



DAILY INTERAGENCY REPORT TO GEDT

Submitted daily not later than 11am.

Date: 16 October 2023

DPMC:

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NZ Police:

No report yet

NEMA (Daily Intelligence Briefing attached):

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GCSB:

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NZSIS:

Reporting via the JIG

MoH:

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Waka Kotahi:

<https://www.journeys.nzta.govt.nz/highway-conditions/traffic-and-travel-list-view/>

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MFAT:

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MoJ:

Following discussions with Justice, EC is preparing a briefing for the Minister of Justice prior to Cabinet on 16 October 2023 on key facts from the General Election and outline the process for review.

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16/10/2023 - E +2 SITREPS

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Overview	Summary of the current event <ul style="list-style-type: none">Post election process
Voting Services	GENERAL UPDATE Overseas Operations <ul style="list-style-type: none">Busy processing the Overseas Votes.Votes from Overseas Voting Places are starting to arrive at the Gibson Sheat Centre.National Office Processing Team (NOPT) running to plan. Auckland North Region <ul style="list-style-type: none">No significant issues from electorates.All votes are back at the HQ and securely locked.Seeking staff's feedback on Saturday and why it was such a hard day. Auckland South Region <ul style="list-style-type: none">No significant issues from electorates.Fatigued and tired Electorate Managers.Concern about those electorates that have minor gaps in results for candidates.Processing huge volume of Voting Place (VP) enrolment forms. Central North Island Region <ul style="list-style-type: none">No significant issues from electorates.Focus for today is enrolment scanning and repatriating materials.Currently managing high workloads and ensuring that people are able to take some time out during the week.Happy with current progress. Lower North Island Region <ul style="list-style-type: none">All Electorate Manager (EMs) are in good spirits (albeit tired) after a very long day on Saturday, and Sunday sort yesterday.Whanganui EM very happy with her achievement of being first electorate to get 100% results entered on Saturday night.Shared voting repatriation underway in region this morning. South Island Region <ul style="list-style-type: none">No incidents or significant issuesAll materials are back at HQs.Some teams are very tired and slower off the mark.
Enrolment	ISSUE: <ul style="list-style-type: none">As at 8am, there were 136,000 enrolment forms in the queues for processing (25K online forms and 109K from voting places. A further 11,000 have come in from voting places since then.Highlighting issue for enrolment to process the forms by the agreed target of Wednesday night, 18 October (flow-on effect on the Special Vote Declaration (SVD) processing by enrolment staff on the next day, Thursday 19 October).Strategic Engagement and Partnerships team has very kindly offered staff to assist (former Registrars and Deputy Registrars).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Looking at the impacts on the Port Waikato by-election – Easy vote and Roll Prints. <p>ACTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enrolment discussed with Voting Services about the potential flow-on effect on the processing of Special Vote Declarations. VS will provide communication to teams on the timeline of activities. Enrolment is extending working hours for processing staff (in addition to current extensions) 															
IT	<p>GENERAL UPDATE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No other significant issues RESOLVED Election Management System permission issues on Sunday. RESOLVED NOPT device set-up issues on Sunday. 															
Comms & Education	<p>GENERAL UPDATE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No issues to report 															
Customer Services	<p>GENERAL UPDATE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Since Sunday, the team resolved 70 tickets and received 21 calls. 98.6% of these were resolved by one-touch. 222 complaints are on hand across the business units (688 complaints have been resolved since the 31 July). 															
Legal & Policy	<p>GENERAL UPDATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No issues to report 															
Strategic Engagement and Partnership	<p>GENERAL UPDATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some anecdotal feedback coming in from community contacts re the experiences of voting (a variety of views). Staff are feeling disappointment after reading commentary in the media. 															
Interagency Report	<p>Interagency</p> <p>Interagency support is ongoing until the Writ is returned.</p> <p>Moj</p> <p>Following discussions with Justice, Electoral Commission is preparing a briefing for the Minister of Justice prior to Cabinet on 16 October 2023 on key facts from the General Election and outline the process for review.</p>															
Security	<p>GENERAL UPDATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuing engagement with Police and other partner agencies to maintain support until return of the writ Extra security guards rostered on today and tomorrow at Headquarters during operating hours. Monitoring scrutineer activity and other potential security risks over the next 24 hours with the intent of reducing security guards to planned after-hours presence only if no further issues Continuing to monitor the protest space and alert to possibility of groups disputing the results. <p>10 Security incidents reported from the field from 12-15 October 2023</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Type</th> <th>Reported</th> <th>Resolved</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Voting Place Disruption</td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online Staff Abuse</td> <td>2</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Potential Security Compromise</td> <td>5</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Scrutineer issues</td> <td>2</td> <td>2</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Voting Place Disruption</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abuse at VP from drunk <p>On-Line</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social media posts with objectionable material 	Type	Reported	Resolved	Voting Place Disruption	1	1	Online Staff Abuse	2	2	Potential Security Compromise	5	5	Scrutineer issues	2	2
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abusive text message sent to staff member <p>Potential Security Compromise</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stolen Issuing Point Stamp • Ballot Paper removed from VP • Security Tag on Advance voting box cut – No issue, verified by photos • Guard asleep • Drunk member of public locked in VP <p>Scrutineer Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One scrutineer escorted off premises during count • 3 scrutineers initially refused to leave Rotorua HQ, Police called but resolved before they arrived
<p>People & Culture</p>	<p>GENERAL UPDATE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report.



