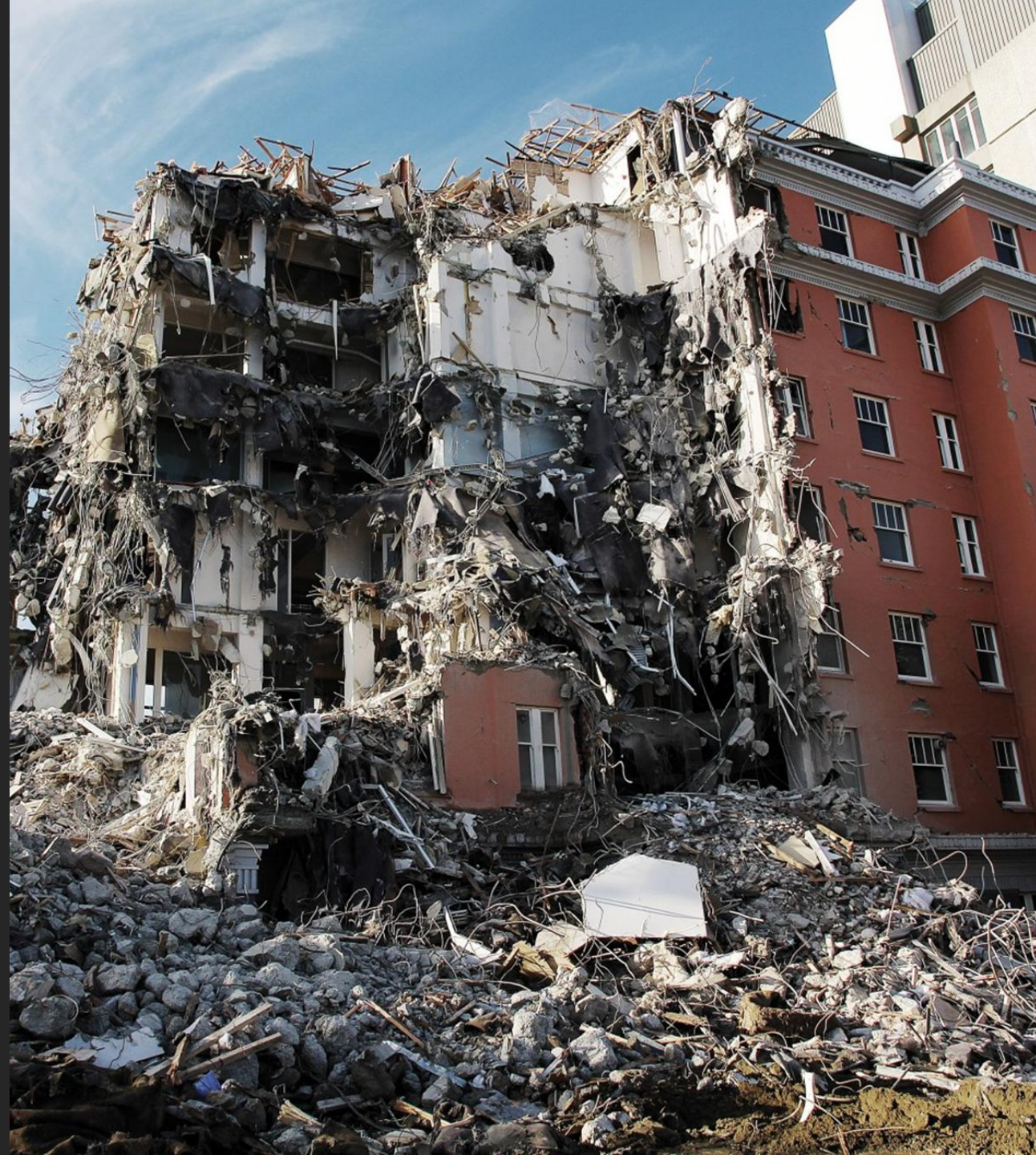


# The Potential for Disaster Waste and Debris in Canterbury





When the next big disaster hits, where are we going to put all the waste?

The purpose of estimating volumes:

- To help Identify and establish a list of potential management and disposal locations across the Canterbury region to use following a disaster event.
- To support the development of disaster planning.



