
Ara Tūhono: Pūhoi to Warkworth

Further North Alliance – drive for innovation and lawyers in an Alliance





A note on probity:

A PPP procurement process is currently underway for the Pūhoi to Warkworth project. As such, no questions will be answered about the integration of the conditions as part of this process.

More PPP information is available online at:

www.nzta.govt.nz/puhoi-warkworth



Goals of the RoNS

- Better connect Northland to Auckland & Upper North Island
- Support and encourage economic growth of the North
- Improve safety & reliability of state highway for motorists, tourism & freight

The Project: Ara Tūhono Pūhoi to Warkworth

- 18.5km
- Four-lanes with central median barrier
- Approximately 5 years to build



The Further North Alliance



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Planning alliance

- Colours
- Kauri tree
- Four branches
- Growth





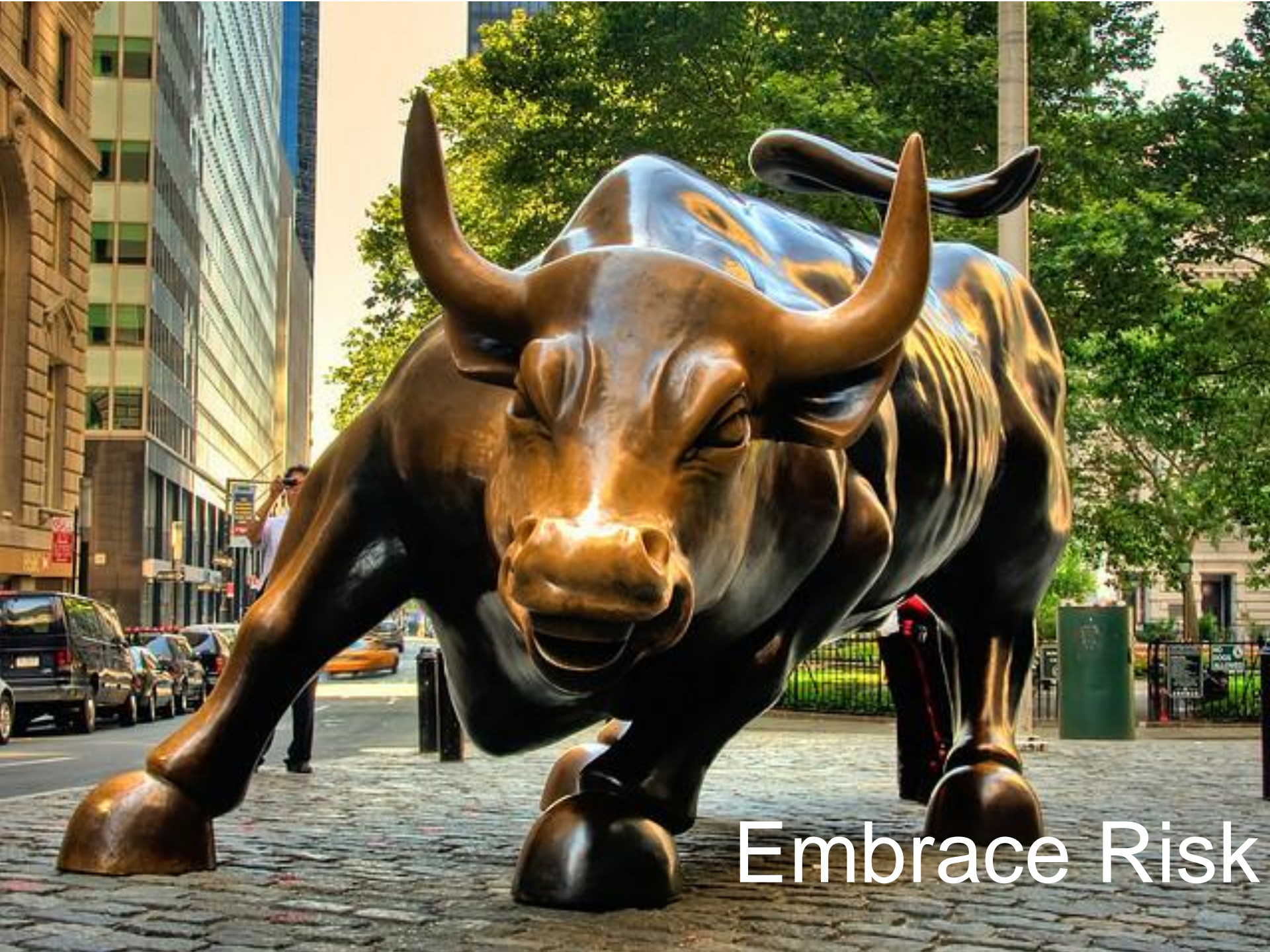
Scope

Our scope was fairly brief:

- Deliver flexible statutory approvals for the Pūhoi to Warkworth RoNS by September 2014
- Achieve a better outcome through greater flexibility

Tighter than ever timeframe





Embrace Risk



Why did we adopt a new approach?

- Alliance
- Challenging the norm



What did we need to do?

