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| For immediate release  **31 August 2016**  **10am**  **#2**  **Exercise Tangaroa – Civil Defence Emergency Declared**  **Tsunami advisory for AUCKLAND**  **Expected arriva10.30am at Whangarei**  Auckland Civil Defence has declared a state of local emergency at  A tsunami is expected to arrive at 10.30am today in Whangerei.  Those in buildings three storey buildings at least 10 metres or above need to evacuate.  Police are dealing with evacuations in Orewa, Rodney,Devonport and Waitemata.  “Evacuation is key at the moment, preventing loss is paramount,” chief declaration issued,” says Auckland Civil Defence Controller, John Dragecivich  The warning is for: **Orewa, Waitemata, Devonport, and Rodney**  People need to:   * **Turn on their radios and listen to the advice from civil defence** * **Keep away from areas below until cancellation of the warning:**   + **Low-lying areas / roads / bridges**   + **Beaches**   + **Estuaries**   + **Marinas and harbours due to fast-running currents**   Detailedadvice will come from the Auckland Emergency Coordination Centre and emergency services in the area.  People should act on it promptly.  If told to evacuate they should, where possible, take a radio and cellphone with them and check for updates.  The Auckland Civil Defence Controller, **John Dragecivich** said that the Auckland Emergency Coordination Centre has been activated and is working urgently with the emergency services and the media to The warning follows an earthquake at the Kermadec Islands: copy and paste from National Advisory. More Detail: An earthquake has occurred with these parameters:  Origin time:    2102 UTC AUG 30 2016  NZ time:         0902 hours 31 August 2016  Co-ordinates:29.8 SOUTH  177.5 WEST  Depth:                        33 KM / 20 MILES  Location:        NEAR THE KERMADEC ISLANDS  Magnitude:    8.8  \* The above magnitude is provisional and may be adjusted as more seismic data becomes available.  \* Information from the Ministry of Civil Defence & Emergency Management is that the earthquake has generated a tsunami.  GNS Science has convened the tsunami expert panel and all available New Zealand and international data about the earthquake and sea levels will continue to be monitored and analysed.  The Auckland Group Emergency Coordination Centre will release further information as soon as it becomes available.  **ENDS**  **Useful websites**   * [www.aucklandcivildefence.org.nz](http://www.aucklandcivildefence.org.nz) * [www.civildefence.govt.nz](http://www.civildefence.govt.nz) * <http://www.getthru.govt.nz/web/GetThru.nsf/web/BOWN-7GZVAT?OpenDocument> – Get Ready Get Thru Tsunami information |

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