History (and Future) of Foresight in Aotearoa New Zealand

Local Government Futures Workshop Wednesday 27 October 2021



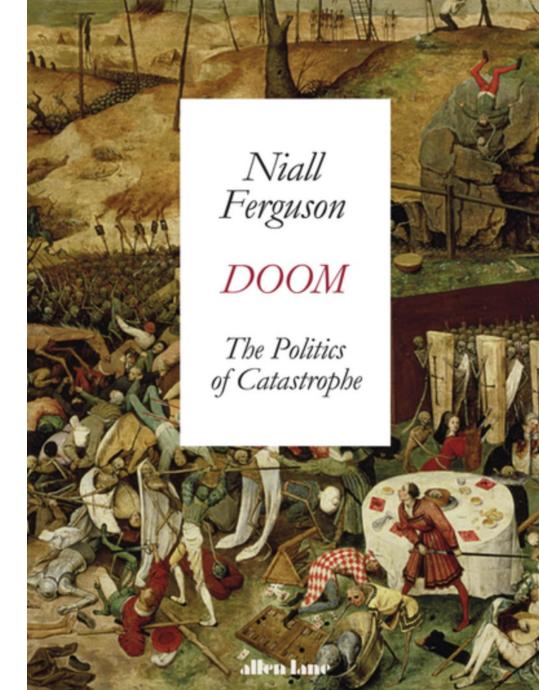
1.0 Why Scenarios?

History, broadly conceived, is the **interaction of natural and man-made complexity**. It would be very remarkable if this process resulted in predictable patterns.

Even a relatively simple man-made edifice such as a bridge can fail from deterioration [etc]...

If it is hard for an engineer to foresee when a bridge may "go critical", then how much more difficult is it to anticipate the collapse of a large political structure?'

Niall Ferguson (2021, p. 79)

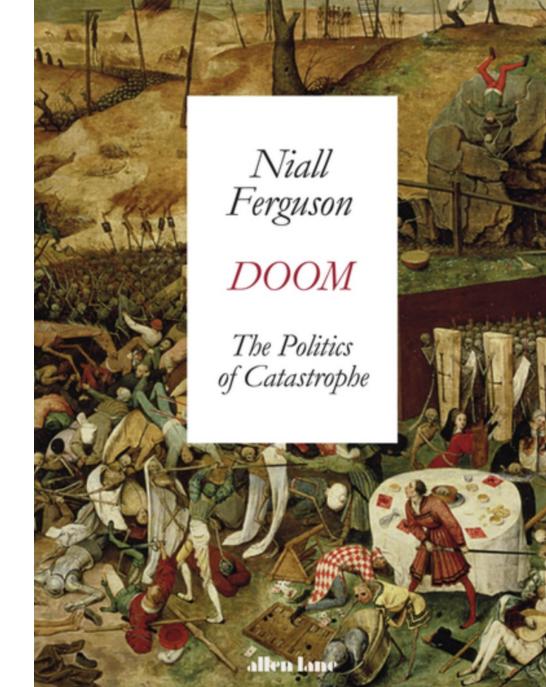




Remarkably, Vesuvius did not produce the most destructive eruption of the Roman era: that was the Hatepe eruption of Mount Taupō, on New Zealand's North Island, in around 232.

Major volcanic eruptions... differ from other forms of geographical disasters, earthquakes, in that they have global impacts on the earth's climate... [they inject millions of tons] of sulfate aerosol into the stratosphere.... However, volcanic eruptions do more that kill those close to them. [All major eruptions had significant climatic consequences and hence agricultural and nutritional consequences... resulting in cold summers, drought, poor harvests and famine... severe winters, constant fog and respiratory problems.]