Issued: 1030hrs 16 Oct 2023

Authorised by: [REDACTED] – Watch Leader

Next update: 1030hrs 17 Oct 2023

Executive Summary

- Waimakariri EOC activated yesterday in response to prolonged power and communication outages.
- Warnings and watches for heavy rain and strong wind are in force for lower North Island and upper and central parts of South Island.

NEMA Operational Status

Operational Activity

- NCC is at Mode 1 (MAR Centre Monitoring).

On-Call Roster

Director	[REDACTED]
National Controller	[REDACTED]
PIM	[REDACTED]
REMA North	[REDACTED]
REMA South	[REDACTED]

Holiday On-Call Roster

Controller	[REDACTED]
Operations	[REDACTED]
Intelligence	[REDACTED]
Logistics	[REDACTED]
Planning	[REDACTED]

Response Activity

Canterbury Severe Winds

Over the weekend strong winds impacted the Canterbury Region with red strong wind warnings in force throughout Saturday and were lifted Saturday evening. Impacts from the strong winds remain widely felt with power and communication outages continuing.

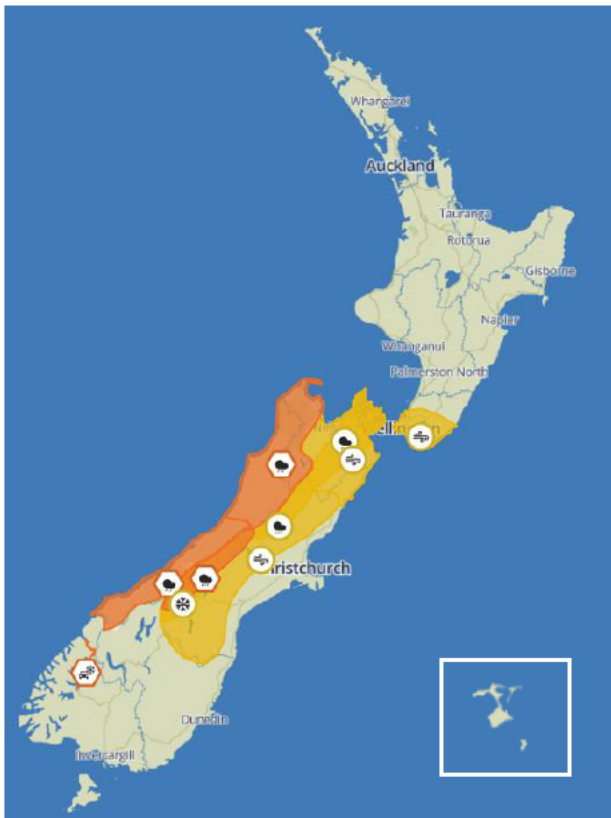
Yesterday Waimakariri District Council activated their Emergency Operation Centre (EOC) in response to prolonged power and communication outages. Last night there were approximately 10,000 connections throughout Canterbury without power. Christchurch and Selwyn are expected to have power back on this evening, and Waimakariri and Hurunui will know more later today.

The extended power outage is causing cellular and telecommunications to fail, hindering MainPower restoration. This morning 13 mobile sites are offline and approximately 30 mobile sites are running on gensets (generator and engine combination).

Power outages are affecting water pumping stations in Waimakariri and Hurunui Districts, and generators have been supplied to the 7 water pumping stations in Waimakariri District, with generators being mobilised for the 40 pumping stations impacted in Hurunui District.

The NEMA NCC continues to operate at Mode 1 – (MAR Centre Monitoring). The NEMA Duty REMA is actively engaging with Canterbury CDEM. Canterbury CDEM Group continues to monitor the situation.

Weather and Climate



Accurate from MetService as at 1000hrs today.

Current Weather

A complex trough of low pressure, preceded by a strong northwest flow, is expected to move onto the South Island from the Tasman Sea later today then move northwards onto central New Zealand on tomorrow. Strong winds and heavy rain will affect several areas of the North Island and South Island.

