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Press Release 3

**EVACTUATION NOTICE**

A national Tsunami threat has been issued following a 9.2 magnitude earthquake near the Kermadec Islands. The tsunami is due to hit the West Coast and the Grey District from 1pm today, waves of excess of **5-8 metres** are expected. A National State of emergency has been declared

PARENTS ARE URGED TO COLLECT CHILDREN FROM SCHOOL AND EVACUATE TO HIGHER GROUND IMMEDIATELY

People in the areas of Cobden and Punakaiki areas should evacuate to Runanga

Those in Central Greymouth should evacuate to Dobson and Gloriavale, all others to Shantytown

Expect traffic congestion

Stay off beaches and shore areas
Do not go sightseeing
Share this information with family, neighbours and friends
Listen to the radio and/or TV for updates – The Hits 93 FM Hauraki 105.1
Follow instructions of local civil defence authorities

**Important – The first wave activity may not be the most significant. Tsunami activity will continue for several hours and the threat must be regarded as real until this warning is cancelled**

**Useful websites:**<http://www.civildefence.govt.nz/>
<http://www.getthru.govt.nz/>

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