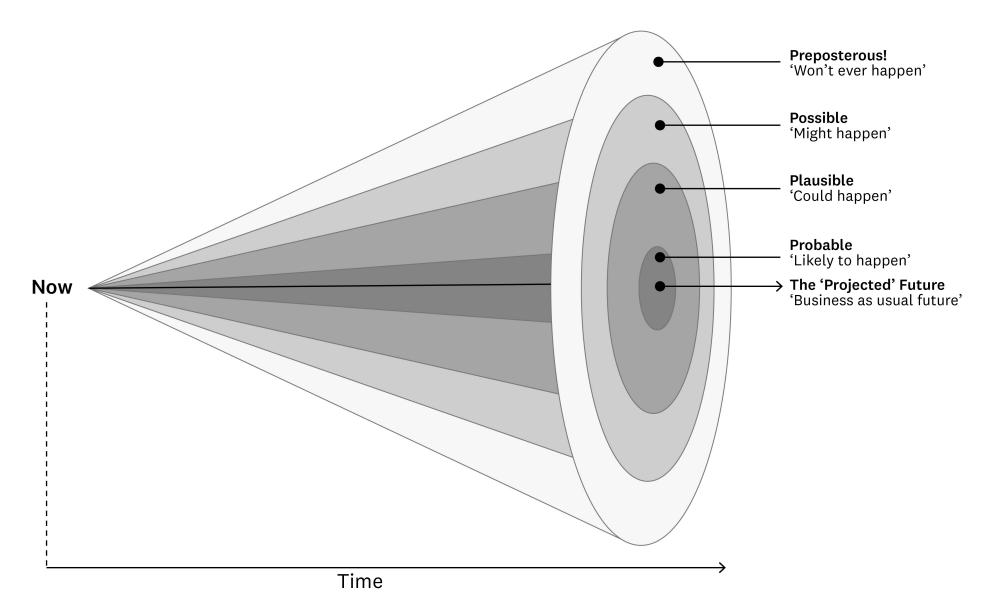
Niall Ferguson (2021, pp. 83-85)





