

**MEDIA RELEASE: TSUNAMI EVENT #1  
Horizons Regional Council**

**This information is part of Exercise Tangaroa. There is no tsunami. We are part of a test of New Zealand’s arrangements for preparing for, responding to, and recovering from a national tsunami impact. For more information go to** [**www.civildefence.govt.nz/cdem-sector/exercises/exercisetangaroa2016**](http://www.civildefence.govt.nz/cdem-sector/exercises/exercisetangaroa2016)

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**National tsunami threat released**

An 8.8 magnitude earthquake near the Kermadec Islands, north of New Zealand, has resulted in a national tsunami threat.

Horizons Regional Council has activated its Emergency Coordination Centre (ECC) and is preparing to respond to any potential impacts.

“At this stage we have not received any formal warnings for our Region’s coastlines,” says incident controller Ged Shirley.

“However, this may change so we are preparing for that eventuality just in case. As a precautionary measure we ask that people on the coast move inland and listen to the radio.

“Our emergency management staff will keep a close eye on the situation and will provide further information as soon as it’s available.

We are also working with our territorial authorities who have activated their Emergency Operations Centres and are having a teleconference with them at 10.45am. A further media release will follow this.”

The Ministry of Civil Defence is currently assessing the threat and another update will be provided as soon as possible. For more information about tsunamis please see [www.civildefence.govt.nz](http://www.civildefence.govt.nz)

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