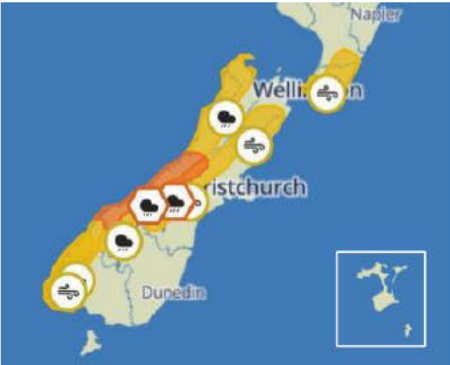


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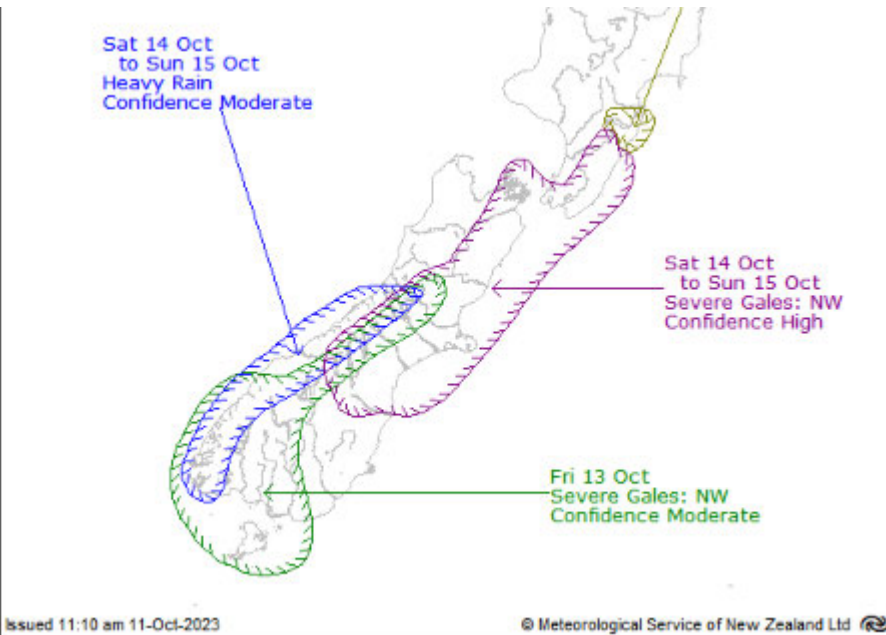
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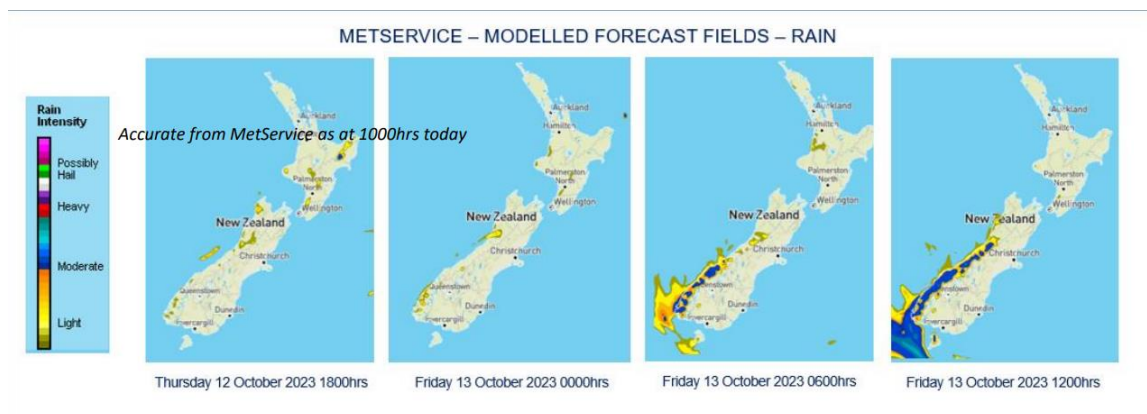
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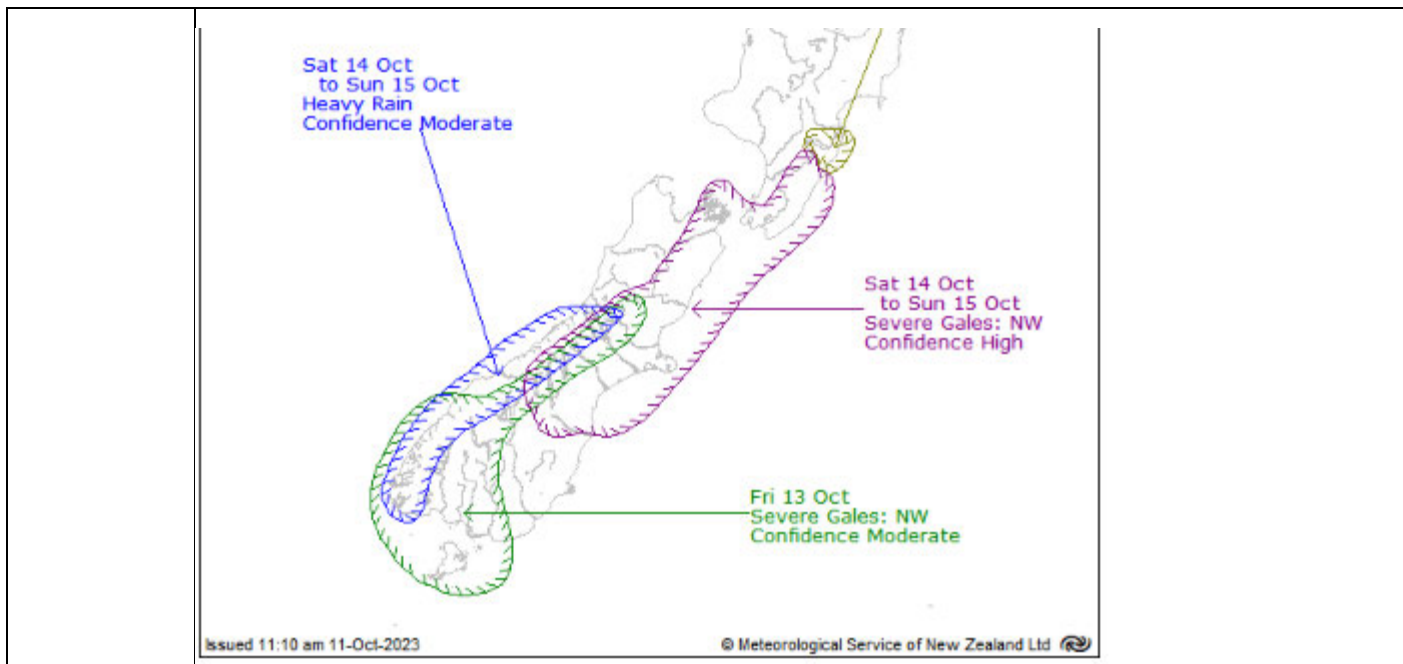
