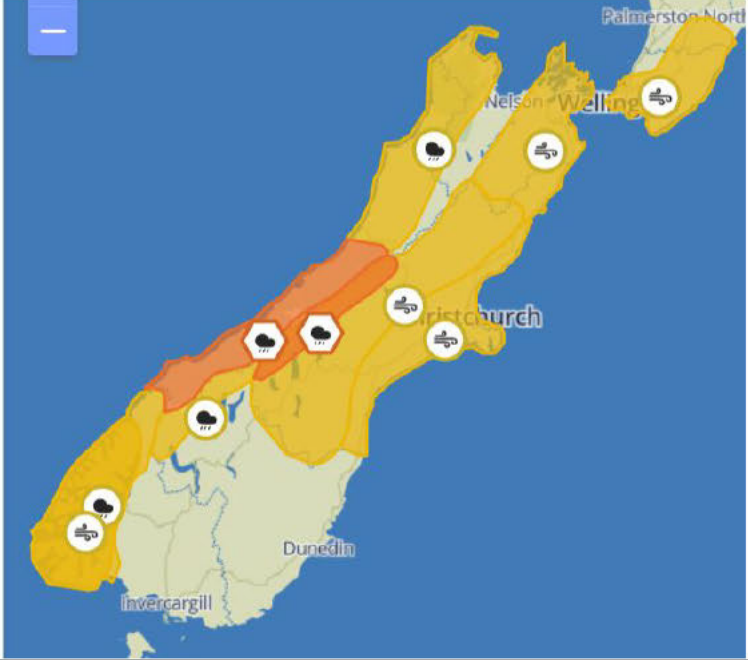


13/10/2023– Situation Report ELECTION Week 5

As at 12.21pm on 13/10/2023 prepared by Crispian [REDACTED]