- Achieve flexible consents
- Within 18 months by September 2014



How did we achieve that?

- Fit for purpose assessment
- Passing the statutory tests
- Best for project expertise
- Fit for purpose documentation
- Co-location



Empowering the planner

- The role of the planner as the expert
- Recalibrating the role of the planner
- Looking back before going forward

Empowering the team





The role of the legal team

“Provide strategic legal input into Alliance decisions, ensure compliance with statutory processes and be instrumental in delivery of an outstanding result for the Alliance.”



Legal in an Alliance

- Working in a project office
- Collaboration
- Asking questions

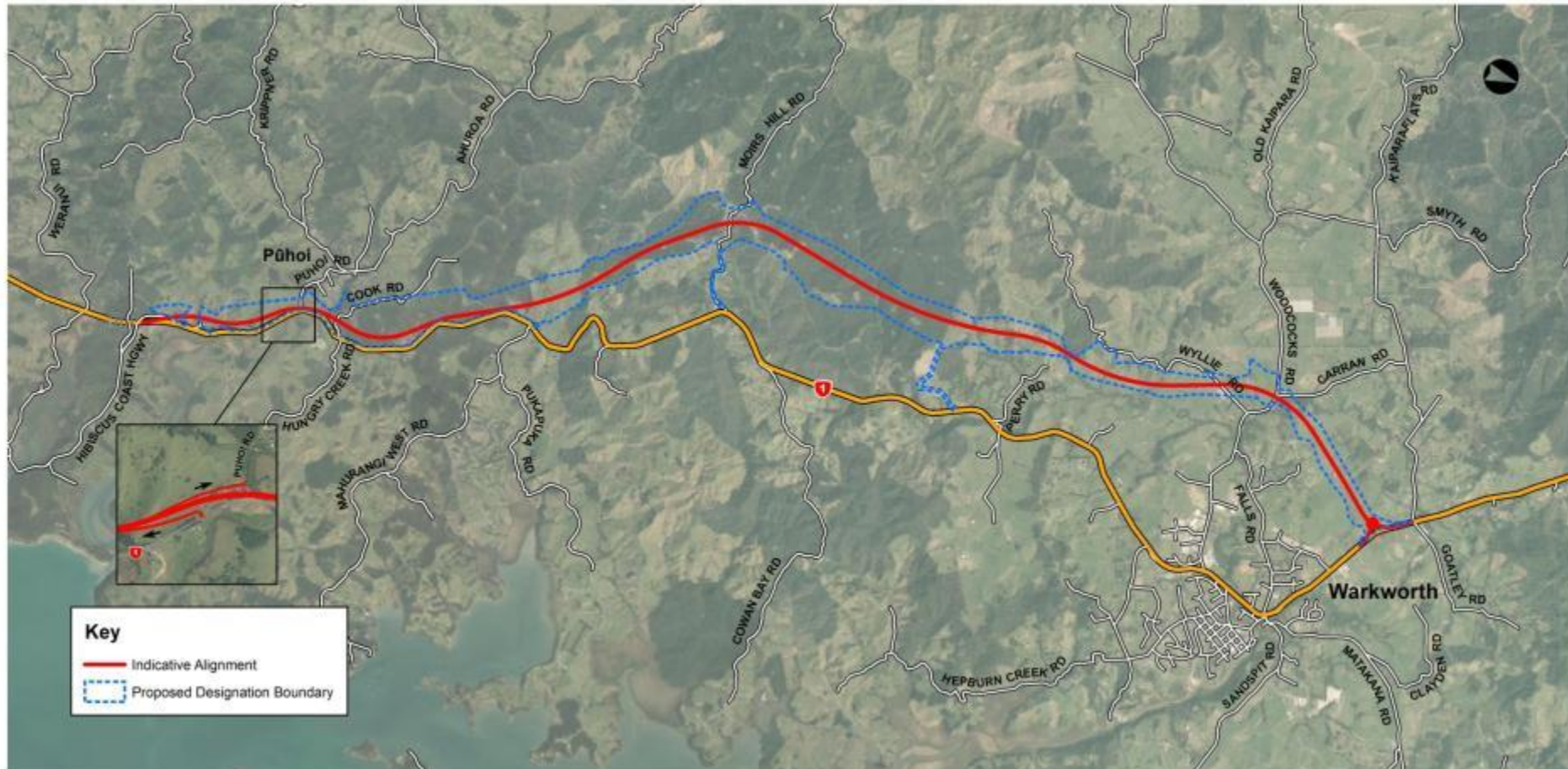
Where did we end up?

- Board of Inquiry granted all resource consents and a designation on 12 September 2014

Outcome...

- Designation instead of indicative alignment
- Substantial flexibility for a future constructor to deliver a value-for-money design
- No 'condition 1'

Pūhoi to Warkworth – flexible designation





Where did we end up? - Conditions

- Start with a clean slate of conditions
- No ‘condition 1’
- Aimed for conditions that mitigated effects, and
- Conditions that addressed submitter concerns

Was the Alliance a success?





Questions