# 12/09/2023 – Situation Report Week 1

	As at 12.07noon on 12/09/2023 prepared by Crispian
Distributed	All GEDT members
to	
Key	Anusha Guler and Crispian
Contacts	8
Previous	3 ELT Standup SITREP 1 11092023 - FINAL .docx
Day ELT	
SITREP	
Overview	Summary of the current event
o rei rien	There was 1 important major event – Writ Day (Sunday, 10 Sep)
	Taskforce is fully activated.
	ELT Standups activated.
	ELT morning Standups have been cancelled for this week.
Overseas	Service Status Update:
Voting	
Services	OS Public Enquiries
(OVS)	Live
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	eLearning Support
	Live
	OK
	Dictation Registration
	Live
	OK
	Overseas Voting Places Supplies 1
	Shipped 7/9 – In Transit
	OK
Voting	UPDATE ON ISSUES:
Services -	The RRM in Invercargill has resigned. 2 other HQ staff have also left the organisation and
South Island	another staff is wanting to leave.
	Recruitment is behind and low in applicant numbers.
	EM requires support.
	ACTIONS:
	1. RM, P&C Advisor and RA are on site to support the EM.
	2. Placing further advertisement in local papers
	3. Building up the remaining team and putting a new system in place to move people faster
	through Snaphire
IT	IT is currently working on and actively tracking 16 different activities that support GE delivery,
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Key Person risk

- Mobile phone provision for Voting Services,
- Commission HQ power resilience
- Security update patching between now and the election period.
- Regular daily stand-ups are in place with key contributors, led by IT PM Stephen and attended by Paul

#### **UPDATE OF ISSUES:**

#### 1. Key Person risk

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#### 2. Mobile phone provision for Voting Services -

• 7195 phones have been built and deployed to 2600 external sites (voting centres and regional HQ's). There are c. 81 sites that do not have one.nz connectivity.

## 3. Commission HQ power resilience -

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#### **ACTIONS**

- 1. **Key Person risk** Paul will be meeting with Aiden today (12/09) to better understand risk and construct a mitigation plan.
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# Comms and Education

#### Media

- There is a steady volume of media enquiries, mainly focused on enrolling and voting.
- Seeing an uptick from regional media outlets wanting electorate specific information.
- Communications team has provided two responses to requests for fact checks regarding vote counting process.

#### **Social Media**

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#### Research

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#### **ACTIONS:**

- Kids Voting media release out today.
- Internal communications have gone out regarding health and safety in area surrounding national office.

## Strategic Engagement and Partnership

#### UPDATE ON ISSUES:

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- Misinformation around what EC does, have heard several times that votes for unsuccessful
  candidates/parties get attributed to others instead.
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#### **ACTIONS:**

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#### **Enrolment**

- Current enrolment numbers for processing are:
  - 7,107 forms in total (2,985 electronic, 4,122 paper)
- This includes approximately 1,640 qualifying paper forms that came in today, via the mail,
   Voting Services (Electorate HQ), and Community Engagement teams.
- Service continues for enrolment no issues processing the forms in the time frame for roll
  close.

#### **POTENTIAL ISSUE**

with a possible last-minute addition to the Corrupt Practices List, due to a Court trial that has
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#### **ACTION**

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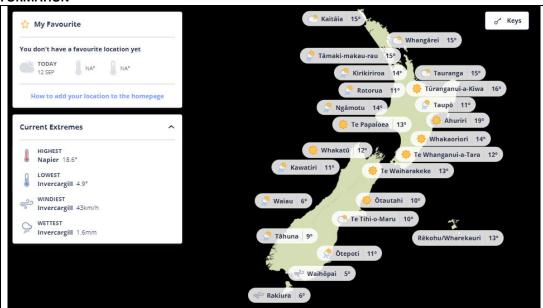
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• No significant issue to report at this stage.

#### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

# MetService Forecast for 12 Sep

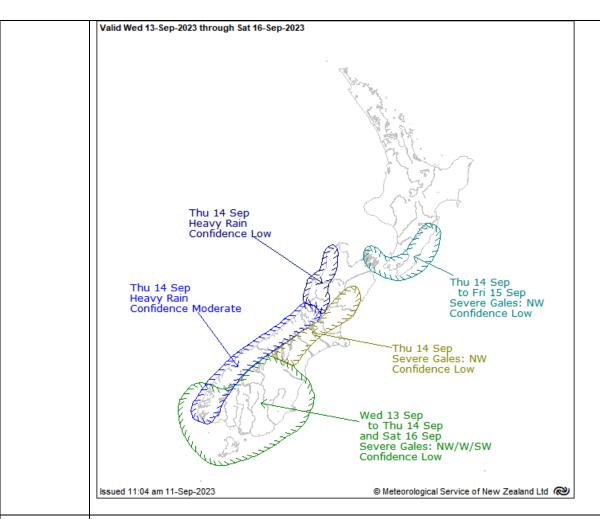


## Severe Weather Outlook

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## MetService Extended Forecast 12-15 Sep

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   To be corrected by Friday.

#### **POTENTIAL ISSUE**

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#### **ACTION**

- 1. Enrolment will need to advise 6(a) Print of the possibility to reprint the roll covers for one electorate, because of the potential Corrupt Practices issue.
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#### PC

#### Added after the meeting 2.08pm

• Nationwide issue with Snaphire, this has just affected the Commission.

