

10/11/2023 - E +26 SITREPS

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Overview	<p>Summary of the current event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Port Waikato By-election – overseas voting has commenced Recounts for 3 electorates has been lodged – Nelson, Mt Albert and Tamaki Makaurau
Voting Services	<p>GENERAL UPDATE</p> <p>South Island Region</p> <p>Nelson Recount</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nelson recount is completed. Data has been entered into EMS and certificate has been printed for the judge. Judge is undertaking his process. <p>Auckland North Region</p> <p>Mt Albert Recount</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We had a good meeting with the Judge yesterday Final preparations being put in place today The recount will start at 9am Monday, 13 November. Received all overseas votes at 4.30pm yesterday. <p>Auckland South Region</p> <p>Tāmaki Makaurau Recount</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Received all ballot papers at Manurewa HQ at 8pm yesterday. Prepping for recount today. All set up for recount on Monday, 13 November. <p>Note</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Central North Island and Lower North Island regions no longer attending taskforce meetings as they are not currently impacted by the recounts. With the release of the updated official result, the timeline for any new recount application will restart again. Any recount application will be treated as case-by-case basis.
Port Waikato by-election	<p>Port Waikato by-election</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing to report. All on track. <p>Overseas Operations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As at 9 November voting Papers downloads = 25. Uploads = 7 Dictation Vote = 1 Remote Vote = 1
Enrolment	<p>GENERAL UPDATE (apology from Ross)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Post GE23 Review with permanent enrolment staff was completed in Wellington yesterday. The Auckland, Upper Hutt and Christchurch GE (General Election) enrolment processing centres are currently being decommissioned. The three teams will be moving back to the permanent EC (Electoral Commission) locations next week, with the Auckland and Christchurch teams on target to be operational on Tuesday 14 November Enrolment is supporting the recounts in Nelson, Mt Albert, and Tamaki Makaurau: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sue [REDACTED] in Nelson Michelle [REDACTED] and Sisela [REDACTED] in Mt Albert Fiona [REDACTED] and Ross McPherson in Tamaki Makaurau

IT	<p>GENERAL UPDATE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Port Waikato By-election – EMS (Election Management System) Systems Release Implemented successfully on 9/11 included 9 stories (changes) required for the By-election and 5 for the General Election E9.
Comms & Education	<p>GENERAL UPDATE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A number of interviews have been given by the Chief Electoral Officer and Acting Board Chair following the release of amended official results, including Newstalk ZB and Checkpoint yesterday and Breakfast and AM show this morning. A media release on 'Port Waikato voting starting Monday' is ready to go out today. This media release includes messages about EasyVote and key election dates. Key messages for staff working for the PW by-election and use tools provided to manage difficult situation e.g de-escalation process
Customer Services	<p>GENERAL UPDATE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The nature of enquiries has changed with sentiment moving to electoral integrity, in a tone of anger/disappointment. There has been more support for the team as it is becoming tough to deal with a stream of negative contacts.
Legal & Policy	<p>GENERAL UPDATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing preparations for the recounts. Natalie and Kristina will be travelling to Auckland on Sunday morning. Once the count judgement is released the Commission can publish a media notice linking to the judgement. A Gazette notice of any amended result must then be published by the Commission
Strategic Engagement and Partnership	<p>GENERAL UPDATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some negative commentary toward staff regarding media coverage. Reassessing activities planned for the weekend to ensure safety. Shane to discuss with Sarah re security and safety for staff working with communities.
Security	<p>GENERAL UPDATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All overseas ballots for Auckland recounts delivered to Tamaki Makaurau and Mt Albert HQs yesterday Guards at all Voting Places in Port Waikato.
People & Culture	<p>GENERAL UPDATE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing to report Some hours reported as unpaid. Investigation in progress.



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Next update: 1030hrs 02 Nov 2023

Executive Summary

- A severe thunderstorm watch is in force for east coast of the North Island.
- A magnitude 6.6 earthquake occurred off the coast of Chile early this morning and was assessed as no threat to New Zealand.

