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| For immediate release**31 August 2016****11.03am****#5****Exercise Tangaroa  - Waves hit Great Barrier Island****Tsunami advisory for AUCKLAND** **Expected arrival 11.02am at Orewa**Auckland Civil Defence have confirmed that waves of between six to eight metres have hit Great Barrier Island.We have reports of severe property damage Several areas are under water and people may have been affected but we are still assessing the situation on the ground. All people are advised to head to higher ground.“This is the biggest tsunami to hit New Zealand New Zealand history so people need to head the warnings and get to safety,” says Auckland Civil Defence Controller John Dragicevich.Roads are still in the process of being closed. Police are in the process of closing roads and cordons are putting in place. Eden Park, QBC Stadium and Vodafone Event Centre have been open as CDC Centres.Auckland Civil Defence has declared a state of emergency. People need to:* **Turn on their radios and listen to the advice from civil defence**
* **Conserve fuel as supplies**
* **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 Dragicevich** said that the Auckland Emergency Coordination Centre has been activated and is working urgently with the emergency services and the media toThe 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 2016NZ time:         0902 hours 31 August 2016Co-ordinates:29.8 SOUTH  177.5 WESTDepth:                        33 KM / 20 MILESLocation:        NEAR THE KERMADEC ISLANDSMagnitude:    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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