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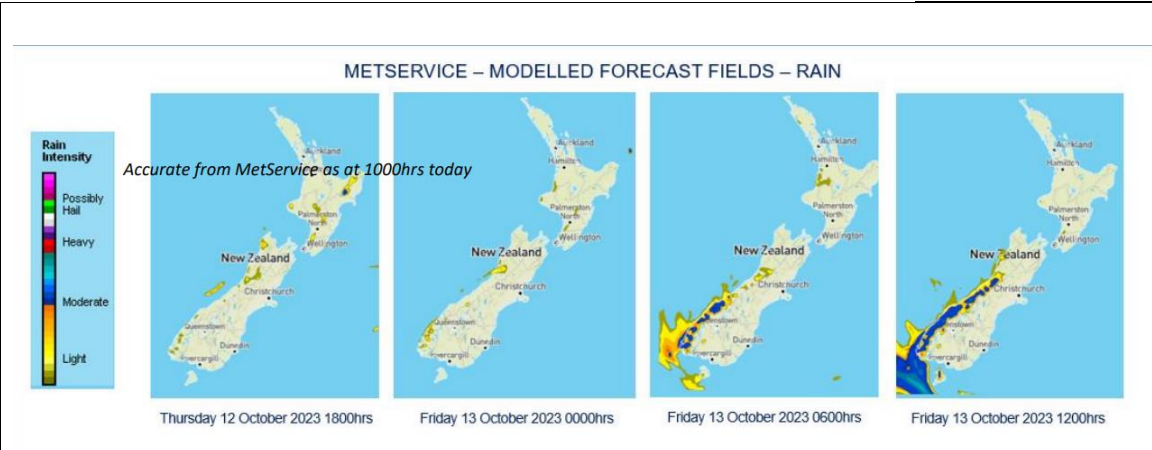
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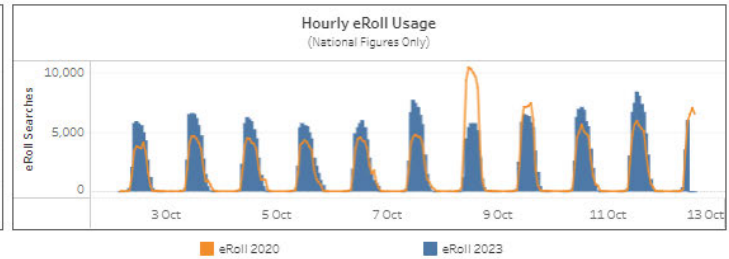
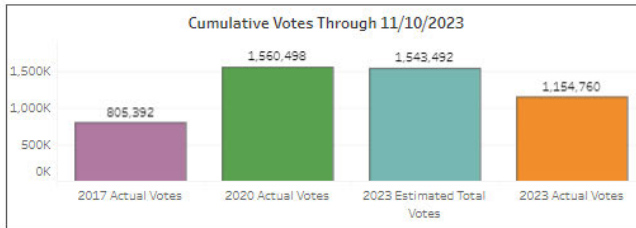
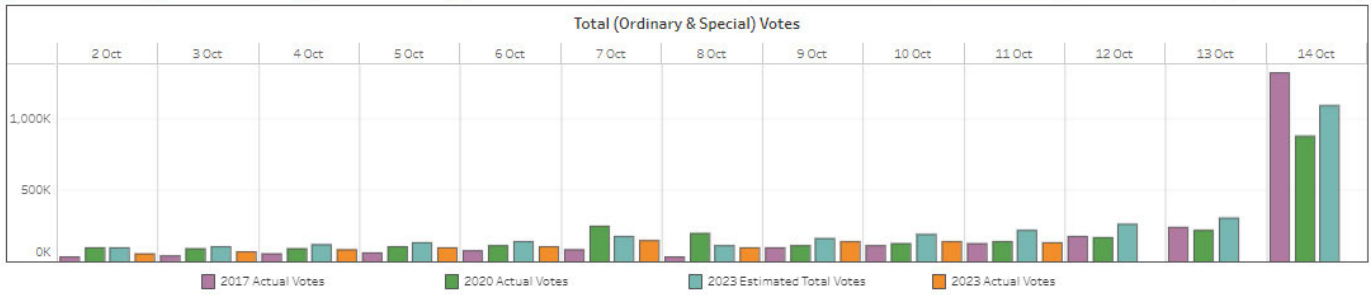
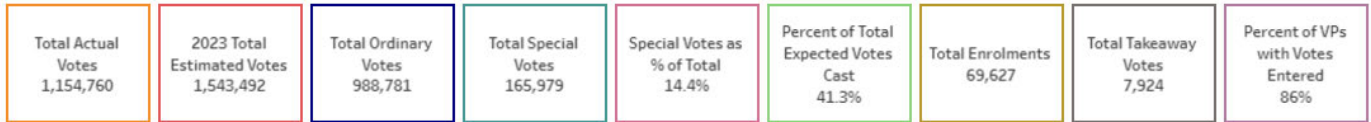


