

REFERENCE PROJECT

Geotechnical – Drill and Blast

Location: Atene Track, Wanganui
Date: July 2016
Client: Department of Conservation
Consultant: Abseil Access Ltd

A freak weather event in 2015 caused numerous slips and damaged many tracks in the Wanganui area. The Department of Conservation enlisted the help of Abseil Access to tackle some of the drill and blast required to get the tracks re-opened.

An 80m wide slip along the track exposed the papa mudstone face, resulting in the track being closed for over a year while options of cutting through the slippery slope were investigated.

Abseil Access provided drill and blast expertise as well as essential rope access on the slippery surface. Drilling the holes was easy with our handheld pneumatic rotary drill but the absorbent rock required the use of high explosives.

The project was completed within the allocated time frame and on budget.

