Kaikōura earthquake impacts and lessons for resilience



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Context





Context: Historical record of clusters of events







Surface Fault Ruptures



Ground Motions

- Two 'nodes' of large motions
 epicentre and northeast
- Similar (>1g) to Christchurch
- Because of directivity effects in Wellington > Christchurch





- In Wellington shaking damage dependent on ground conditions and building height
- Motions exceeded earthquake-prone criteria
- For taller buildings especially on weak soils or at basin edges motions exceeded building code

Surface faulting, landslides and coastal uplift



Coastal Infrastructure - cut for ~12 months (or longer?)



Residential Damage



Wellington City – in the global 100 Resilient City Programme







CentrePort, Wellington

- \$ 340M repair bill
- Repairs not complete until 2022
 or later
- Extensive damage to commercial buildings, cranes, RORO linkspan, wharves & container terminal







Kaikōura earthquake & slow slip



Slow slip events started along the whole margin within 1 week of Kaikōura EQ

What are the scenarios following the Kaikoura Earthquake?

- Scenario One: Likely (54% within the next year)
 - Aftershocks will continue to decrease in frequency over the next year and no aftershocks of M7 or larger will occur, but a M6+ remains likely
- Scenario Two: Unlikely (approx 6% within the next year)
 - An earthquake smaller than the main shock but between M7.0 and M7.8 will occur (a fault in Cook Strait is one of the possibilities)
- Scenario Three: Very Unlikely but cannot be dismissed
 - A mega-quake on the locked part of the Hikurangi subduction zone – potentially M8+



More Broadly – what should NZ be preparing for ?

| Event | Likelihood in next 50 yrs | Possible economic loss (2015 estimates) | |
|--|------------------------------|--|------------------------|
| Alpine fault - M8 earthquake | 30% | >> \$10bn | |
| Ruapehu/Tongariro/Ngauruhoe White Island major eruption | almost certain | > \$1bn | |
| Taranaki eruption | 20% | > \$10bn | Note: New Zealand |
| • Hikurangi subduction zone M8+ and tsunami | 30% | \$30-40bn | GDP 277B NZD (2013) |
| Hope fault M7.2 earthquake | 50% | ~\$1bn? | |
| • South America M9+ earthquake | 50% | >\$1bn? | |
| & NZ tsunami | | | |
| Taupo region major eruption | 10% | >> \$10bn | |
| Auckland volcanic eruption | 5% | ~ \$30bn | |
| NZ earthquake sequence | | | |
| like 1929-1942 | 50% | >> \$10bn | |
| Wellington fault earthquake | 5% | \$40-60bn | |

What can be done now ?

- Continue research to extend and refine past record of major events analogues for the future;
- Use the scientific evidence to guide appropriate policy;
- Evaluate consequences of possible future events and act when risk (economic as well as safety) is unacceptable;
- Use all available risk management options accept, reduce, avoid, transfer
- Scenarios and exercises, develop contingency plans personal, family, community, city, country
- Invest in resilience well chosen investment will have a 10:1, or more, return and protect economic and social prosperity



Drop, Cover and Hold is still the right action to take





long or strong, get gone

Drop, Cover and Ho

What lessons for Resilience from the Kaikōura Earthquake – a few personal thoughts

For Land Use Planning

- No major issues identified minimal liquefaction, some lateral spread issues at Lyell Creek, Kaikoura;
- Landslides in the farm country of north Canterbury suggest some improved on-farm practices are possible.

For Infrastructure

- Not too many surprises (to scientists) regarding landslides and impact on transport, but,
- Seemingly not much attention to redundancy in transport system (e.g. no coastal shipping to back up rail), alternate highway not up to standard;
- CentrePort neglected maintenance?, seemingly weak risk management.

Business Continuity Planning

- Despite Canterbury & Cook Strait EQ's little planning by central govt. agencies prior to Kaikōura earthquake – being redressed now;
- Wellington, the 'resilient city', image a little tarnished cordons & some demolition (above code but not by much - future events expected to be much worse);
- Rural and tourism sectors hard hit;
- 5 million litres of wine lost storage tanks code or compliance?

