

Connecting people and keeping the North Island moving

Downer has played a central role in shaping Aotearoa New Zealand since 1933. Our legacy lives in the rail tunnels carved through mountain ranges, the roads that connect regions, the energy networks that power the country, and in the people and partnerships that bring it all to life.

Across the North Island, Downer operates in every major infrastructure sector, delivering services that connect people, strengthen regions, and prepare New Zealand for the future.

From city-shaping rail networks to streamlined regional road upgrades, we are keeping people moving across the North Island - delivering integrated infrastructure solutions that support urban growth, regional connectivity, and long-term resilience.

As a key delivery partner for the City Rail Link - New Zealand's largest-ever transport project - we helped transform Auckland's public transport system. In parallel, projects like the Tirau to Waiouru Accelerated Rehabilitation showcase our focus on smarter, faster delivery, halving the program's timeline and unlocking \$100 million in whole-of-life value.

We also maintain more than 23,000 Kāinga Ora homes, support Chorus, Spark, and One NZ with national telecommunications networks, with our work defined by delivery excellence, innovation, and long-standing partnerships.

We bring national capability and deep local relationships delivering smarter, safer, and more sustainable outcomes that help North Island communities thrive.

Learn more about Downer in North Island



Key Downer contracts and projects in the North Island

Tirau to Waiouru Accelerated Maintenance Program

Delivered in partnership with the NZTA, we compressed four years of work into one including the use of the new fit-for-purpose maintenance and development guide. The accelerated approach delivered a 50% reduction in cost, more than 50% and unlocked \$100 million in whole-of-life savings.

Ministry of Education Property Portfolio

Downer delivers nationwide facilities maintenance and property services, supporting a large and geographically diverse portfolio of education-related properties across New Zealand.

Kāinga Ora

Since 2010, Downer has delivered multi-trade maintenance services to Kāinga Ora, supporting over 23,000 homes across Auckland and Wellington.

Transpower

Downer delivers line and substation transmission services for Transpower across the central North Island under a Regional Service Contract, and sits on the contestable work panel for major grid investment projects.

Watercare

Delivering water and wastewater reactive maintenance and responsible for managing planned works, including metre replacement and

pipe renewal programmes.

We have provided water services in the north Auckland region since 1991 and now provide water to more than 400,000 households in the region.

Auckland Airport Domestic Terminal

Downer is delivering Auckland Airport's new Domestic Terminal, providing a new gateway for international and domestic travel, increasing capacity, streamlining domestic and international travel, and supporting 2,500 jobs at peak construction.

Te Ara Tupua, Wellington

In partnership with the NZTA, HEB and Tonkin + Taylor, Downer delivered Te Ara Tupua, a transformational 4.5km shared walking and cycling path along Wellington's harbour edge connecting communities from Ngā Urunga to Pito One, and creating a safer, more resilient transport corridor beside SH2.

Chorus

Downer has been a long-term partner to Chorus, delivering telecommunications infrastructure for over two decades. We support the build, maintenance, and restoration of both copper and fibre networks, managing over 500,000 service requests annually.

Auckland Transport

Providing local road maintenance and renewal services across Tamaki Makaurau, leveraging a strong collaborative partnership with Auckland Transport.

KeiraRail - Wellington projects

Delivered platform, track and facilities upgrades to Wellington Railway Station, one of NZ's busiest and most iconic transport hubs, balancing modern performance with preservation of the station's historic character.

Powerco

Delivering a range of services including maintenance, water capital works and electrical services for assets of Powerco North Island, including network, and energy services in the lower North Island.

Shaping the future of Auckland's transport network

The City Rail Link (CRL) is the largest transport infrastructure project ever undertaken in New Zealand and the country's first completely underground railway line.

The 3.45 km twin-tunnel underground rail line runs from Waitematā (Britomart) through the CBD to connect with the existing Western Line at Maungawhau (Mt Eden).

Downer was one of six companies that form the Link Alliance, delivering the main stations, tunnels and systems for the project. Downer contributed to multiple sections, including Waitematā Station (Britomart) and Lower Albert Street, tunnels, train stations, rail systems, urban realm upgrades, and station fit outs supported by our construction company, Hawkins.

CRL was the first major New Zealand infrastructure project to make a full, comprehensive shift to a digital approach using Building Information Modeling (BIM). Downer's Digital Engineering team has worked closely with the client, designers, construction teams, and mechanical, electrical and plumbing subcontractors to produce a LOD 400 Construction BIM model to optimise construction planning and execution.

In addition, Downer will be responsible for maintaining the stations and new infrastructure for Auckland Transport for 30 years post-construction, including asset management, hard maintenance services, cleaning, and pest control.



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Te whakaahi haponi momoho Enabling communities to thrive

We are a leading provider of integrated services across New Zealand and Australia, delivering and maintaining essential infrastructure that enables communities to thrive.

Our work in New Zealand

190
locations

>8,000
employees

>1290
suppliers/subcontractors

\$11.8M
FY25 supply chain spend



L - R: Downer supports over 23,000 homes for Kāinga Ora, Te Ara Tupua, Wellington compete and open to the public, and through Hawkins is delivering the Auckland Domestic Jet Terminal.

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Downer in the North Island