Foresight: The cone of plausibility

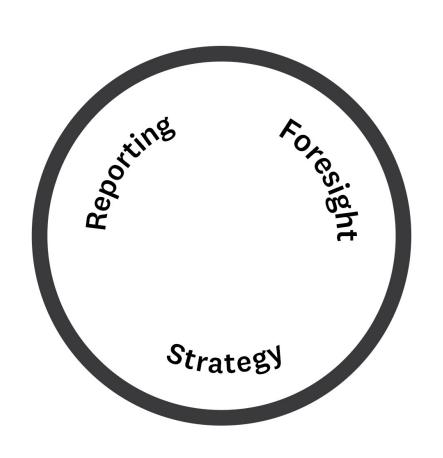


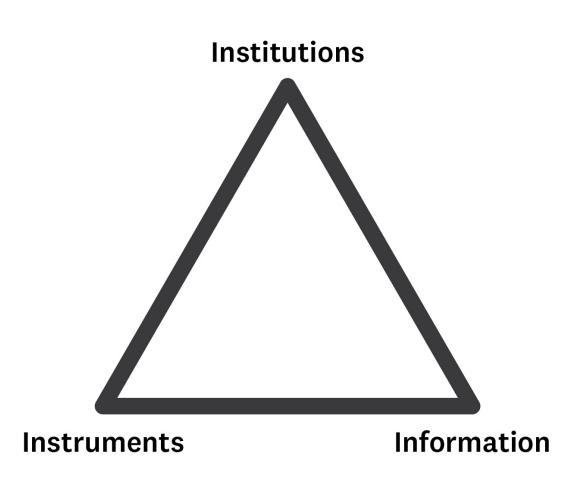




Foresight: Two types of analytical thinking



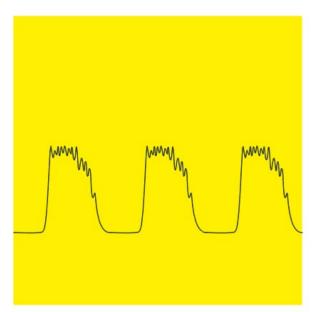




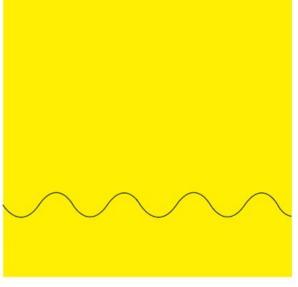


Three crises - Three different types of noise

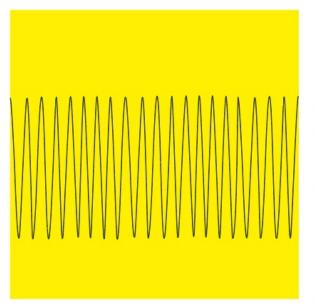




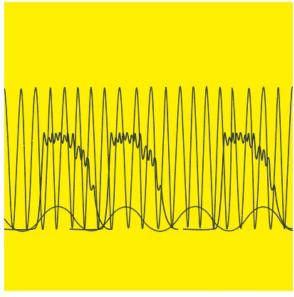
Pandemic crisis
Intermittent noise



Biodiversity crisis Low-frequency noise



Climate crisis
Continuous noise



Three crises
A noisy world

2.0 The Past: A History of Future-thinking Initiatives in New Zealand, 1936–2010

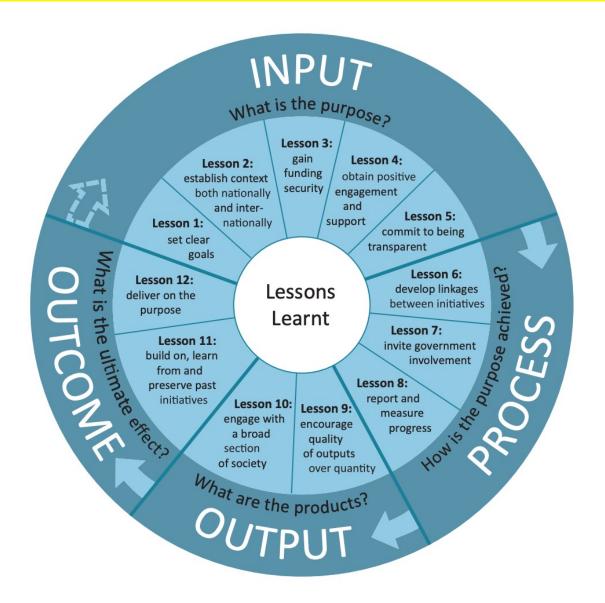


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Four-step model for planning future-thinking initiatives







Foresight in Aotearoa New Zealand since 1976



1976

Commission for the Future & New Zealand Planning Council established

Commission for the Future disestablished (after six years)

1992 1991

Crown Research Institutes established (Crown Research Institute Act 1992)

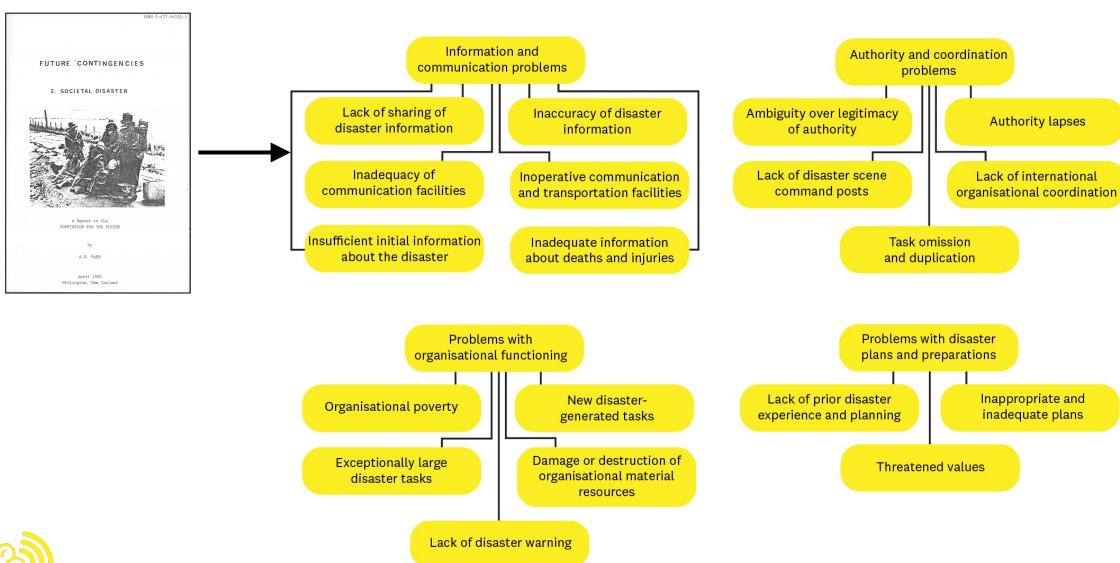
New Zealand Planning Council disestablished (after nine years)