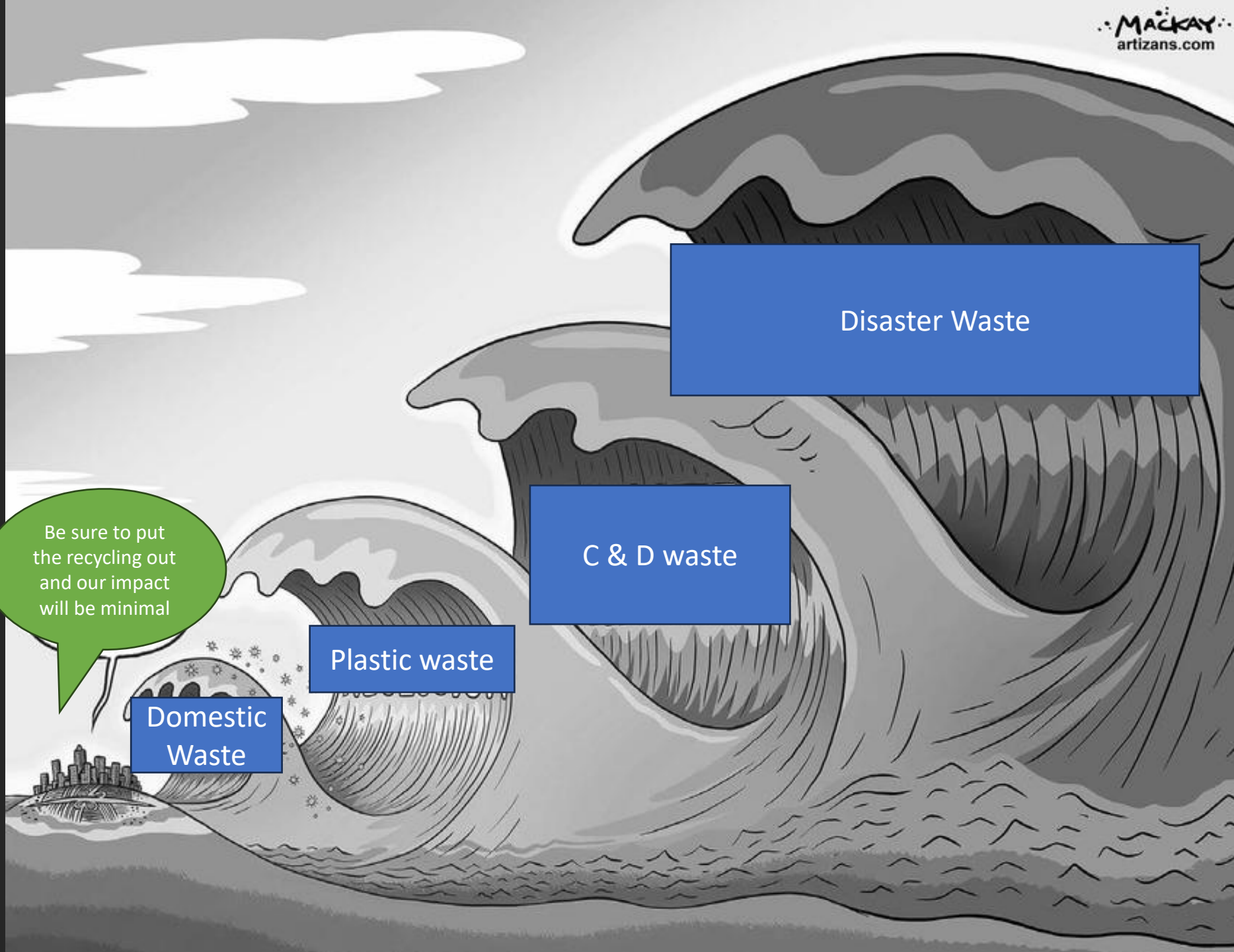
Disaster Waste

C & D waste

Plastic waste

Domestic  
Waste

Be sure to put  
the recycling out  
and our impact  
will be minimal



Why?

- To avoid putting waste and debris in poorly chosen locations in the haste to clean up following a disaster.