#### **ACTION**

1. IT is working with Aotel to resolve the issue.

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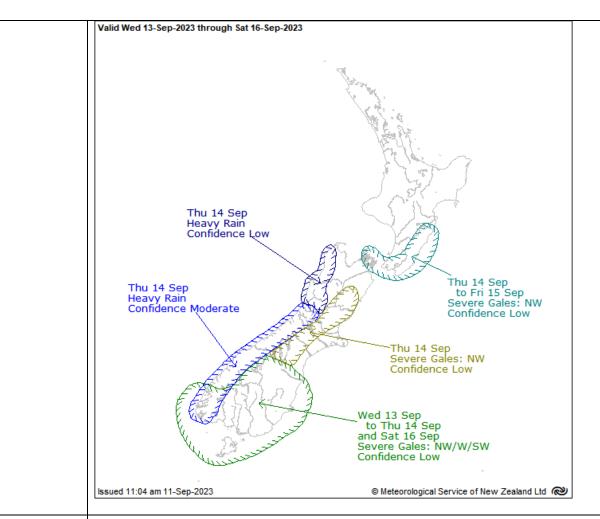


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# **ACTION REGISTER LOG**

		OPEN								
Unit	Issue Severity	ACTION	DATE RAISED	wно	DUE DATE	IMPACT	UPDATE/OUTCOME	DATE CLOSED		
ovs	CRITICAL	Request Paul . CIO to investigate options and provide solutions to address key personnel risk	11/09/2023	Paul			12/09 - Progressing. Please refer to SITREP. Mitigation plan to be in place.	Ongoing		
VS - SI	CRITICAL	To provide update on the situation on staff recruitment for the Invercargill Electorate	11/09/2023	Anne M SI	12-Sep	operational delivery of the Voting Place in	12/09 - Progressing, Plan in place to support the EM with key resources and staff recruitment.	Ongoing		
PC	LOW	Request the Manager P&C to work with Director Voting Services around a consistent rule for out of cycle payments	11/09/2023	Izak PC Mgr		Increase workload on P&C due to regularity of payment rather than a proper cadence.	Resolved	12/09/23 - CLOSED		
PC	HIGH	Request the Manager P&C to work with Director Voting Services and Director Enrolment to investigate options for staff working on 21 and 23 October (Labour Day – Saturday and Monday) and 1 November (Hawkes Bay Anniversary)	11/09/2023	Izak PC Mgr		Reputational - this has direct impact on the counting on votes due to public holiday rules.	Resolved	12/09/23 - CLOSED		
PC	LOW	Remind all Managers to process all staff timesheets on time to assist with P&C's workload.	11/09/2023	ALL Managers	On-going	Impact on P&C processing time.	On-going	12/09/23 - CLOSED		

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# 12/09/2023 – Situation Report Week 1

As at 0900 on 12/09/2023 prepared by XXXX

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Key Contacts	Suzanne Knight-Tinirau
Overview	Media
	Steady volume of media enquiries, mainly focused on enrolling and voting.
	Seeing an uptick from regional media outlets wanting electorate specific information
	We've provided two responses to requests for fact checks regarding vote counting process.
	Social Media
	Continued sentiment that there is no one to vote for.
	Research
	We have received the report on the benchmark survey conducted by Kantar Public from 27-30 July. Key points to note:
	A few key take-outs are:
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Status of the issue/s	
	Action:
	Kids Voting media release out today.
	<ul> <li>Internal communications have gone out regarding health and safety in area surrounding national office.</li> </ul>

Actions Underway	Action	Owner	Description
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Notes:	Early observation:		

# 12/09/2023 – Situation Report Week 1

As at 1000 on 12/09/2023 prepared by Shane Whitfield

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<b>Key Contacts</b>	Shane Whitfield				
Overview	Summary of the current event – What we know				
	Feedback from communities across the motu around recruitment to VS				
	challenges, in particular not hearing back once they have applied.				
	A significant level of confusion about voting eligibility, concern that our				
	language does not match INZ and is hard to find on the website				
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	instead.				
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		n the Commission over the	past few years.		
Status of the issue/s					
	Community facing staff including contracted providers				
	What is the status of the situation/service/issue?				
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	Action:				
	Work with Comms/VS around responses to recruitment questions				
	Discuss options re re	esidency information with (	Comms		
Actions Underway	(4)				
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Notes:	Early observation:				
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<b>Key Contacts</b>	Martin Rodgers				
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Status of the issue/s	S2P43SHB039F425AF033AF2FAA57HBCS				
Actions Underway	Action Process qualifying enrolment forms	Owner Ross McPherson	Description		
	Potential Roll Cover reprint issue				
Notes:	Early observation:		1		

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Key Contacts	Paul Paul				
Overview	Summary of the current event – What we know				
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	Cyber team	and leave or			
Actions Underway	Action	Owner	Description		
Notes:		•	•		

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# 15/09/2023 – Situation Report Week 2

As at 0900 on 15/09/2023 prepared by Izak Corey

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<b>Key Contacts</b>	Izak					
Overview	Delay in communicating HSW Guardrails (especially to to the field) means they are at risk of not being worked within and therefore intent of Board and ELT not translating to reality.					
Status of the issue/s  • Workers (those who's risk is not reduced), • Board/ELT (stated risk tolerance unlikely to be lived  What is the status of the situation/service/issue?						
	Awareness at this stage     Email comms in draft to go to SLG     Field-specific approach being consulted with Regional Managers.					
Actions Underway	Action	Owner	Description			
	<ul> <li>Approaching Karl to confirm support capacity</li> </ul>	Jo				
	<ul> <li>Drafting email to go to SLG, hopefully from Karl. Will be reviewed (fixed) by Adele prior.</li> </ul>	Соеу				
	<ul> <li>drafting field approach for RMs to feed back on. Again, Adele helping avoid clangers.</li> </ul>	Corey				
	<ul> <li>Assuming approach agreed, create slides for leaders (but RMs specifically) to present to their people with whatever support is desired. Yet again, Adele in review to add in field perspective.</li> </ul>	Corey				
Notes:	Early observation:					