Today



1982 Commission for the Future 'Future Contingencies'





Revisiting Tomorrow: Navigating with Foresight event (30 Oct 2019)



REVISITING

NEW ZEALAND AT THE TURNING POINT



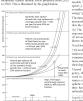
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Can we plan for



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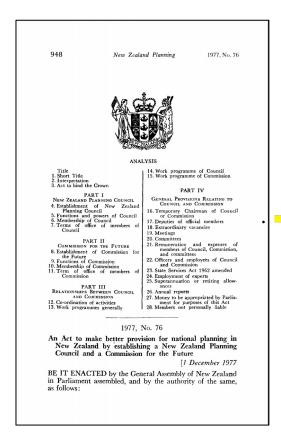
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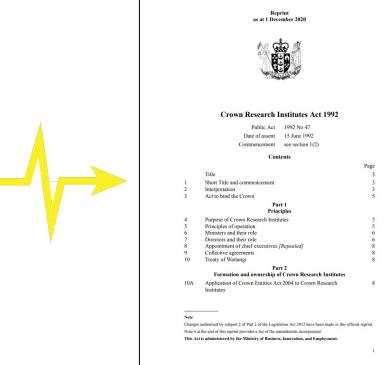
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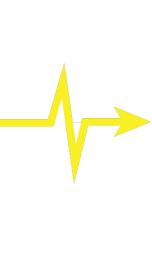


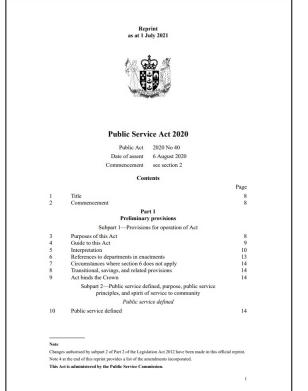
3.0. The Long-term Insights Briefings (the Briefings)













The Long-term Insights Briefings



Long-term insights briefings

8 Long-term insights briefings

- (1) A chief executive of a department must give a long-term insights briefing to the appropriate Minister at least once every 3 years and must do so independently of Ministers.
- (2) The purpose of a briefing is to make available into the public domain—
 - (a) information about medium- and long-term trends, risks, and opportunities that affect or may affect New Zealand and New Zealand society:
 - (b) information and impartial analysis, including policy options for responding to matters in the categories referred to in paragraph (a).
- (3) A briefing may set out the strengths and weaknesses of policy options but without indicating a preference for a particular policy option.
- (4) The subject matter must be selected by a chief executive taking into account—
 - (a) the purpose of the briefing; and
 - the matters in the categories in subclaus us tralianche exemple and clause the matters in the categories in subclause tralianche exemple and the categories and the categorie
- (5) Two or more chief executives may give a joint briefing that meets the requirements of this clause for each of the departments covered by the briefing.
- (6) Any agency in the State services may contribute to a briefing by a department or departments on subject matter relevant to the operation of their agency.
- (7) The Minister must present a copy of a briefing to the House of Representatives as soon as is reasonably practicable after receiving it.

9 Public consultation

- (1) A chief executive must undertake public consultation on—
 - (a) the subject matter to be included in a long-term insights briefing; and
 - (b) a draft of the briefing.
- (2) A chief executive must take into account any feedback received from public consultation when finalising the briefing.





Public Service Act 2020

Public Act 2020 No 40
Date of assent 6 August 2020
Commencement see section 2

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Note

Changes authorised by subpart 2 of Part 2 of the Legislation Act 2012 have been made in this official reprint Note 4 at the end of this reprint provides a list of the amendments incorporated.

This Act is administered by the Public Service Commission.