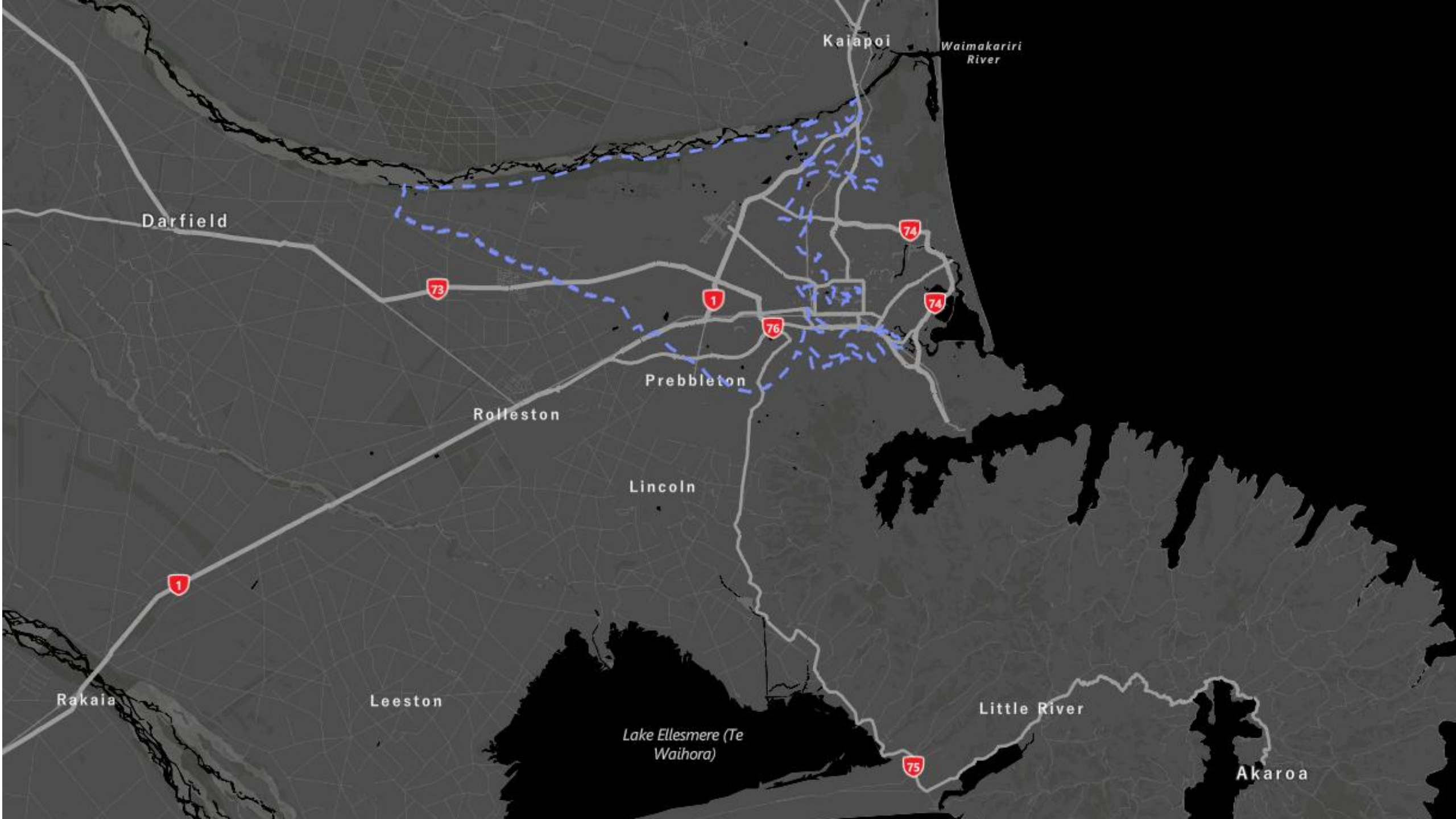


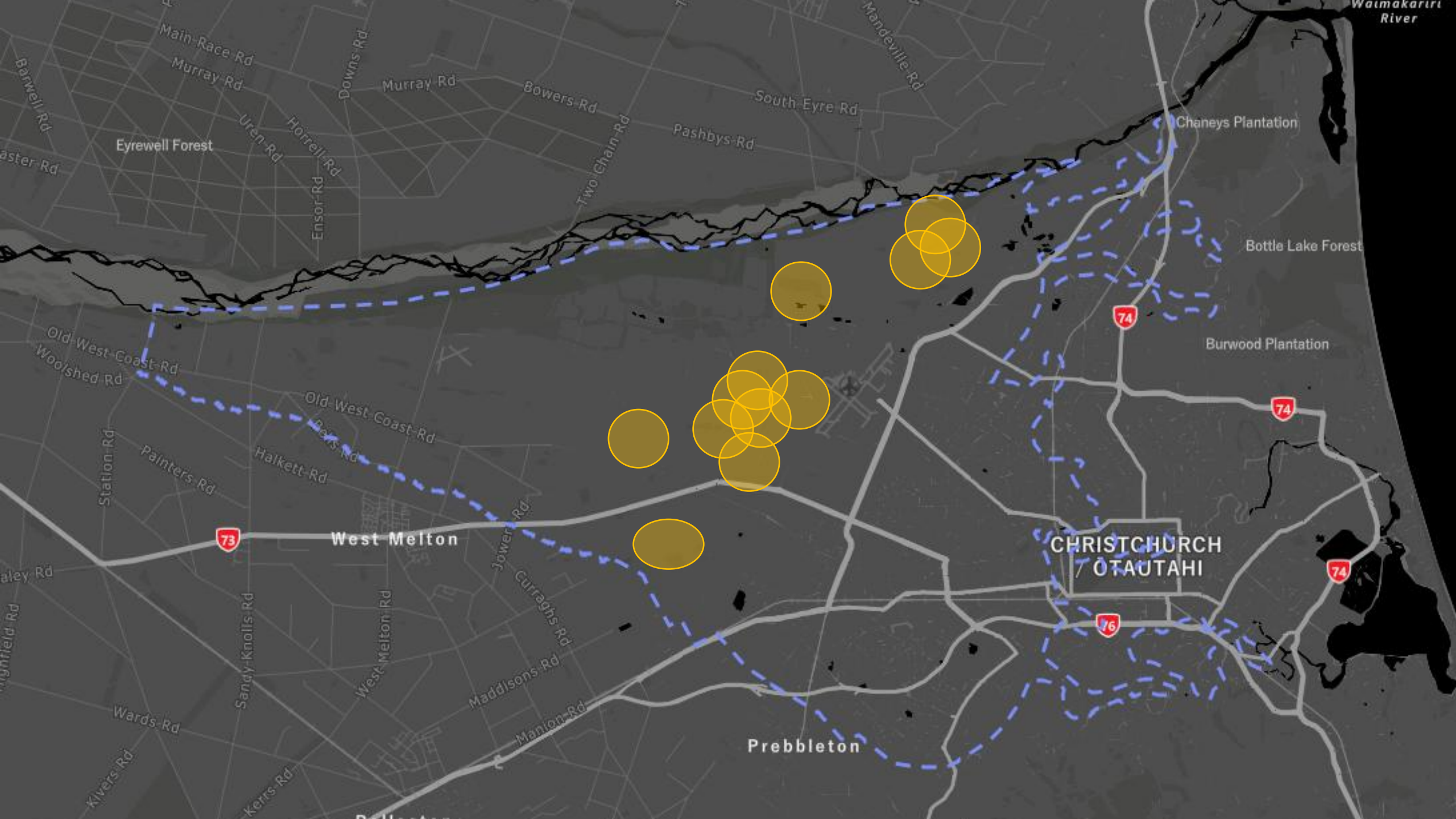


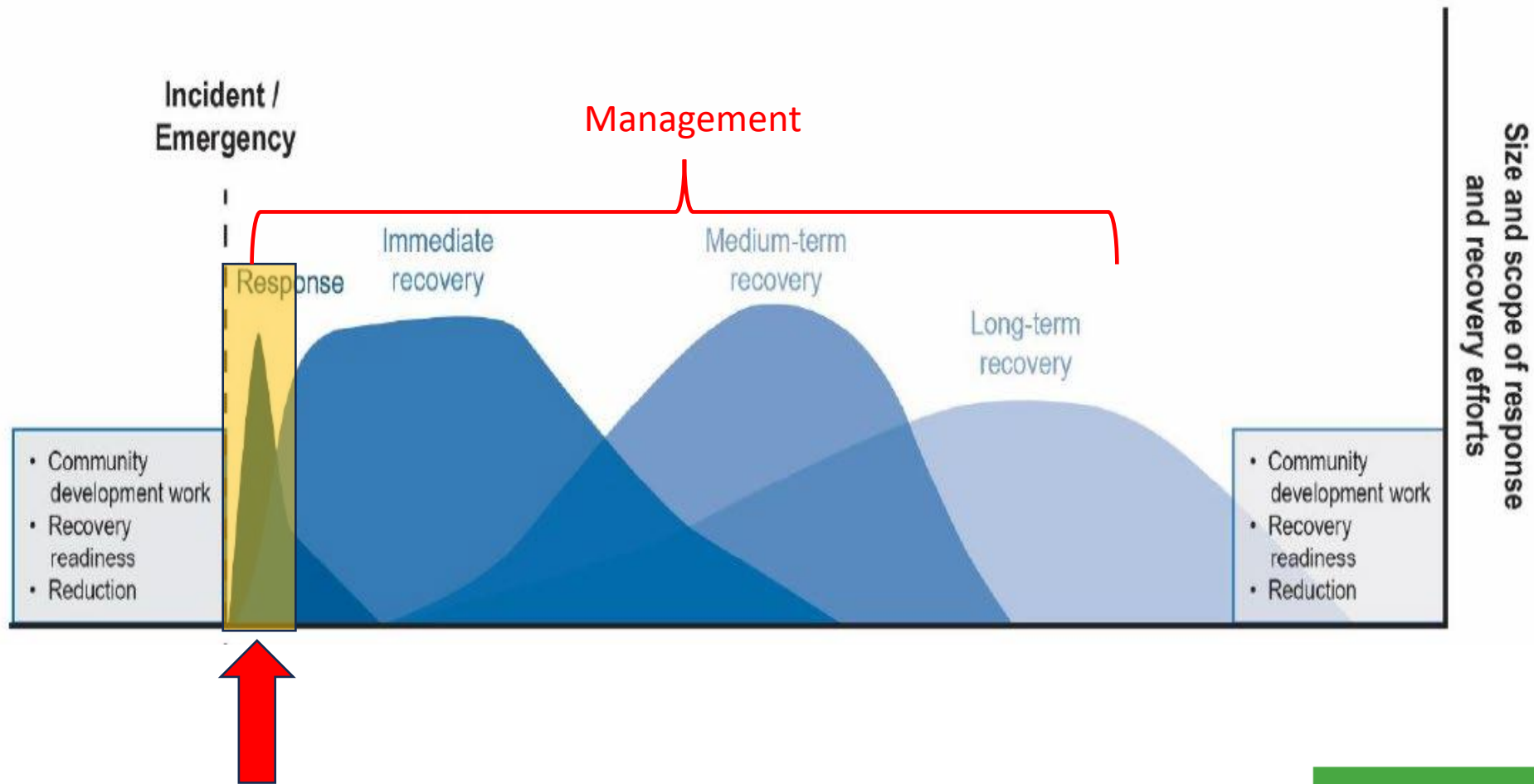


**West Coast rubbish to end up at bottom of 4km deep ocean canyon, impacts felt for generations**









Planning starts here

Project plan:

Estimate volumes of disaster waste and debris . (University of Canterbury) – this presentation.