NEMA Operational Status

Operational Activity

- NCC is at Mode 1 (MAR Centre Monitoring).
- Two of NEMA's Rapid Response Team remain in Vanuatu, embedded in the National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) to assist with the response to impacts caused by Tropical Cyclone Lola.

On-Call Roster

Director	[REDACTED]
National Controller	[REDACTED]

Response Manager	[REDACTED]
Activation Coordinator	[REDACTED]

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

Response Activity

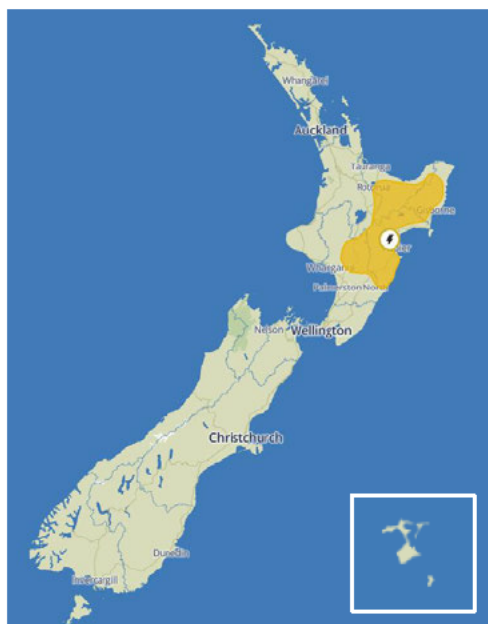
North Island Severe Weather

As the weather has eased in the North Island, power has been restored to a majority of the upper North Island, however isolated power outages remain with very few impacted. Over the past 24 hours the weather system has moved southeast, causing minimal surface flooding and damage to lifelines. All roads impacted by this weather event have been re-opened.

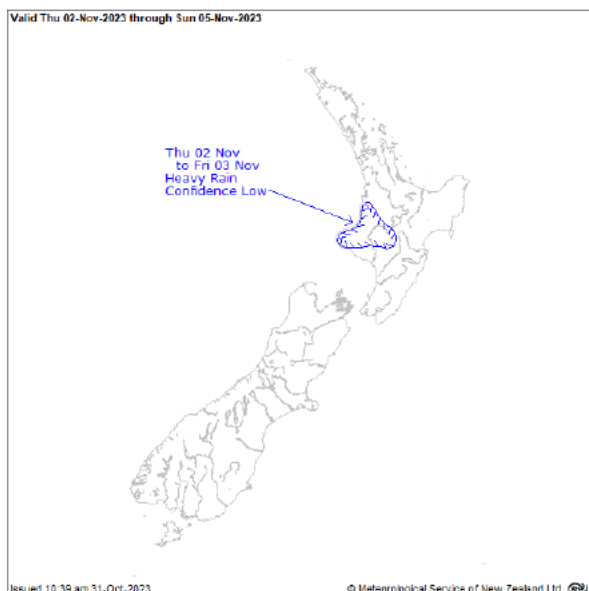
Magnitude 6.6 Chile Earthquake

At 0134hrs this morning, a magnitude 6.6 earthquake occurred off the coast of central Chile at a depth of 20 km. The MAR Centre was notified through the Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre (PTWC) notifications. It was assessed as no threat to New Zealand as it was below threshold. No reports of damage or destruction have been observed.

Weather and Climate



Accurate from MetService as at 1000hrs today.