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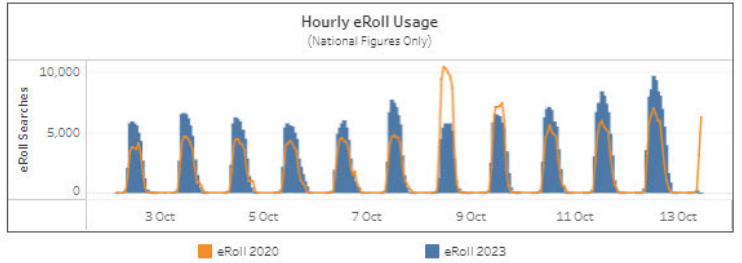
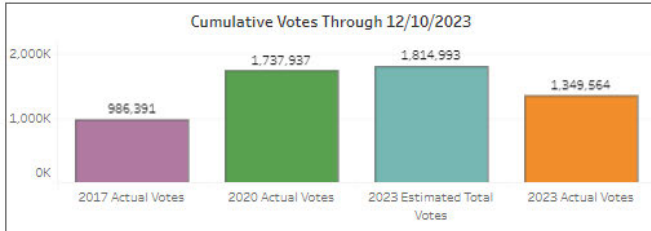
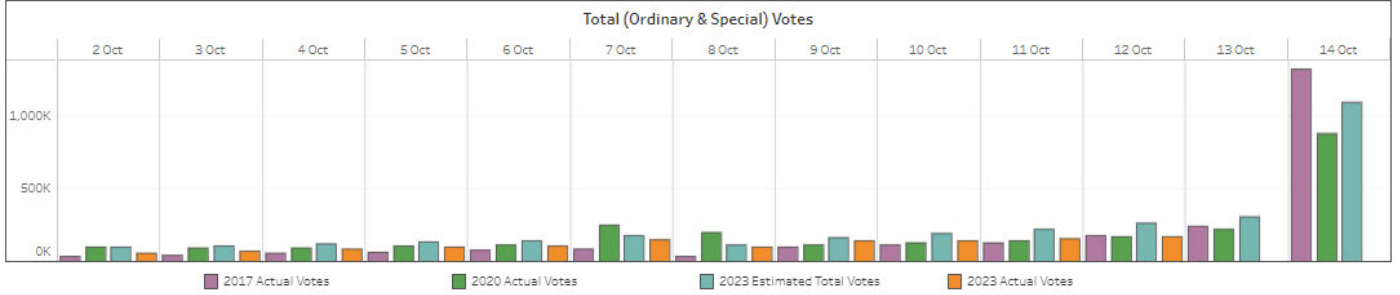
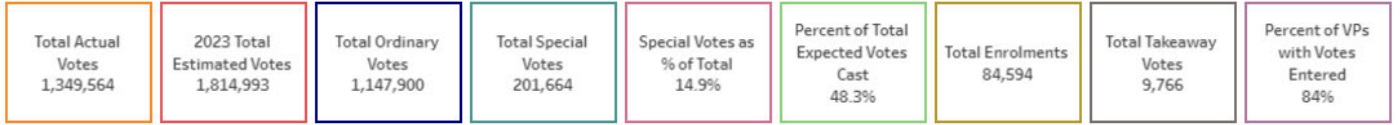
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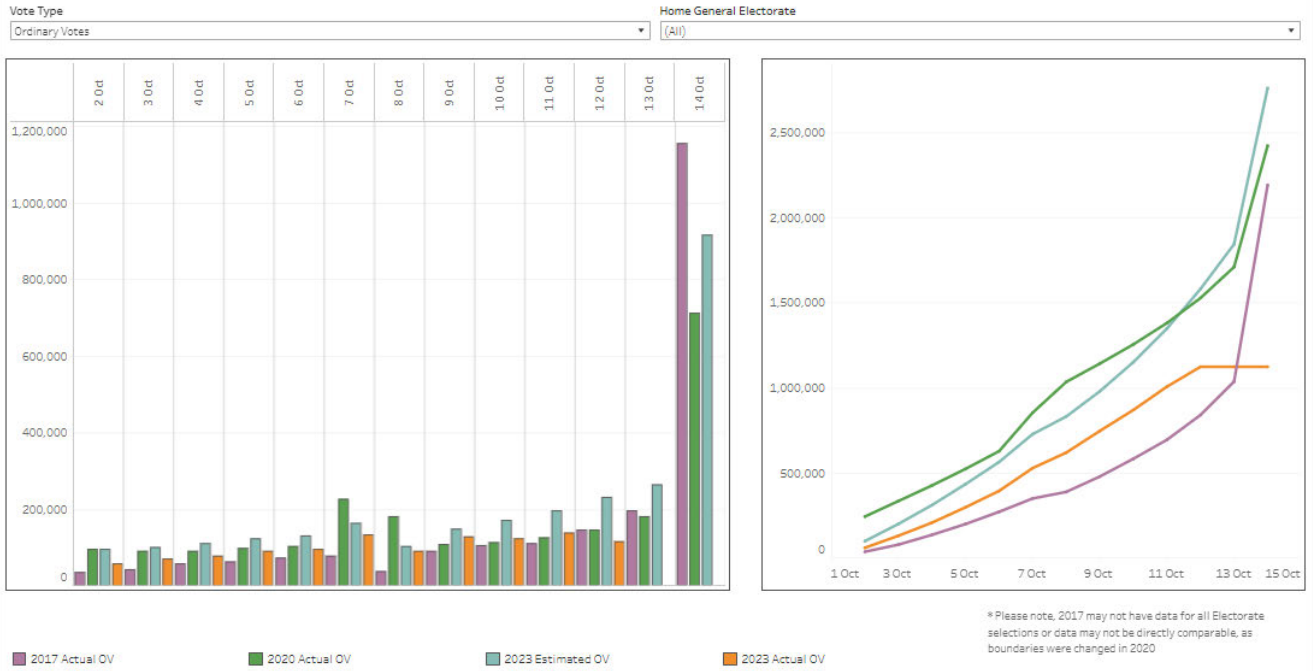
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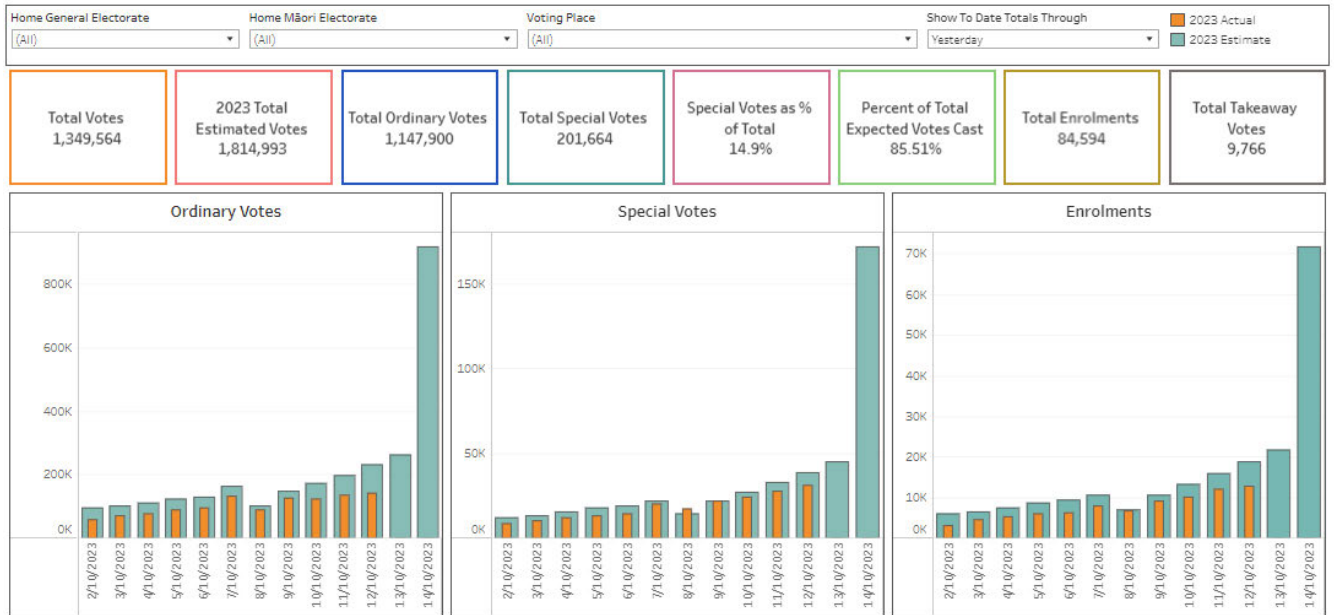
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DAILY INTERAGENCY REPORT TO GEDT

