City Rail Link

Greenwood Roche is acting for the Link Alliance on New Zealand's largest ever transport infrastructure project to deliver the country's first underground railway, connecting Auckland's existing train networks and transforming the city's public transport system.

The City Rail Link is a 3.45km twin tunnel underground rail link that will run up to 42 metres beneath downtown Auckland to connect Britomart Station with a redeveloped Mount Eden Station. The project also creates two new underground stations – Aotea Station, at Wellesley and Victoria Streets, and Karangahape Station near Mercury Lane and Beresford Square.

The Link Alliance consortium, who will deliver the main stations and tunnels for this project, comprises:

- City Rail Link Limited
- Vinci Construction Grands Projects S.A.S
- Downer NZ Limited Soletanche Bachy International NZ Limited
- WSP New Zealand Limited
- AECOM New Zealand Limited
- Tonkin + Taylor Limited

Amy Rutherford is fronting the Greenwood Roche team on this project, which is expected to run through until 2024 and will include the procurement of approximately 600 different packages with both domestic and international subcontractors, suppliers and consultants. Greenwood Roche is advising the Link Alliance on various aspects of the City Rail Link Project, including providing strategic project delivery advice, preparing the procurement suite of contracts and assisting with downstream negotiations and engagements.

Specialist Expertise

Construction and infrastructure projects Corporate & commercial

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