Next steps:

District or isolated 'Islands' workshops

Identifying potential management and disposal locations.





# The Potential for Disaster Waste and Debris in Canterbury

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# What is Disaster Waste?

➤ Debris created from a natural hazard

➤ E.g.

- Putrescible (food)
- Clean fill
- Liquefaction
- Recyclable materials
- Construction and Demolition (C&D)
- Hazardous/sensitive waste
- Mixed waste (from tsunami or flood)

# 2010/11 Christchurch Earthquakes Waste

**8.75 million** tonnes of mixed earthquake waste, mainly C & D waste



Burwood Resource Recovery Park (BRRP) and landfill sites



# Cyclone Gabrielle Waste/Debris

- **2.7 million** tonnes of mixed flood waste
- Over **3 million** m<sup>3</sup> of silt and woody debris



Silt Recovery Taskforce  
~2.5 million m<sup>3</sup> of silt collected



# Overview of Work



Estimating disaster waste in Canterbury for three disasters (Earthquake, Tsunami, Flood)

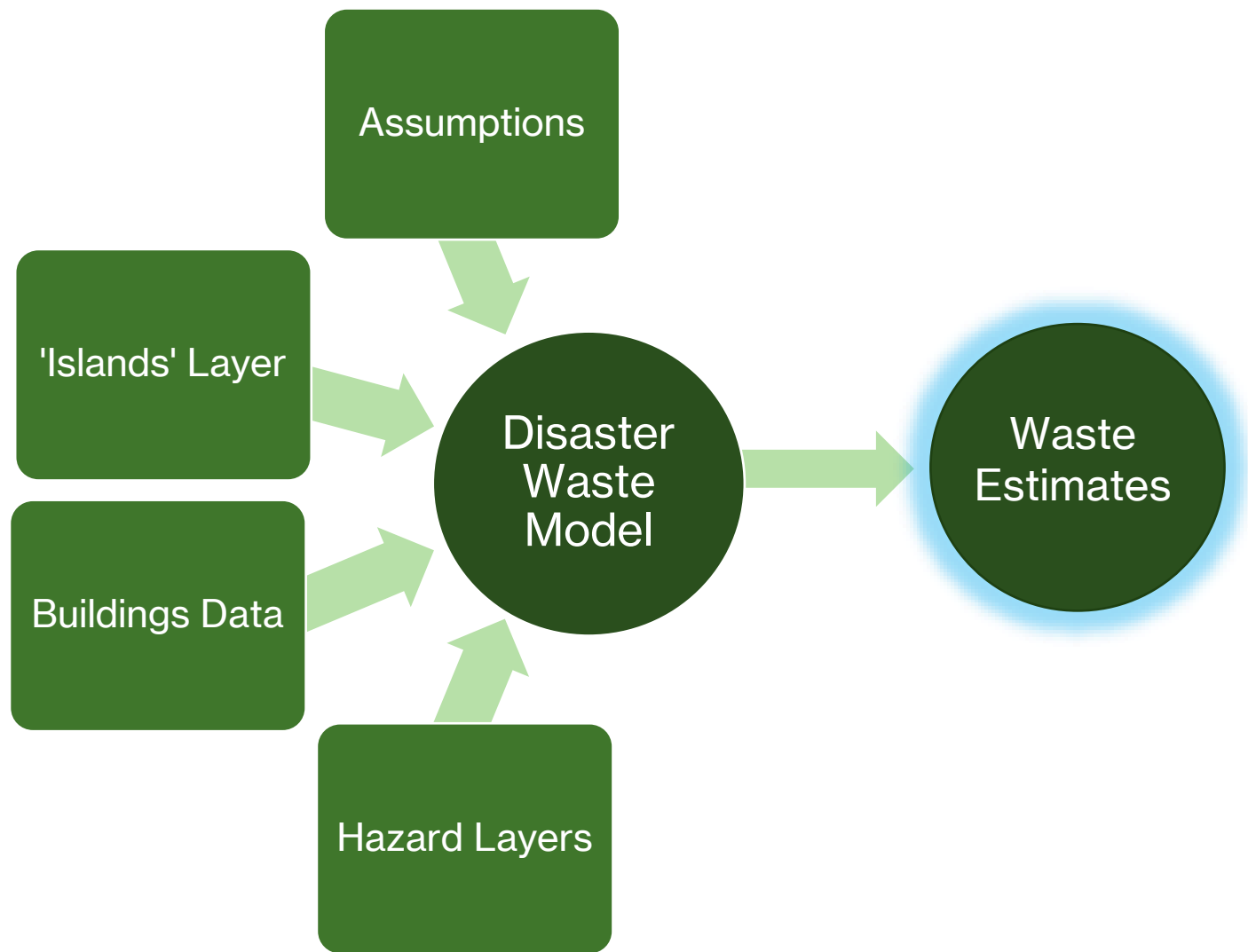


Adapting a waste estimate model used in Wellington

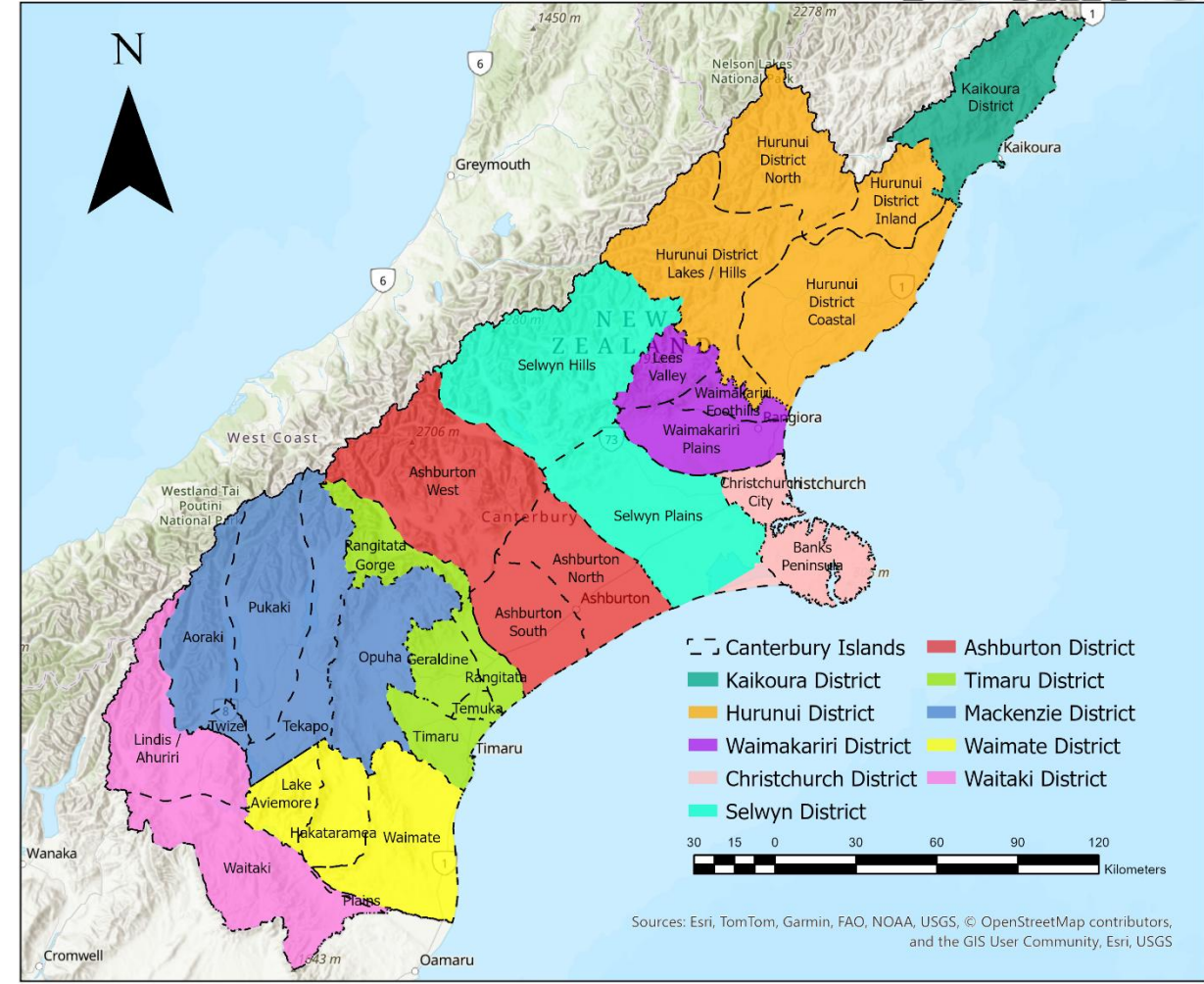
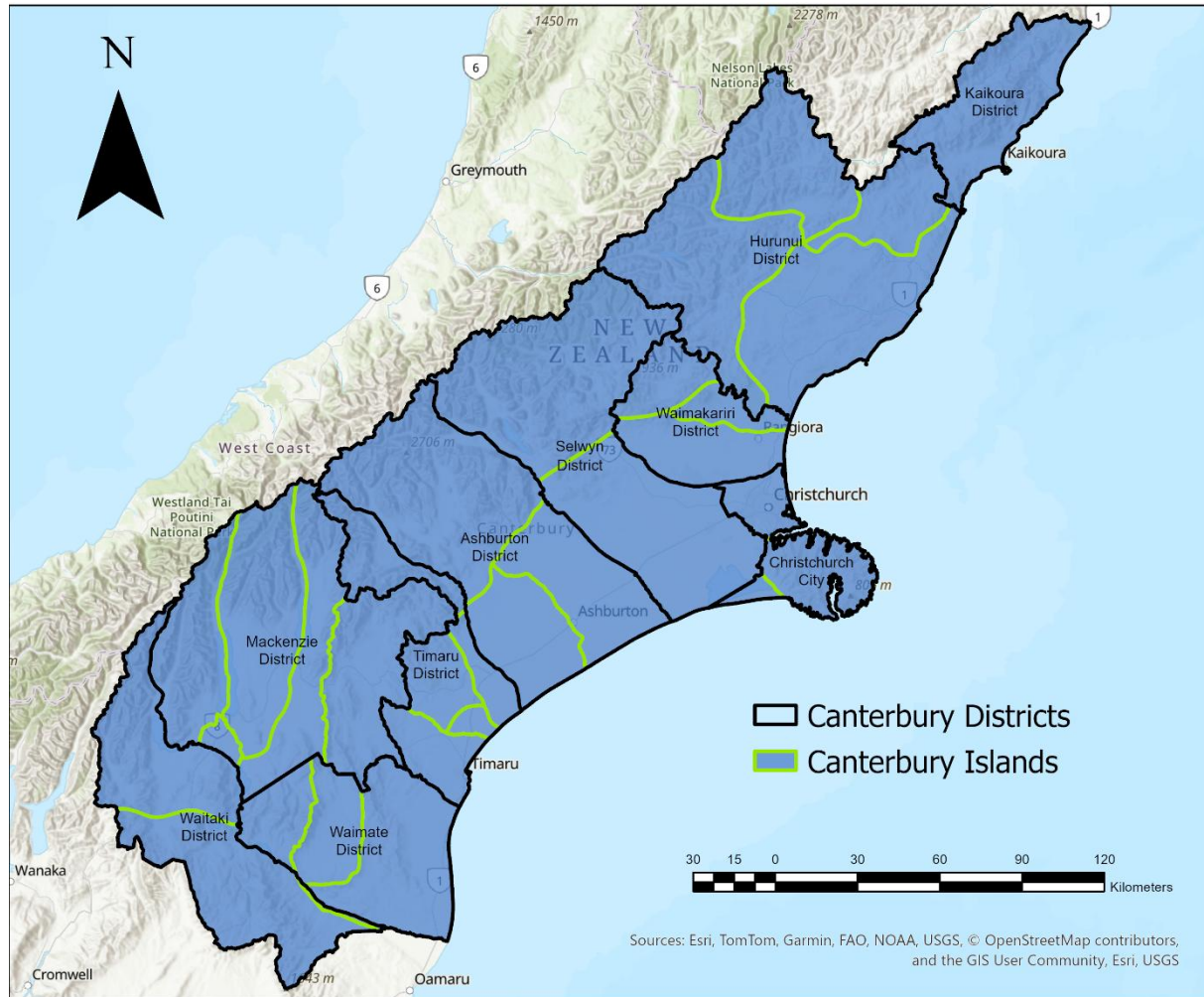