Submitted daily not later than 11am.

Date: 13 October 2023

DPMC:

Nil

NZ Police:

During the evening of 12 October, a member of the public called Police around what was perceived to be criminal behaviour (covering signs) at a Ministers office. On Police attendance it was established this was legitimate behaviour in line with covering signage as per EC Rules. Police note that the hypervigilance by the public around legitimate (or otherwise) election activities may result in an increased number of calls for service.

NEMA (Daily Intelligence Briefing attached):

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Port Waikato by-election

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13/10/2023– ELT Situation Report ELECTION Week 5

As at 3.20pm on 13/10/2023 prepared by Crispian [REDACTED] approved by Martin Rodgers

Distributed to	ELT members
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After hours emergency contact number	ELT ON CALL FOR TODAY – Mark In case of any emergency or any decision that you require from ELT after hours, please ring this number. Number to ring – [REDACTED] After hours - 5pm until 8.30am
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Enrolment	<p>GENERAL UPDATE (apology from Ross)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing to update
IT	<p>GENERAL UPDATE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emergency EMS release – An emergency release of EMS is required and being conducted at 1pm today, to correct an error in the “Successful Candidates Report’ the last report that goes out once 100% of the vote count has been completed. All other planned readiness tasks have been completed or are on schedule as per the plan. A SPAM message sent to Voting Assistant phone. Working on trying to block the number across the Commission.
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October**