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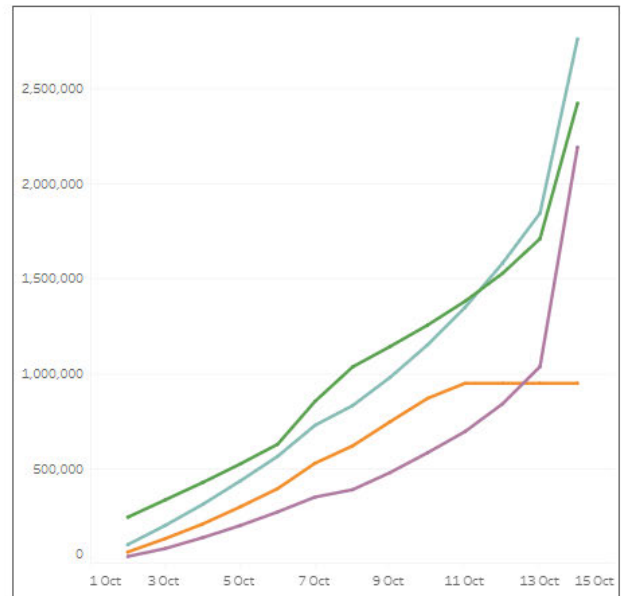
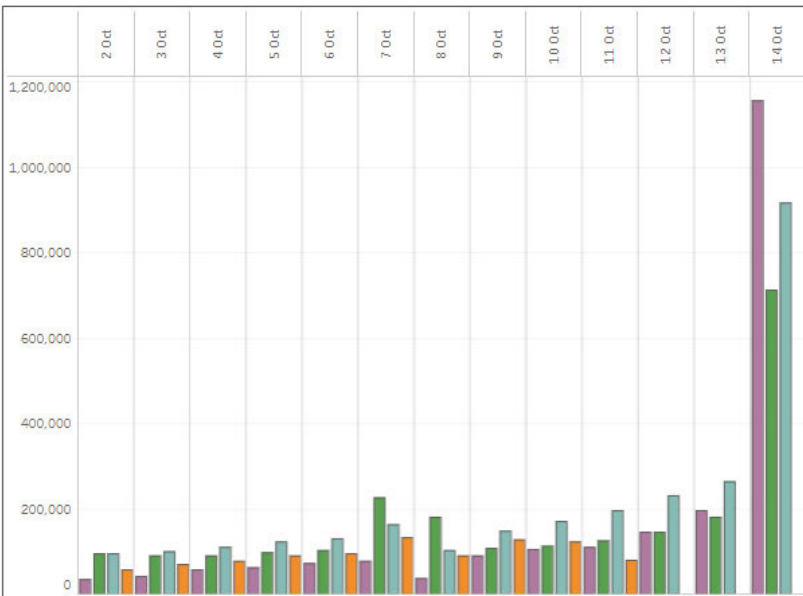
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Ordinary Votes - Daily & Cumulative