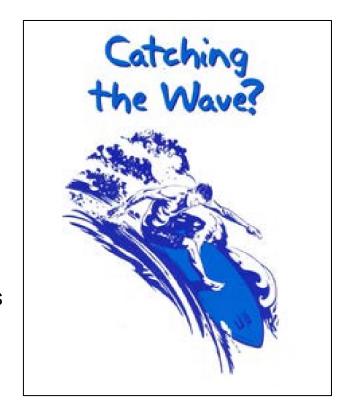
The Catching the Knowledge Wave



'It is a chance to look with fresh eyes at the kind of society we want to create in a world where knowledge is replacing the old sources of wealth and power as the driving force in the world's most successful societies ...

Most New Zealanders yearn for a nation which is confident, progressive, more prosperous, tolerant, and which cares for its people ... They seek a society capable of sustaining its First World status with well educated, innovative citizens who choose to stay in New Zealand because it is the best possible place to be.'

Prime Minister Helen Clark (2001)



14+ Local Councils prepared and published scenarios

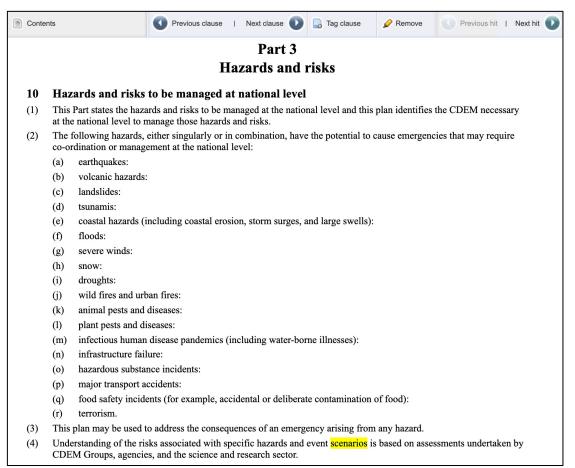


Auckland Council	Auckland region climate change projections and impacts	2020	Climate change adaptation	Medium	34-, 74-, 89-years (2040, 2090, 2110) (p. 18)	Yes	Yes (NIWA)	Regional	Public
Bay of Plenty Regional Council	Climate change projections and impacts for the Bay of Plenty Region	2019	Climate change adaptation	Medium	34-, 74-, 84-years (2040, 2090, 2100) (p. 11)	Yes	Yes (NIWA)	Regional	Public
Environment Canterbury	Climate change projections for the Canterbury Region	2020	Climate change adaptation	Medium	34-, 74-, 84-years (2040, 2090, 2100) (p. 9)	Yes	Yes (NIWA)	Regional	Public
Environment Southland, Gore District Council, Invercargill City Council, and Southland District Council	Southland climate change impact assessment	2018	Climate change adaptation	Medium	34-, 74-years (2040, 2090) (p. 9)	Yes	Yes (NIWA)	Regional	Public
Greater Wellington Regional Council	Climate change and variability - Wellington Region	2017	Climate change adaptation	Medium	34-, 74-, 84-years (2040, 2090, 2100) (p. 13)	Yes	Yes (NIWA)	Regional	Public
Greater Wellington Regional Council	Wellington Region climate change extremes and implications	2019	Climate change adaptation	Medium	34-, 74-years (2040, 2090) (p. 13)	Yes	Yes (NIWA)	Regional	Public
Gisborne District Council and Hawke's Bay	Climate change projections and impacts for Tairāwhiti	2020	Climate change adaptation	Medium	34-, 74-, 84-years (2040, 2090, 2100) (p. 14)	Yes	Yes (NIWA)	Regional	Public
Horizons Regional Council	Climate Change and Variability - Horizons Region	2016	Climate change adaptation	Medium	34-, 74-, 84-years (2040, 2090, 2100) (p. 8)	Yes	Yes (NIWA)	Regional	Public
Horizons Regional Council	Climate change implications for the Manawatū- Whanganui Region	2019	Climate change adaptation	Medium	34-, 74-years (2040, 2090) (p. 12)	Yes	Yes (NIWA)	Regional	Public
Marlborough District Council	Climate change projections and impacts for Marlborough	2021	Climate change adaptation	Medium	34-, 74-, 84-years (2040, 2090, 2100) (p. 9)	Yes	Yes (NIWA)	Regional	Public
Northland Regional Council	Climate Change Projections and Implications for Northland	2016	Climate change adaptation	Medium	34-, 74-, 84-years (2040, 2090, 2100) (p. 11)	Yes	Yes (NIWA)	Regional	Public
Otago Regional Council	Climate change projections for the Otago Region	2019	Climate change adaptation	Medium	34-, 74-, 84-years (2040, 2090, 2100) (p. 8)	Yes	Yes (NIWA)	Regional	Public
Tasman District Council	Climate Change and Variability - Tasman District	2015	Climate change adaptation	Medium	34-, 74-, 84-years (2040, 2090, 2100) (p. 7)	Yes	Yes (NIWA)	Regional	Public
Tasman District Council	Climate change projections for Tasman and impacts on agricultural systems	2019	Climate change adaptation	Medium	34-, 74-years (2040, 2090) (p. 7)	Yes	Yes (NIWA)	Regional	Public