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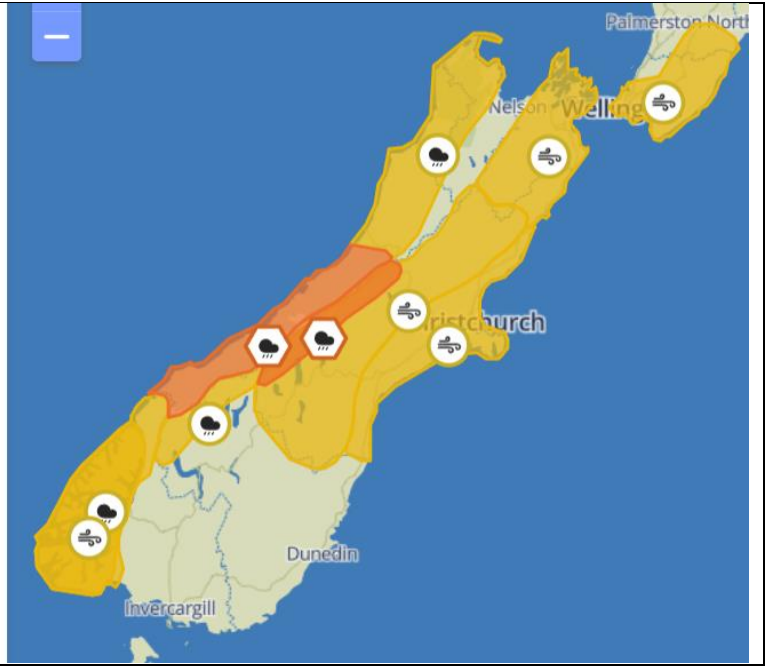
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Issued: 1040hrs 13 Oct 2023	Authorised by: [REDACTED] – Watch Leader	Next update: 1030hrs 14 Oct 2023
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Executive Summary

- Multiple heavy rain warnings and watches, as well as multiple strong wind warnings and watches are in place across New Zealand.

NEMA Operational Status

Operational Activity

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

On-Call Roster

Director	[REDACTED]
National Controller	[REDACTED]

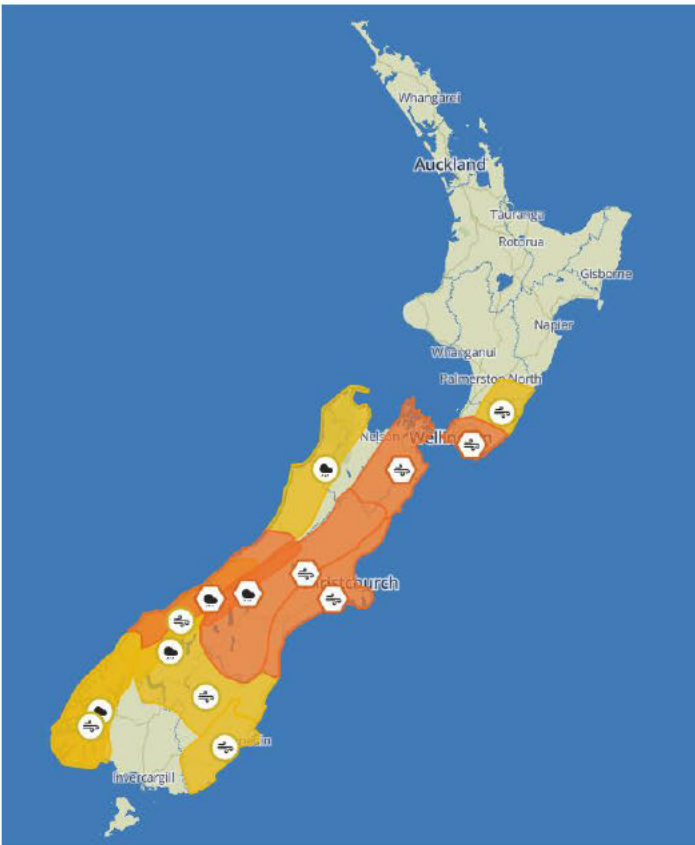
Response Manager	[REDACTED]
Activation Coordinator	[REDACTED]

PIM	[REDACTED]
REMA North	[REDACTED]
REMA South	[REDACTED]

Response Activity

Nothing to report.

Weather and Climate



Accurate from MetService as at 1000hrs today.

Current Weather

A low over the Tasman Sea is expected to move east across the South Island during the weekend. Very strong winds and heavy rain associated with this low should affect several areas of the South Island and southern North Island, and Warnings and Watches are in place.