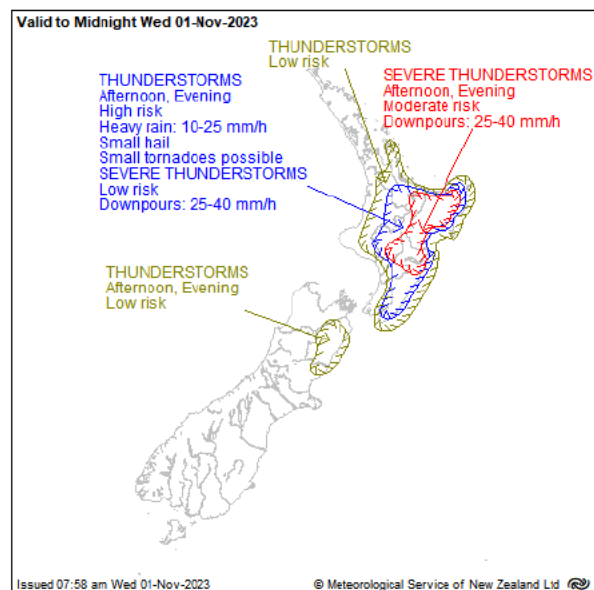


Severe Weather Outlook

A series of weak troughs and fronts are expected to move over Aotearoa during the outlook period. On Sunday, a high should develop over the South Island.

A front moving over the North Island late Thursday and during Friday could bring some heavy rain. There is low confidence that a heavy rainfall warning will be needed for the higher ground of Waitomo, Taranaki, and across to the Tongariro National Park.

Otherwise, afternoon warm air movement is expected in several inland areas during the outlook period and there may be localised heavy rain in some places, but widespread heavy rain is unlikely.



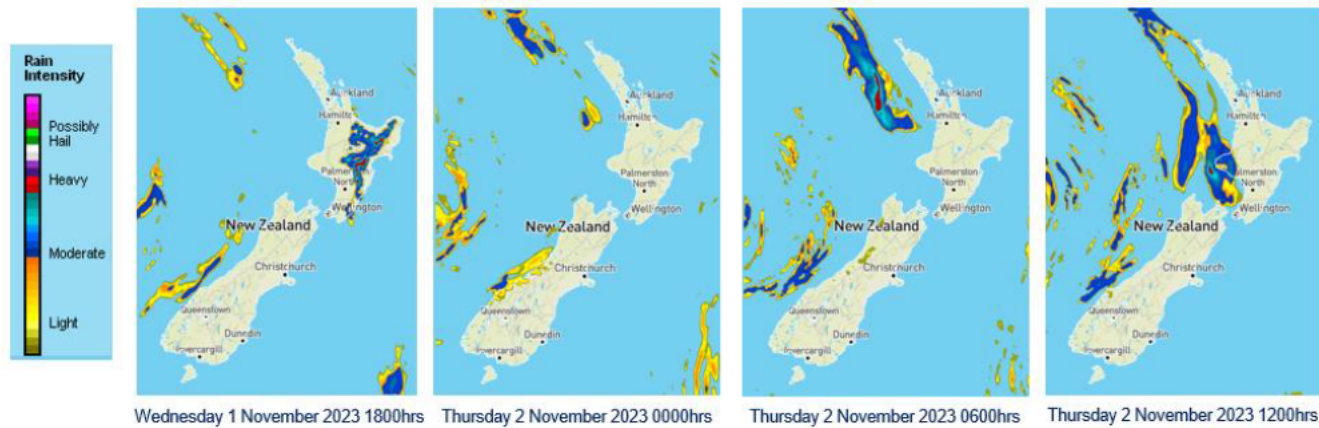
Thunderstorm Outlook

Scattered heavy showers and thunderstorms are expected about parts of the central and southern North Island today.