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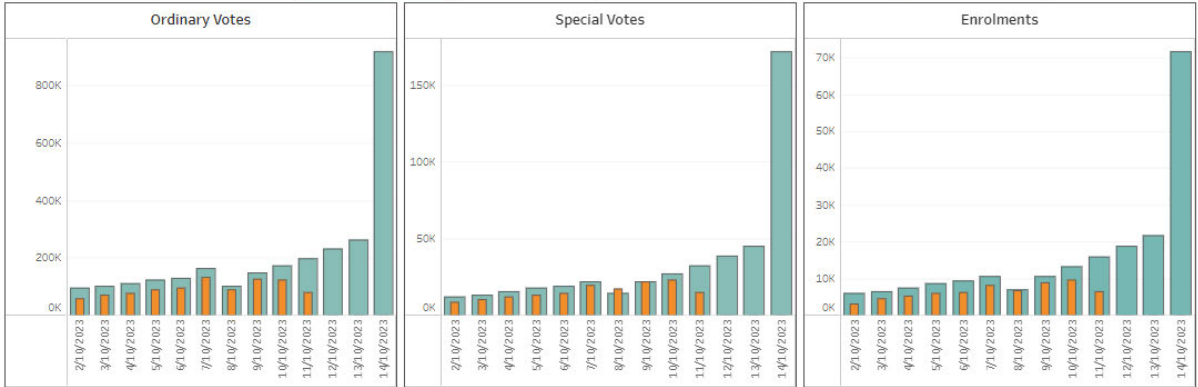
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Totals are Through 11/10/2023