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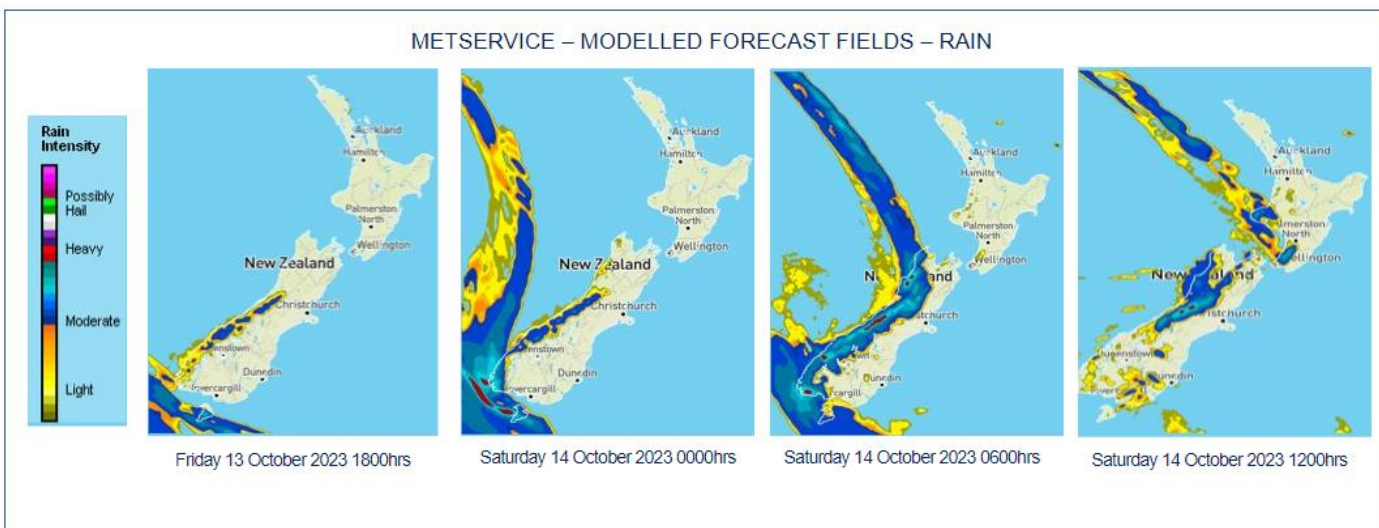
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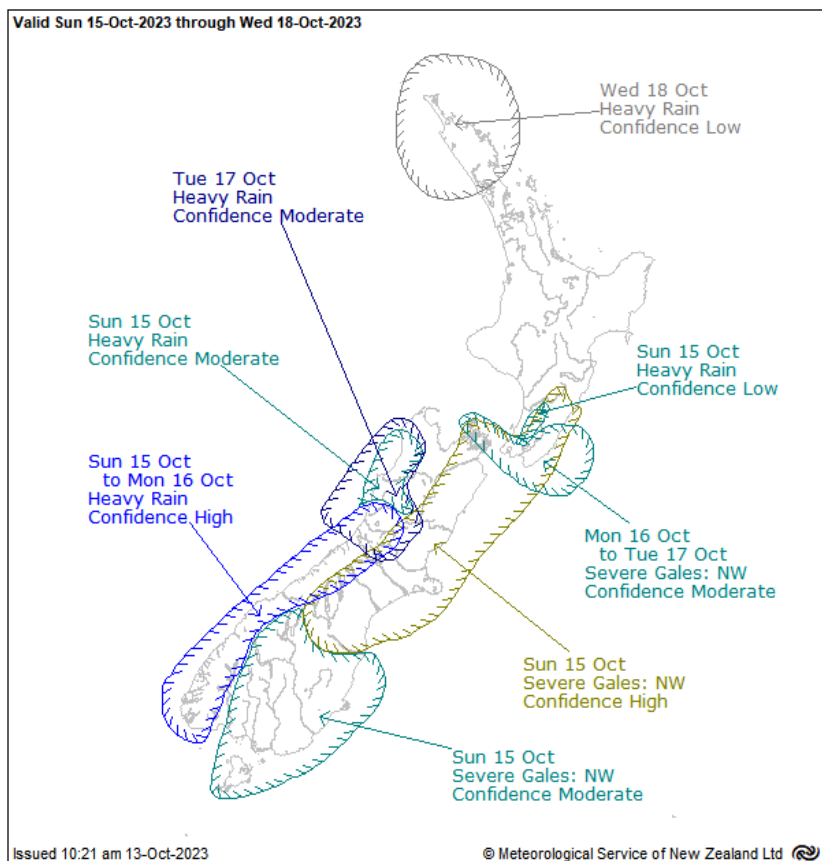
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A strong wind warning is in place for Canterbury Plains and Christchurch including Banks Peninsula. From 0600hrs tomorrow to 1600hrs tomorrow. Severe gale northwesterlies with damaging gusts of 130km/h in exposed places.

