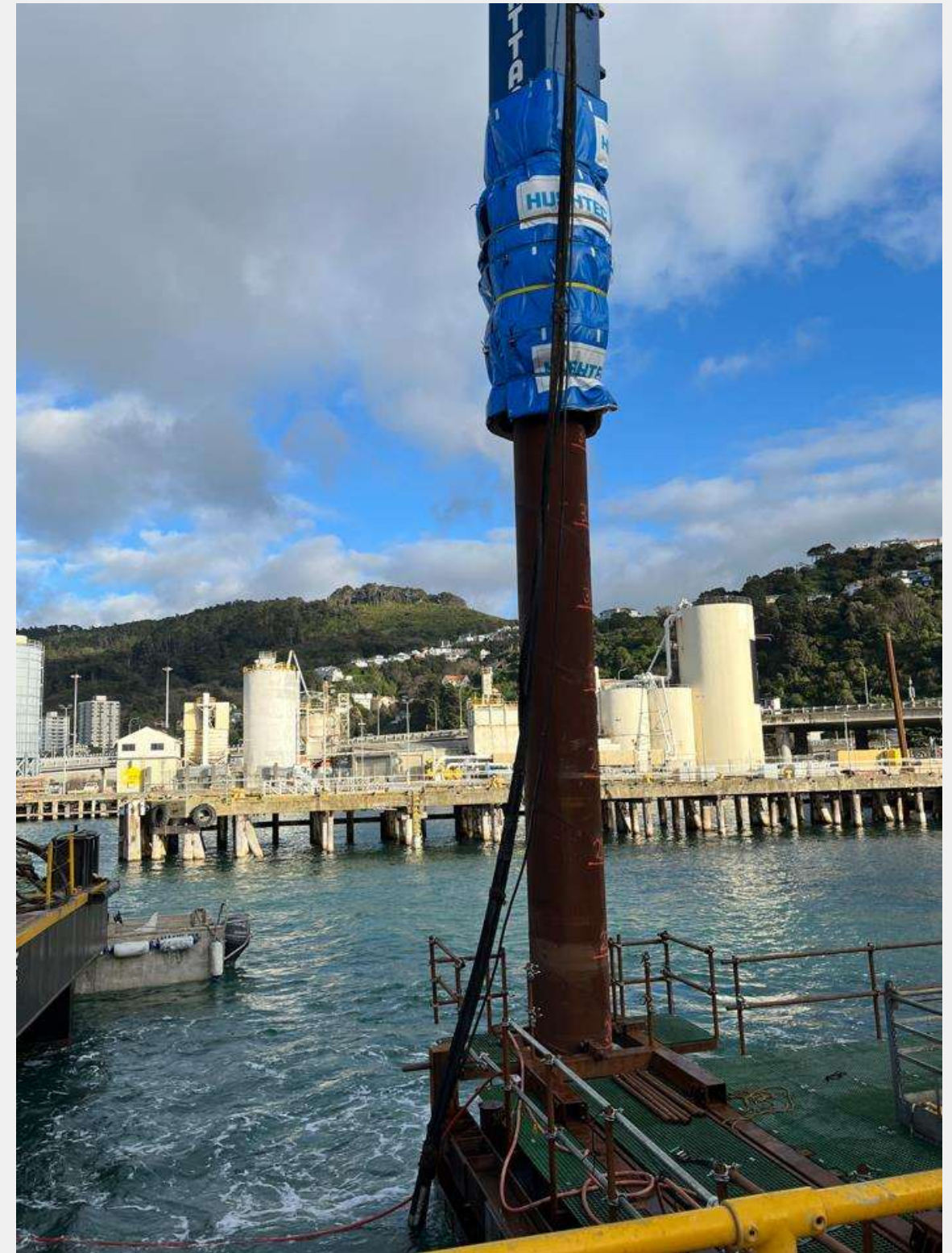
Progress pictures



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Environmental issues

- Noise from piling
- Water quality (spills, dewatering)
- Wildlife protection
- Cultural values



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Estuary enhancement opportunity



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Next steps

Physical Works

Site prep

Wildlife
protection

Staging wharves

Temporary
terminal

2026

Piling

Wharf extended

Remove
redundant
structures

Walkway and
linkspan installed

Late 2026 to 2028

Commissioning

2029



Progress updates via a Project sub-site

A project website has been set up to provide project updates for works at the Kaiwharawhara ferry terminal.

It aims to give people a high-level, first look at the project for new Interislander Cook Strait ferries ahead of major works beginning and provide a single source of truth.

Project sub-site:
www.wlgferryinfrastructure.co.nz

The collage displays four different pages from the project website. The top-left screenshot is the 'Wellington Ferry Infrastructure Project' homepage, featuring a navigation bar with links like Home, Timing, Latest Updates, Partners, Environment, and Key Documents. The top-right screenshot shows the 'Environment Protecting the Harbour' page, which includes a section on 'Te Whanganui-a-Tara' and 'Latest activity - June update'. The bottom-left screenshot is the 'What, When, Where Project milestones' page, which contains a table with project stages and activities. The bottom-right screenshot is the 'Who we're working with' page, detailing the collaborative approach for the project.

Stage	Focus	Activity
One	Initiation	Initial site preparation Design & Consents
Two	Design	Site preparation cont. Staging wharves crea Marine mammal man Piling work begins Construction site off



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