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Electorate with the highest actual than estimates

Close to 7000 votes

New Lynn	3	LynnMall Shopping Centre, inside Memorial Drive entrance, 3058 Great North Road, New Lynn	
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DAILY INTERAGENCY REPORT TO GEDT

Submitted daily not later than 11am.

Date: 12 October 2023

DPMC:

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NZ Police:

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Issued: 1030hrs 12 Oct 2023	Authorised by: [REDACTED] – Watch Leader	Next update: 1030hrs 13 Oct 2023
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Executive Summary

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NEMA Operational Status

Operational Activity

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On-Call Roster

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National Controller	[REDACTED]

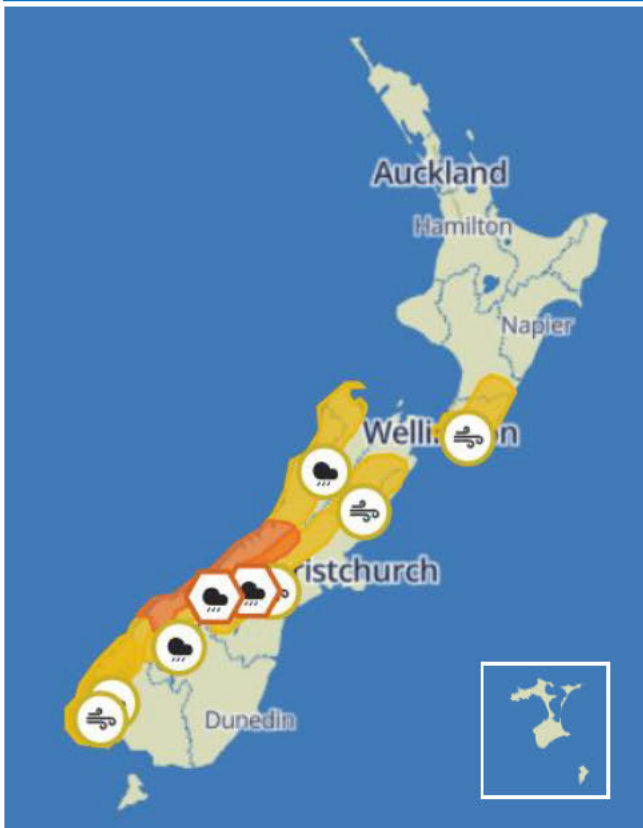
Response Manager	[REDACTED]
Activation Coordinator	[REDACTED]

PIM	[REDACTED]
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Response Activity

Nothing to report.

