**Ara Tūhono (Pūhoi to Warkworth) - A People Perspective**

The Puhoi to Warkworth Motorway or Ara Tūhono is a four lane, 18.5km roading project in the north of Auckland set to provide better connectivity and a safer journey between Auckland and Northland. Ara Tūhono means a connecting pathway, Ara meaning pathway/passage and Ara Tūhono means connecting or linking one path to another.

The project is currently one of the largest in New Zealand, which has been rewarding but also presented several interesting challenges, especially in the civil engineering testing space. Geotechnics have been working on the project for over four years and have been presented with overcoming numerous challenges surrounding staffing, keeping a culture alive in a busy construction environment, training, empowerment and resourcing.