

**MEDIA RELEASE: TSUNAMI EVENT #4
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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**Tsunami size downgraded**

Tsunami wave heights estimations for the Horizons Region have been downgraded for both the east and west coast.

Horizons Regional Council controller Ged Shirley says the Ministry of Civil Defence/GNS has reassessed the wave heights to be 1-3m for both coasts.

“Evacuations across the Region are still in place and we ask people stay away from coastal nareas until further notice. A state of national emergency is still in place,” he says.

For further information about evacuations and centres please contact the relevant district council.

Members of the public in coastal areas should:

* Stay out of the water (including sea, rivers and estuaries, including boasting activities)
* 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
* Follow instructions of local civil defence authorities

**Ends**

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