	The world does manage its strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats	The world does not manage its strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats			
New Zealand does manage its strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats	Scenario 1: Power to the People Concepts such as global unity and balance are no longer myths. Intolerance is a thing of the past, as diverse cultures coexist peacefully, all partaking in one global community. Sustainability, once a determined lifestyle choice, is now the norm. The climate change and peak oil crises are under control as the world embraces innovative, sustainable technologies and systems. The New Zealand public is educated, diverse and informed, choosing to stay in New Zealand where infrastructure is of an excellent standard and the lifestyle is unmatched. The burning question for New Zealanders in 2058 is: How do we maintain peace and prosperity?	Scenario 2: An Island Paradise — but Back to the Jungle Everyone wants a piece of what we have got, and despite our desirable lifestyle, there is increasing tension with the outside world that requires constant management. To stand up to this pressure, New Zealand has cultivated a resilient national identity and robust infrastructure, and has been among the first countries to make some tough decisions. There is particular pressure on our resources and immigration policy, and as we fend off those countries once considered to be superpowers, we look for allies in countries that are similarly positioned. The burning question for New Zealanders in 2058 is: How do we protect what we have?			
New Zealand does not manage its strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats	Scenario 3: Missed the Global Bus Our isolation is more pronounced than ever, as we lag behind politically, economically and in the management of our resources and environment. To make up for these shortfalls, our government grasps at unsuccessful 'quick fixes', fuelling rather than rectifying the nation's downward spiral. Corruption, diminished cultural identity, an increase in slums and local terrorism have forced many educated New Zealanders elsewhere. The burning questions for New Zealanders in 2058 are: What happened? What can we do?	Scenario 4: All Over Rover It is the end of the world as we know it. As each country embarks on a policy that is characterised by short-term goals designed to meet the self-interest of a few, the only international interaction is conflict-based and is fuelled by fear, an arms race and nuclear proliferation. As climate change, resource shortages, biodiversity depletion, population growth and inequality escalate, these global problems spiral out of control. The burning question for New Zealanders in 2058 is: Do we have another 50 years?			

