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Dear Warwick,

Thank you for your request for information regarding rates of sea level rise around New Zealand over the period 1993–2014.

The information you seek is publicly available.

For instance, the recently released *Environment Aotearoa 2015* report (available on the Ministry for the Environment's website) contains information on sea level rise at different locations around New Zealand over the period in question (see page 96 and supporting information).

Similarly, information on rates of sea level rise around New Zealand from satellites, along with discussion of how these data compare with tide gauge measurements, can be found in Zhang and Church (2012) [Zhang X, and Church , J.A. 2012. Sea level trends, interannual and decadal variability in the Pacific Ocean. *Geophysical Research Letters*, 39, DOI: 10.1029/2012GL053240].

Yours sincerely

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