Heavy rain warnings

- Waimakariri EOC activated yesterday in response to prolonged power and communication outages. Tasman west of Motueka, Nelson Lakes, Buller and Grey Districts from 0100hrs to 2300hrs tomorrow.
- Warnings and
- Westland south of Otira until 0900hrs tomorrow.
- Headwaters of the Canterbury Lakes and Rivers south of Arthur's Pass from 1300hrs today to 1100hrs tomorrow.

Heavy rain watches

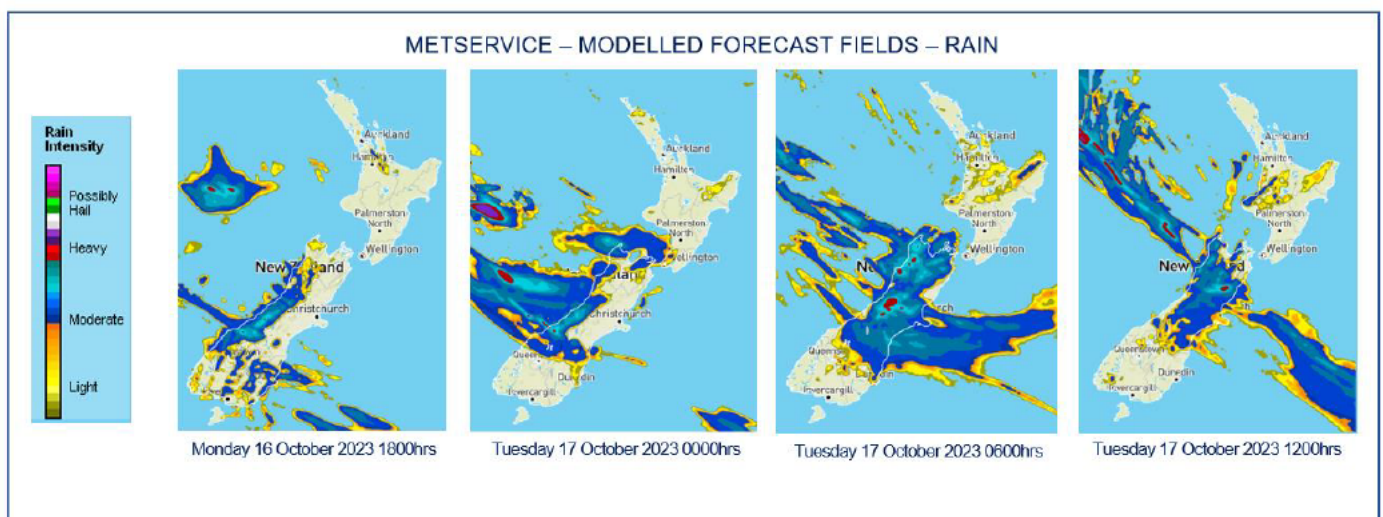
- Marlborough and Tasman from 0000hrs tomorrow to 0000hrs Wednesday.
- Headwaters of the Canterbury lakes and rivers north of Arthur's Pass from 0300hrs tomorrow to 1800hrs tomorrow.

Strong wind watches

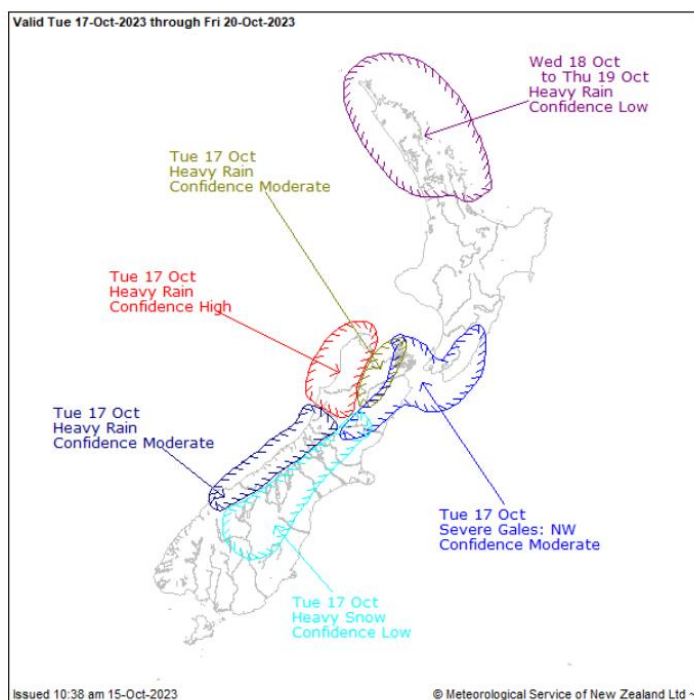
- Wairarapa south of Carterton, Wellington, and Marlborough from 0000hrs tonight to 1400hrs tomorrow.
- Canterbury High Country from 1300hrs today to 0100hrs Tuesday.