National Civil Defence Emergency Management Plan Order 2015



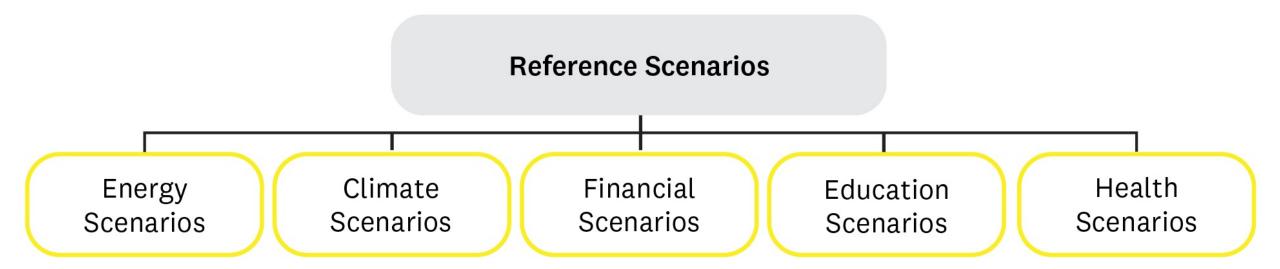






Goal: To create a New Zealand Reference Scenarios framework







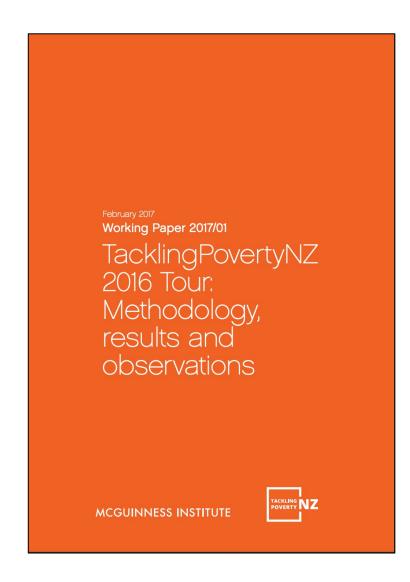
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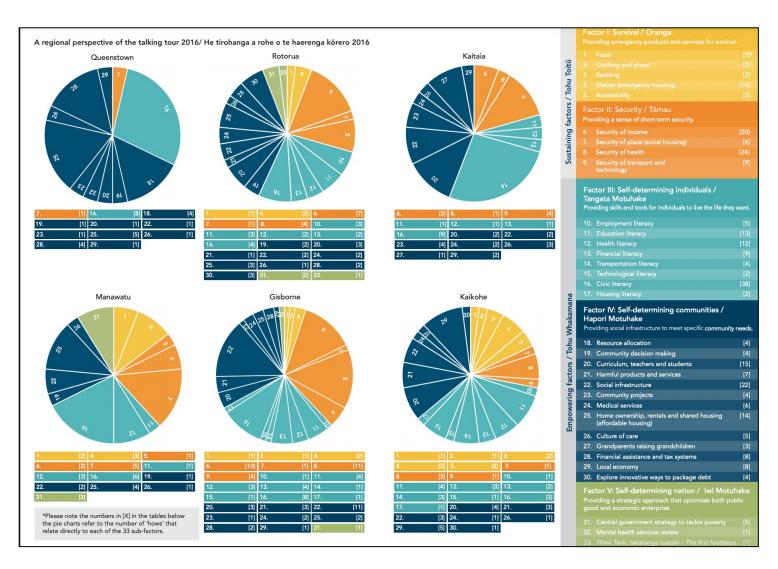
- 1. Why does local government exist in 2050?
- 2. What does it do (and not do) in 2050?
- 3. How does it deliver what it does in 2050?
- 4. What legitimises its power 2050?
- 5. How does it support Te Triti in 2050?
- 6. How will it work with ministers and central government in 2050?
- 7. How is it funded in 2050?