**Future work:** Using estimates to inform disposal through workshops

# Methods



# Canterbury 'Islands'




# Limitations / Model Assumptions



Based on WCC  
Model – high  
uncertainty



Estimates rounded



Hazard scenarios  
based on available  
mapping



Flood estimates  
underrepresented

# Disaster Waste Estimates for Canterbury

## Earthquake

Total: 11.5  
million m<sup>3</sup>

Christchurch:  
8,198,500 m<sup>3</sup>

Timaru:  
748,600 m<sup>3</sup>

Waitaki: 63,200 m<sup>3</sup>

## Tsunami

Total: 4.1  
million m<sup>3</sup>

Christchurch:  
3,446,700 m<sup>3</sup>

Waimakariri:  
335,700 m<sup>3</sup>

Mackenzie & Waitaki: 0 m<sup>3</sup>

## Flood

Total: 330,000 m<sup>3</sup>

Selwyn:  
170,700 m<sup>3</sup>

Hurunui: 1,900 m<sup>3</sup>

# Total Number of Trucks Needed for the Canterbury Region

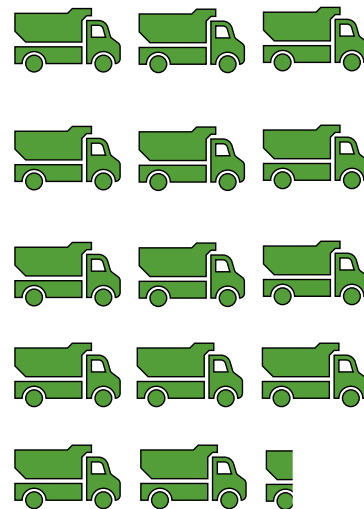


5,000 Trucks

► Earthquake (199,160)



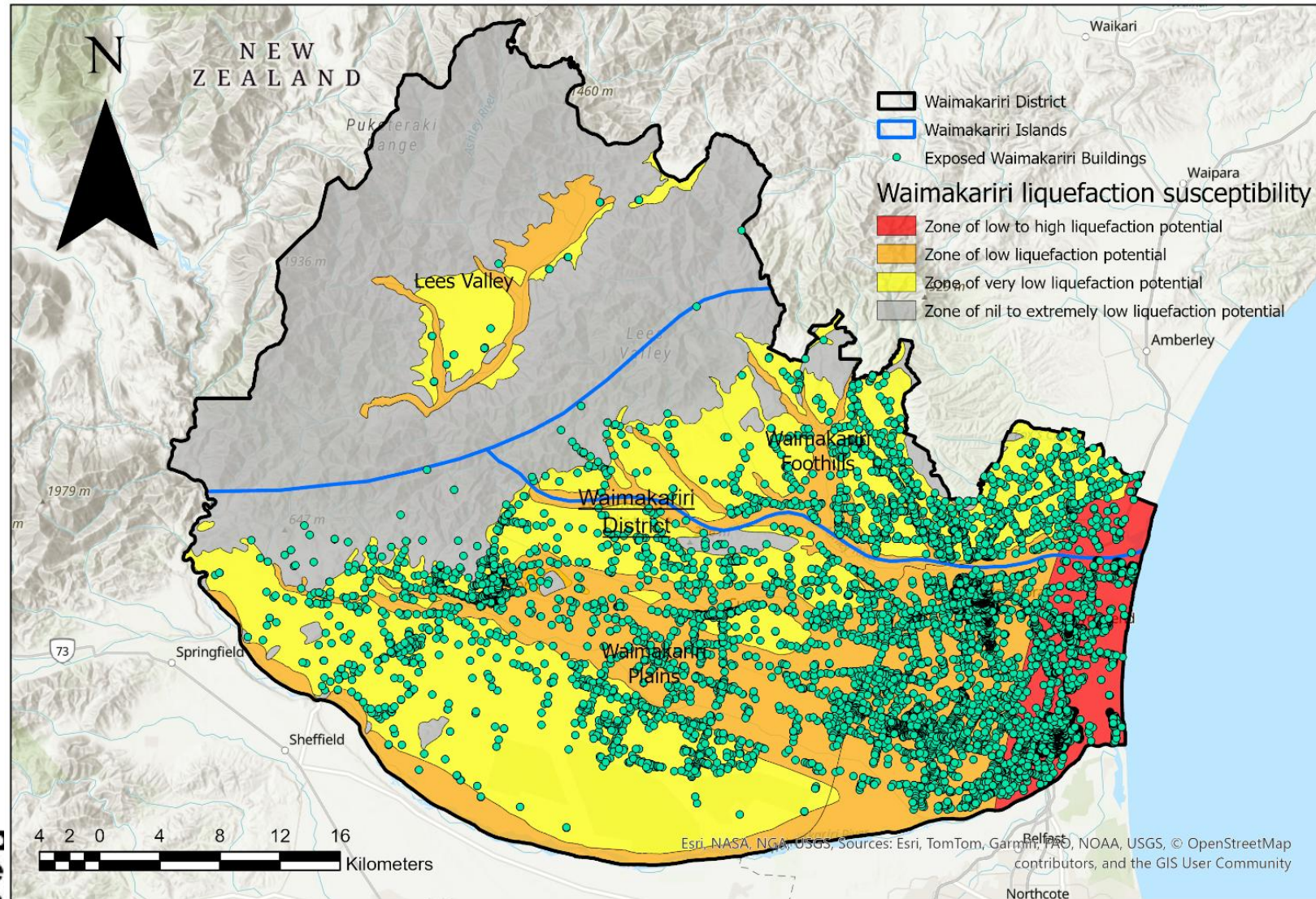
► Tsunami (71,220)



