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Our last full day in New Zealand was a rainy one. We left New Plymouth early in the morning in the pouring rain. We were going to drive north to our final stop in Auckland. On our way there we made a stop at the Methanex plant in Motunui. We took shelter from the rain at the Methanex visitor center. The visitor center was really cool and had a large model of the facility.



There, Patrick, Sal, Nate, and I all gave our deliverables. Patrick talked about the Methanex production. Sal talked about Government initiatives for carbon reduction. Nate talked about The Cook Strait tidal power potential. Lastly, I talked about Hydropower potential in the South Island.

After we left the Methanex visitor center, it was a long drive to Auckland. The whole trip was supposed to take around four and a half hours not including stops. It ended up taking much

longer than expected due to heavy traffic near Auckland. It did not help that it was pouring the whole time. The rain made it too difficult to look outside and see the amazing landscape. After we made it through all of the traffic we made it to the very cool city of Auckland.