Weather and Climate



Current Weather

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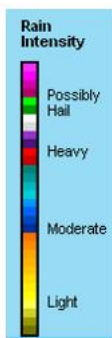
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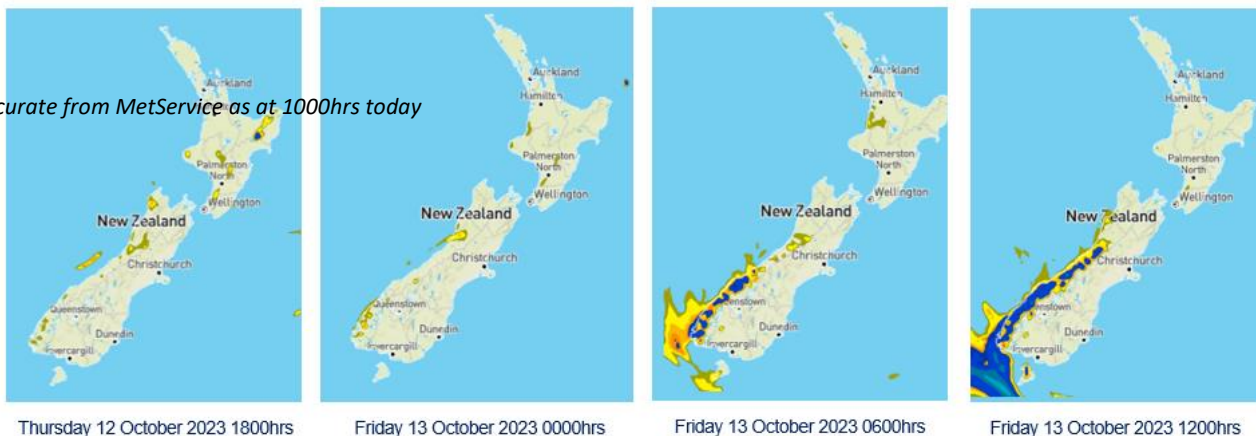
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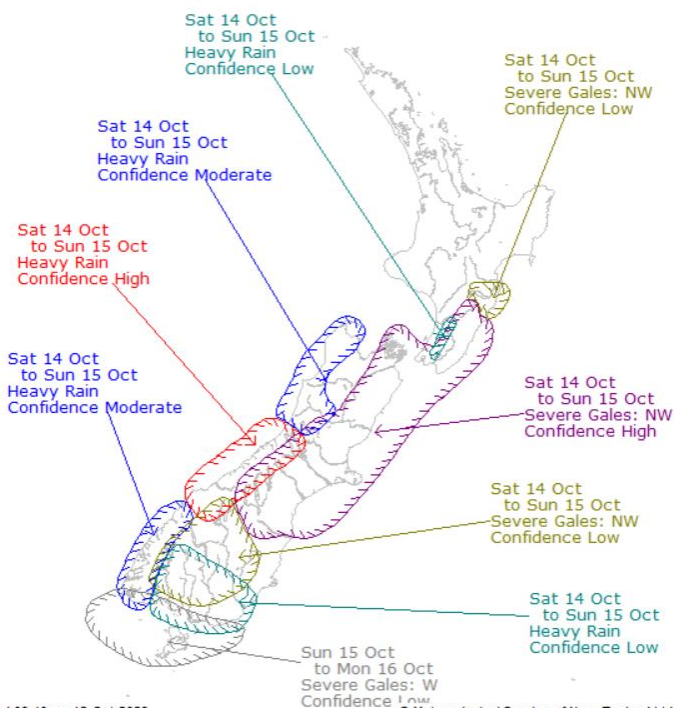
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Severe Weather Outlook

A strong west to northwest flow is expected to impact New Zealand from Saturday. Periods of heavy rain are anticipated, mainly in western parts of the country, with burst of heavy rain likely about the west of the South Island over weekend.

There is high confidence rainfall amounts will reach warning criteria about Westland south of Otari plus the adjacent headwaters of Canterbury and Otago on Saturday and again on Sunday. The confidence of warning amounts of rain in Fiordland, northern Westland, Buller, and western Tasman is considered moderate, but is low for Southland, Clutha and the Tararua range.