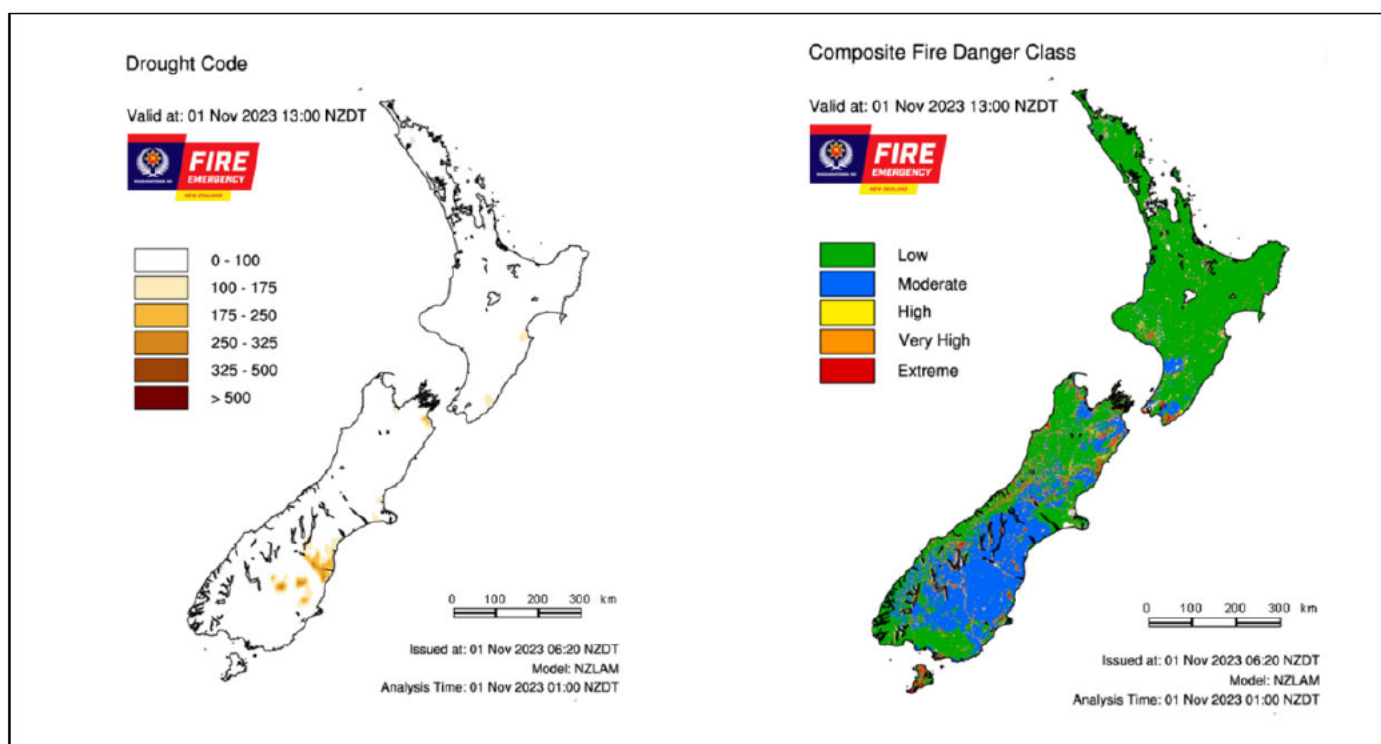
This afternoon, there is a high risk of thunderstorms from eastern Waikato, across inland Bay of Plenty, Rotorua to Gisborne, and south to inland Whanganui, Manawatu, Hawke's Bay, and Wairarapa. These thunderstorms will produce localised heavy rain of 10-25 mm/h, small hail, and even the risk of a small tornado. Additionally, there is a low risk that some of these thunderstorms could become severe and produce localised downpours of 25-40 mm/h.

However, about the central and eastern areas of the North Island, the risk of severe thunderstorms increases to moderate, and a severe thunderstorms watch is in force. There are lower risks of thunderstorms across most of the North Island and inland Marlborough and North Canterbury.

METSERVICE – MODELLED FORECAST FIELDS – RAIN



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

Kiwi help on its way for Australian firefighters battling wildfire raging for a week

New Zealand firefighters are due to arrive in Queensland to help battle a blaze that continues to threaten homes across the state.

Stuff

Mega game of pick-up sticks as work begins to clear cyclone-sunk Hawke's Bay bridge

The bridge - which for years acted as a key link between Wairoa and the rest of Hawke's Bay - was completely collapsed by Cyclone Gabrielle as raging floodwater and wooden debris tore through the gorge, isolating Wairoa from the rest of Hawke's Bay.

NZHerald

Powerful 6.6-earthquake strikes off coast of Chile and felt in neighbouring Argentina

A magnitude 6.6 earthquake has struck off the coast of northern Chile, and has been felt in several provinces of neighbouring Argentina

ABCNews