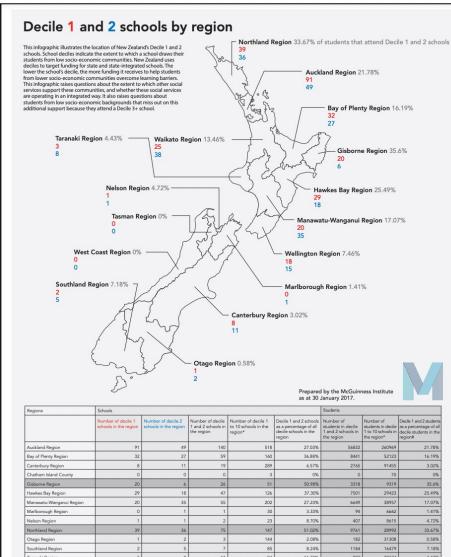


Project: TacklingPovertyNZ



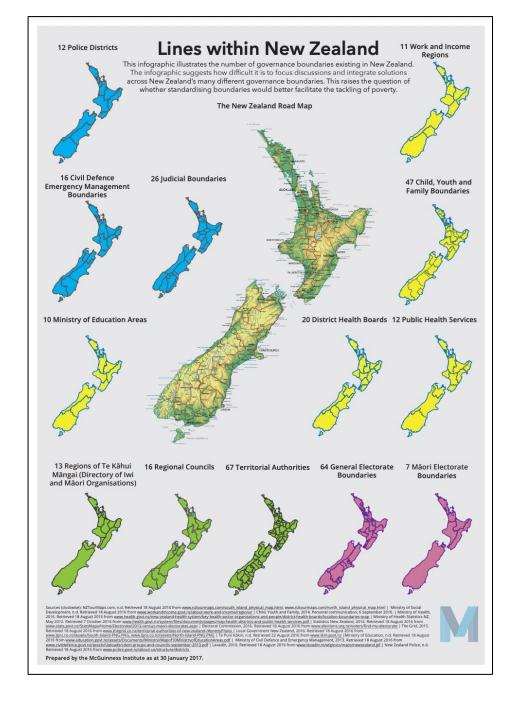






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Canterbury Region	8	11	19	289	6.57%	2765	91455	3.02%
Chatham Island County	0	0	0	3	0%	0	70	0%
Gisborne Region	20	6	26	51	50.98%	3318	9319	35.6%
Hawkes Bay Region	29	18	47	126	37.30%	7501	29423	25.49%
Manawatu-Wanganui Region	20	35	55	202	27.23%	6649	38957	17.07%
Marlborough Region	0	1	1	30	3.33%	94	6662	1.419
Nelson Region	1	1	2	23	8.70%	407	8615	4.729
Northland Region	39	36	75	147	51.02%	9761	28992	33.67%
Otago Region	1	2	3	144	2.08%	182	31308	0.58%
Southland Region	2	5	7	85	8.24%	1184	16479	7.189
Taranaki Region	3	8	11	94	11.70%	892	20134	4.439
Tasman Region	0	0	0	35	0%	0	7943	09
Waikato Region	25	38	63	305	20.66%	10304	76527	13.469
Wellington Region	18	15	33	246	13.41%	5981	80126	7.469
West Coast Region	0	0	0	35	0%	0	4555	0%
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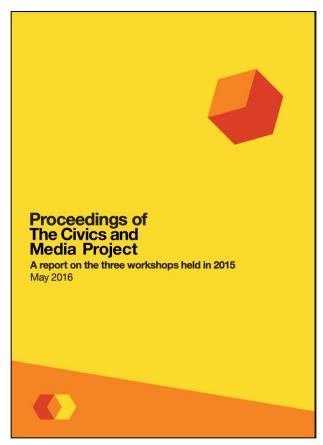




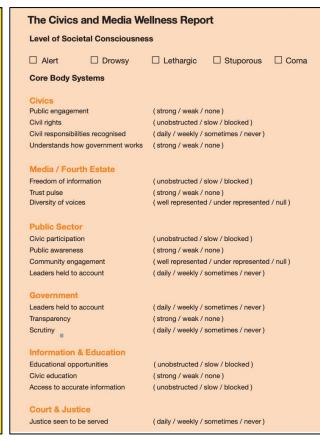
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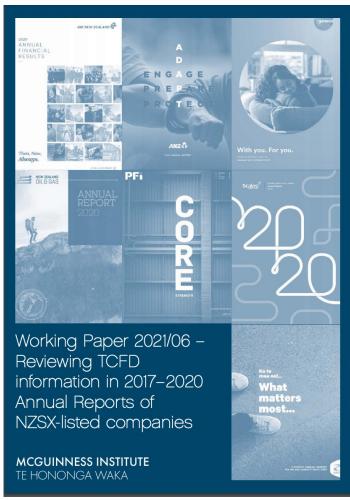






Project: ClimateChangeNZ







'Ultimately, extreme weather frequency and intensity may cause sustained operational disruption and network growth limitations, which may adversely impact Air New Zealand's cost base, future revenue, customer experience and reputation.'



Thank you.