Heavy rain watches and strong wind watches are also in place for multiple regions of New Zealand.



Severe Weather Outlook

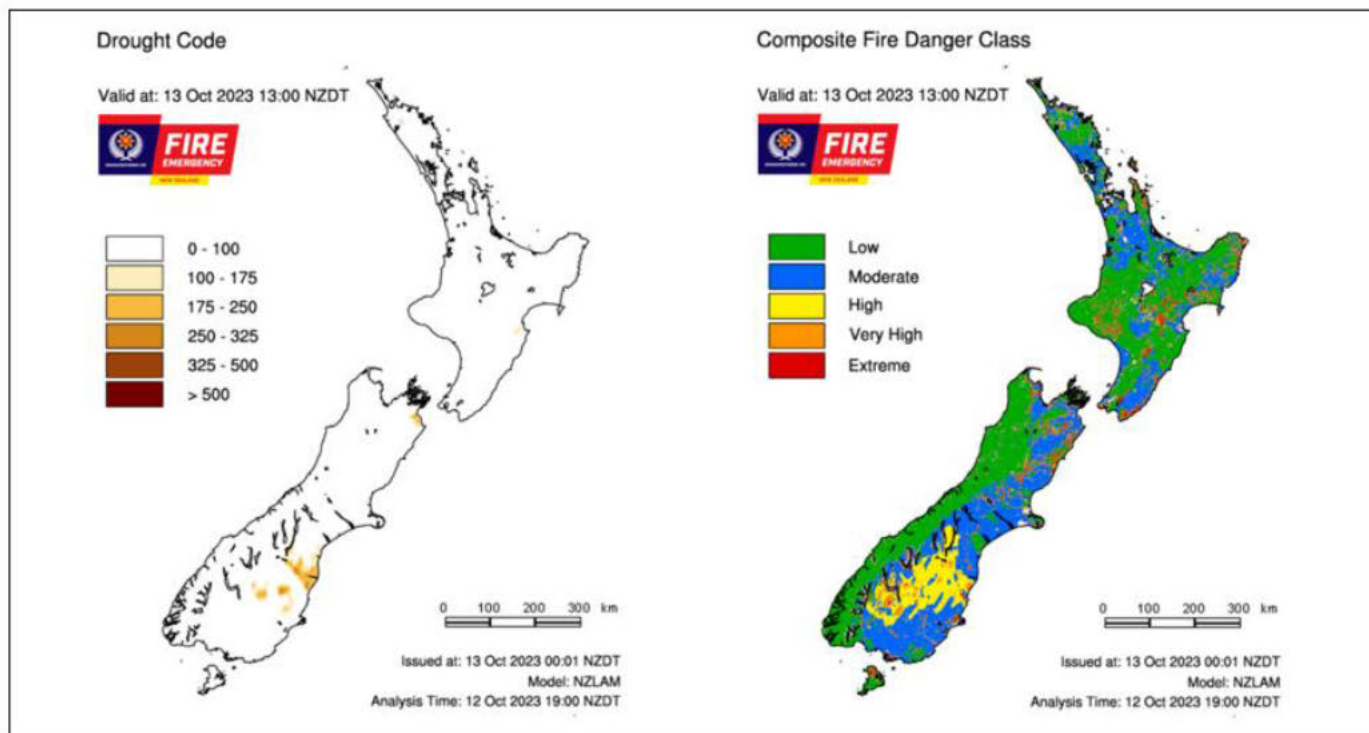


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On Monday there is high confidence that rainfall amounts will reach warning criteria in Fiordland and Westland. There is moderate confidence in severe northwest gales about exposed parts of the Marlborough Sounds, Wellington and Wairarapa south of the Tararua District.

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/va>

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

Other Events

Nothing to report.

Media

Polling day wet and windy

If you plan to stay dry while voting, it may pay to cast your vote before election day this year.

For much of the southern regions, the weather is forecast to be very wet and very windy on Saturday.

Otago Daily Times

Niwa outlook: What is NZ's risk of tropical cyclones this season?

New Zealand's coming El Niño summer might be likely to parch the East Coast, soak the southwest and bring bothersome, blustery westerlies everywhere – but it at least comes with a lower risk of tropical cyclones.

NZ Herald