# Piritahi

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| Piritahi is an alliance commissioned and formed by Kāinga Ora alongside three design partners Harrison Grierson, Tonkin & Taylor, Woods and constructors and civils work specialists Hick Bros and Dempsey Wood. Kāinga Ora is the owner participant and the alliance’s sole client. Unlike most other alliances, Piritahi doesn’t focus on a singular project, but multiple, large-scale infrastructure developments. It was formed to expedite the supply of build-ready land for a major government programme to increase the supply of new homes in Auckland. A complex and exciting once-in-a-generation brownfield development programme, the project involves collaboration and cooperation on a scale not seen before in urban regeneration in New Zealand. Piritahi works across eight neighbourhoods covering a total of 52 square kilometres – almost the size of Manhattan – and involves preparing and remediating land, upgrading infrastructure and increasing community amenity on behalf of Kāinga Ora so tens of thousands of new homes including public, private and rental housing can be built. The transport team in Piritahi collaborates with Kāinga Ora and Auckland Council Controlled Organisations on the delivery of transport infrastructure with a focus on ‘caring for the people’ through universal design and works closely with respective communities to achieve a great outcome. A holistic approach is required to provide access to the homes, education, jobs, recreation, and amenities people need. The right infrastructure must be delivered to move people around, in, out and through the neighbourhoods by modes that are safe, sustainable, and accessible for everyone. This calls for radical thinking and measures that have never been applied at such a scale in New Zealand. Piritahi on behalf of Kāinga Ora has been given a broad range of responsibility, customers and stakeholders to work with, and the foundations for success began with a deep understanding of the communities and the challenges they face.  |