Heavy snow watch

- Mackenzie Basin from 0300hrs tomorrow to 1300hrs tomorrow.



Severe Weather Outlook



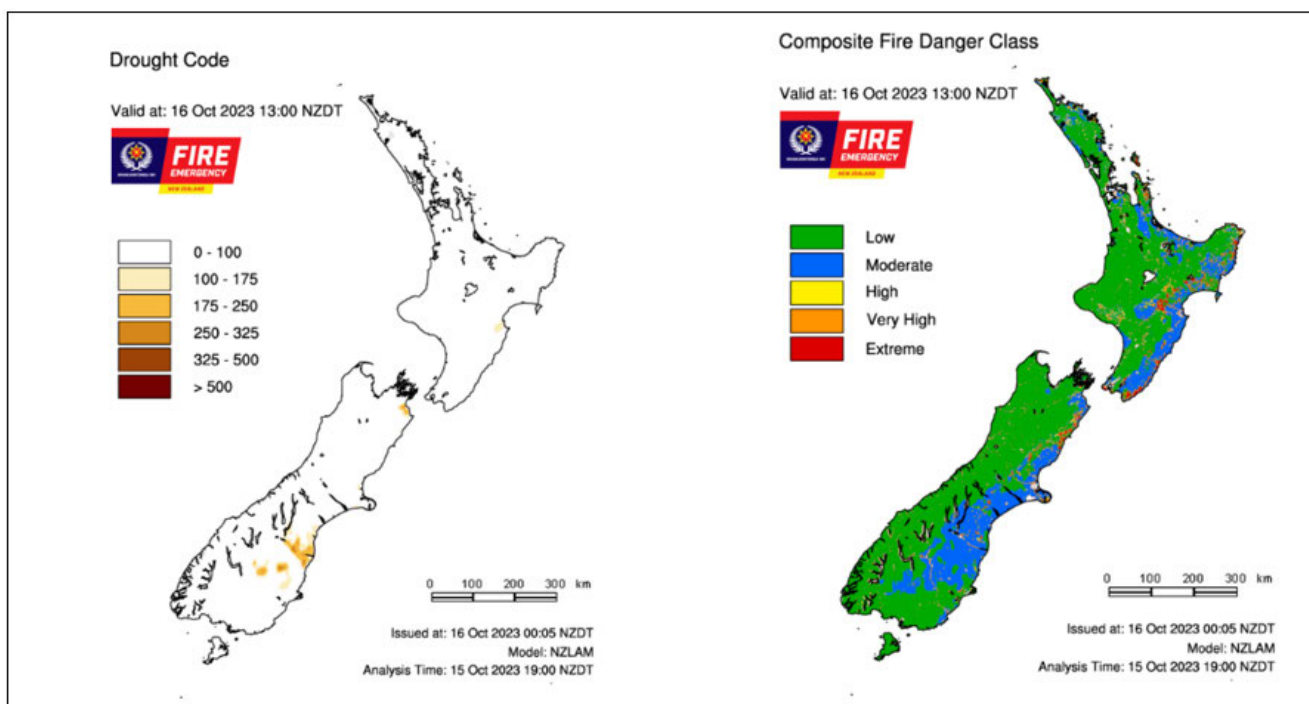
Moist northwesterlies may bring heavy rain to the north and west of the South Island tomorrow and gales to central New Zealand, while colder southerlies in the east bring snow to parts of Canterbury and Otago. On Wednesday a low to the west of the North Island is expected to direct a moist northeasterly onto the Island.

Tomorrow, there is moderate confidence in severe northwest gales from Wellington, Wairarapa, the Tararua District to Marlborough and northern Canterbury.

There is moderate confidence that rainfall amounts will reach warning criteria in Marlborough, Nelson, and Westland, and high confidence in western Nelson and Buller.

On Wednesday there is low confidence of warning amounts of rain for Northland, Auckland, and Coromandel.

Fire and Drought Risk



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/val>

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

Other Events

Nothing to report.

Media

Negative equity looms for many owners of flood-hit West Auckland homes

Many owners of flood-damaged West Auckland homes will still owe mortgage debt on their properties after being bought out by the Government and the council, a new survey shows.

Stuff

Large fire breaks out in abandoned building in central Wellington

Thick smoke is blanketing the area of a central Wellington building where a large fire has broken out.

Stuff

'People are crying': Wellington-bound Fiji flight diverted by winds, stuck on tarmac

Wellington is bearing the brunt of strong gusts in both islands just a day after damaging winds brought down trees and cut power to thousands of Canterbury homes.

Stuff

Powerful earthquake shakes west Afghanistan a week after devastating quakes hit same region

A powerful 6.3 magnitude earthquake struck western Afghanistan on Sunday, just over a week after strong quakes and aftershocks killed thousands of people and flattened entire villages in the same region.

NZ Herald