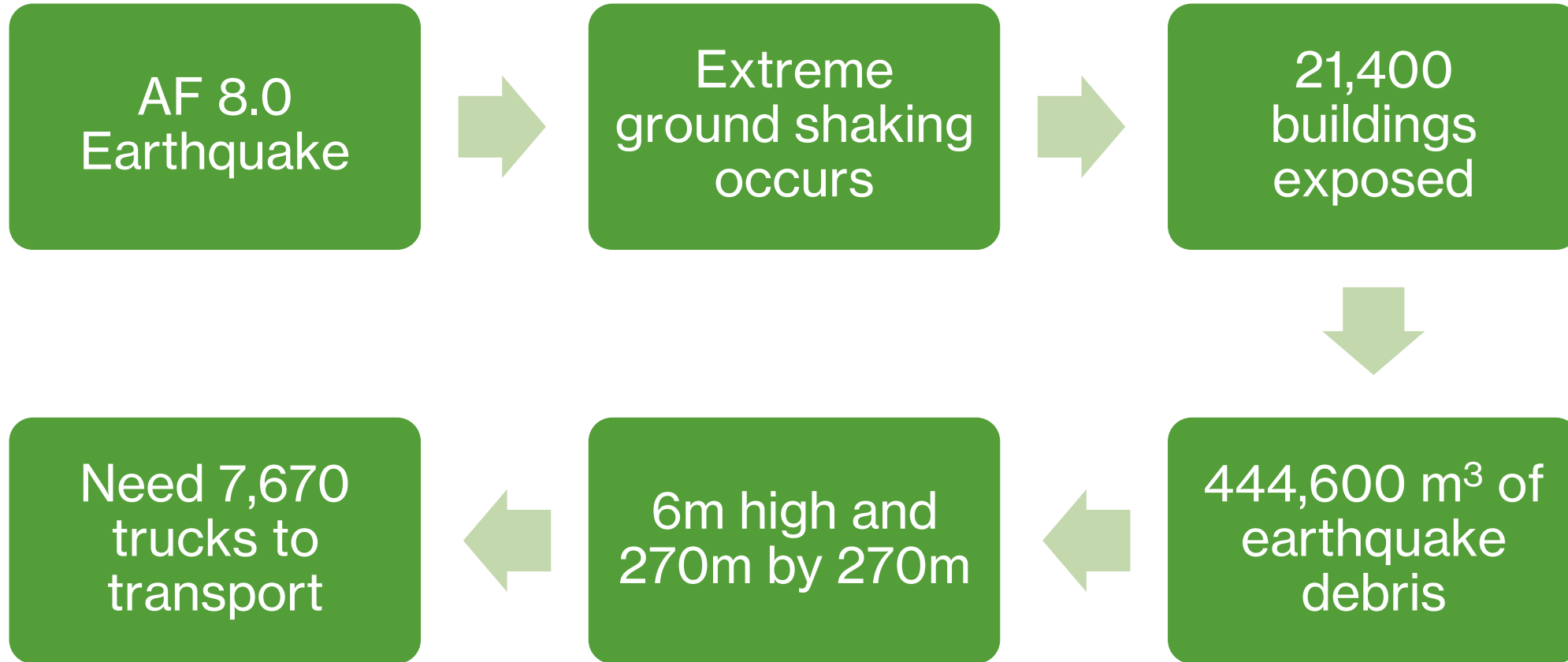
► Flood (5,660)



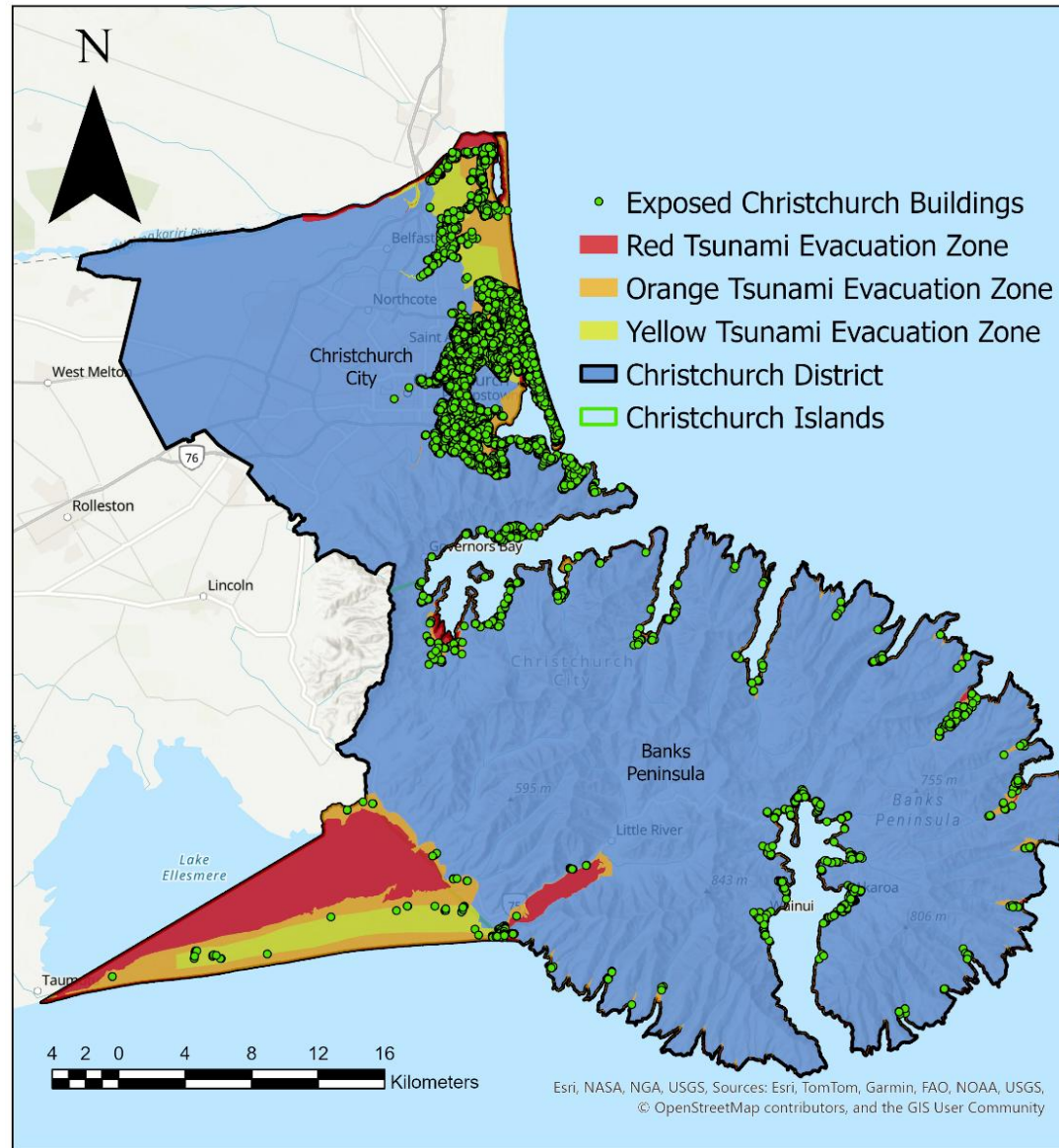
# Buildings Potentially Exposed to Liquefaction (Earthquake) in Waimakariri



