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Press Release One

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 3 metres are expected.

Residents in the Grey District are advised to stay away from coastal areas from Taramakau to Punakaiki.

Further updates will be issued.

A further update with more information will follow within the next hour.

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

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