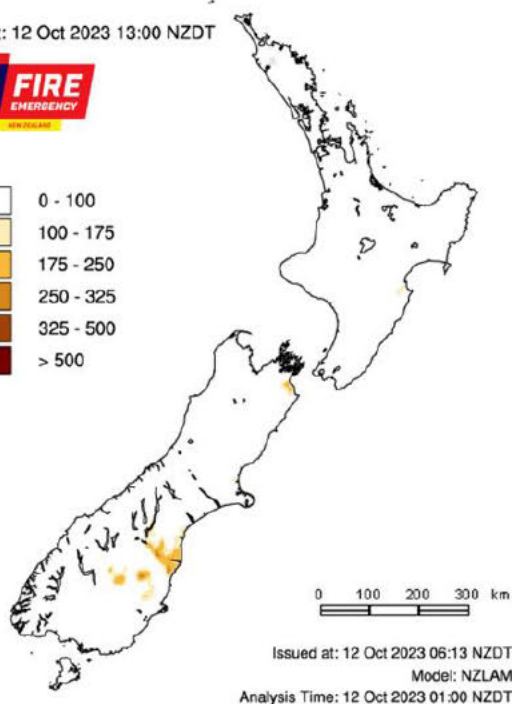
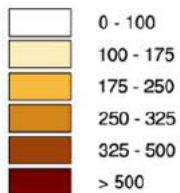
There is high confidence that northwest winds will reach severe gale about exposed parts of Canterbury, Marlborough, Wellington, Wairarapa and the Tararua District during this time, and low confidence of severe northwest gales for Hawkes Bay south of Hastings, inland Southland, and Otago.

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Fire and Drought Risk

Drought Code

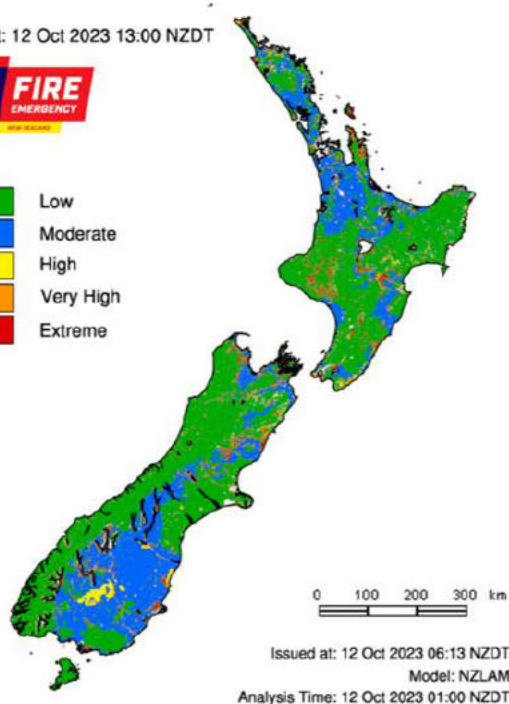
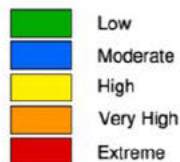
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Source: [NIWA Fire Weather](#)

Geological

Volcanic Activity (Level 1 and above)

Volcano	Level	Volcanic Activity	Aviation Code
Whakaari/ White Island	2	Moderate to heightened volcanic unrest	Yellow
Ruapehu	1	Minor volcanic unrest	Green

GNS Alert Levels guide visit: <https://www.geonet.org.nz/about/volcano/va>

GNS Aviation Colour Codes visit: <https://www.geonet.org.nz/volcano/acc>

Other Events

Nothing to report.

Media

East Coast farmers gear up to tackle drought, cyclone aftermath

East Coast farmers are gearing up to confront a formidable dual challenge – an imminent El Niño drought and the ongoing recovery efforts following the devastating impact of Cyclone Gabrielle.

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Exploring the hazards of BOP volcanoes

The RV Tangaros will set sail tomorrow armed with a team of researchers to study the multiple natural hazards.

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Puna strengthened with foldable beds and tablets ahead of cyclone season - Cook Islands News

In preparation for the upcoming cyclone season, Management Cook Islands (EMCI) have donated foldable beds and tablets to the Puna (village committee) on Rarotonga and to the Pa Enuu.

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