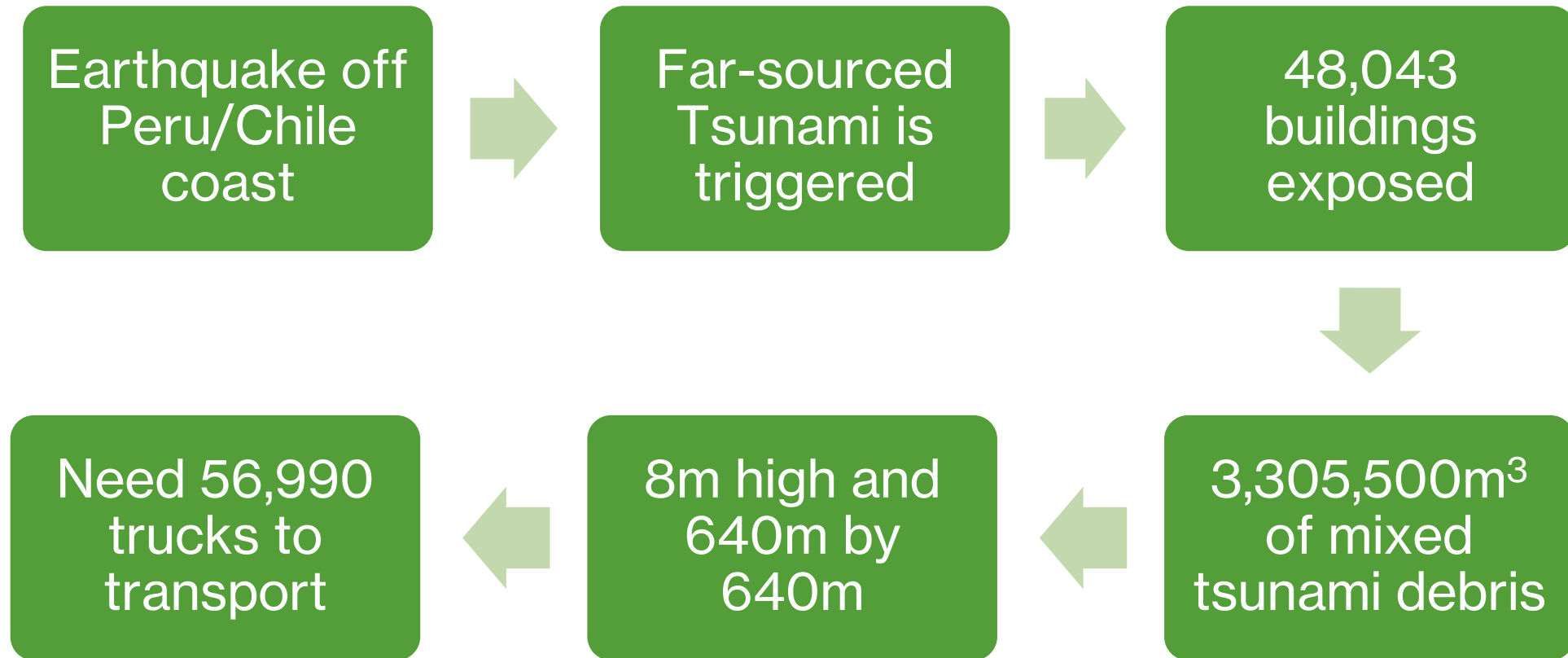
# Example: Alpine Fault Earthquake (Building Damage in Waimakariri)



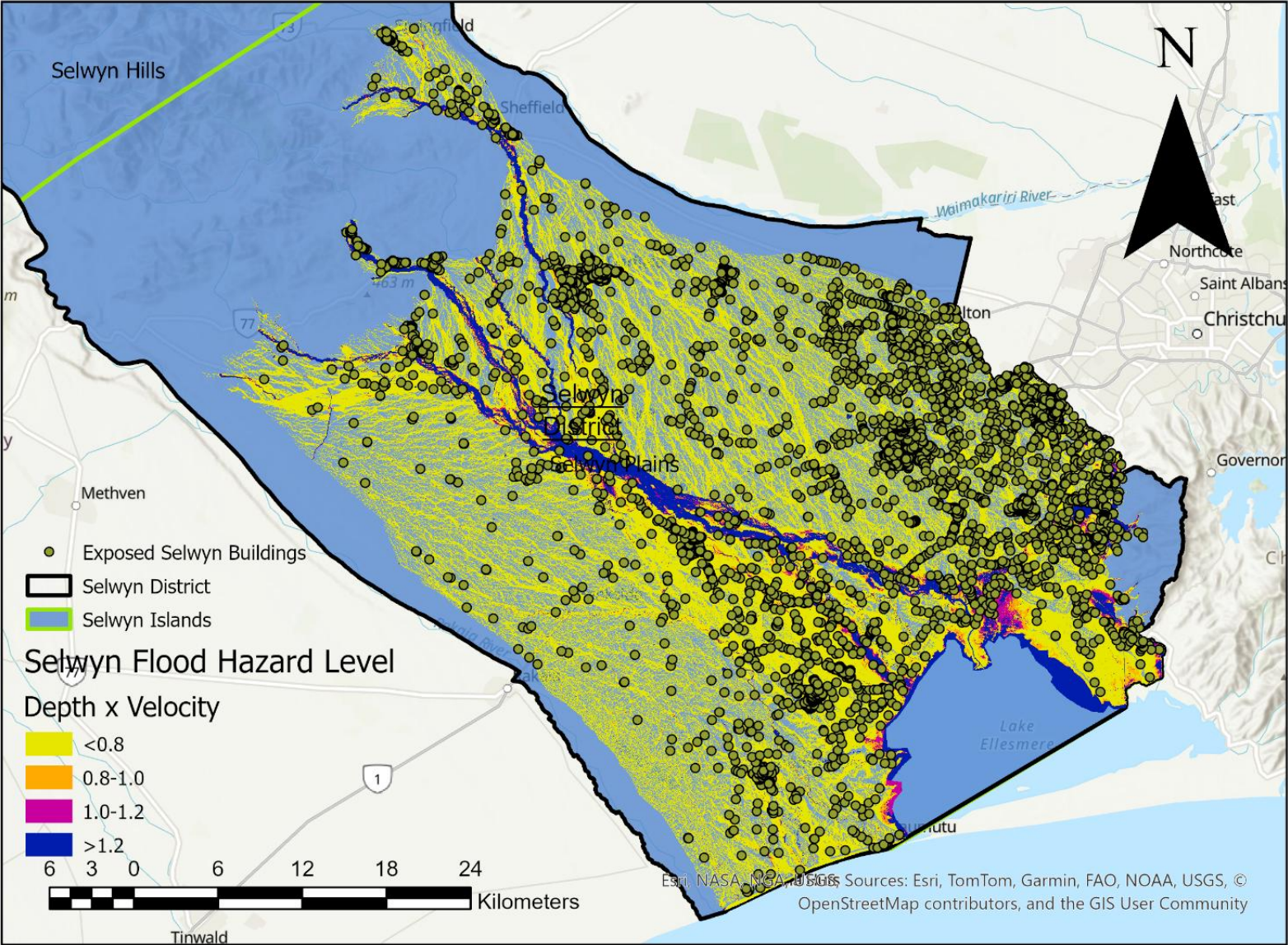
# Buildings Potentially Exposed to Tsunami in Christchurch



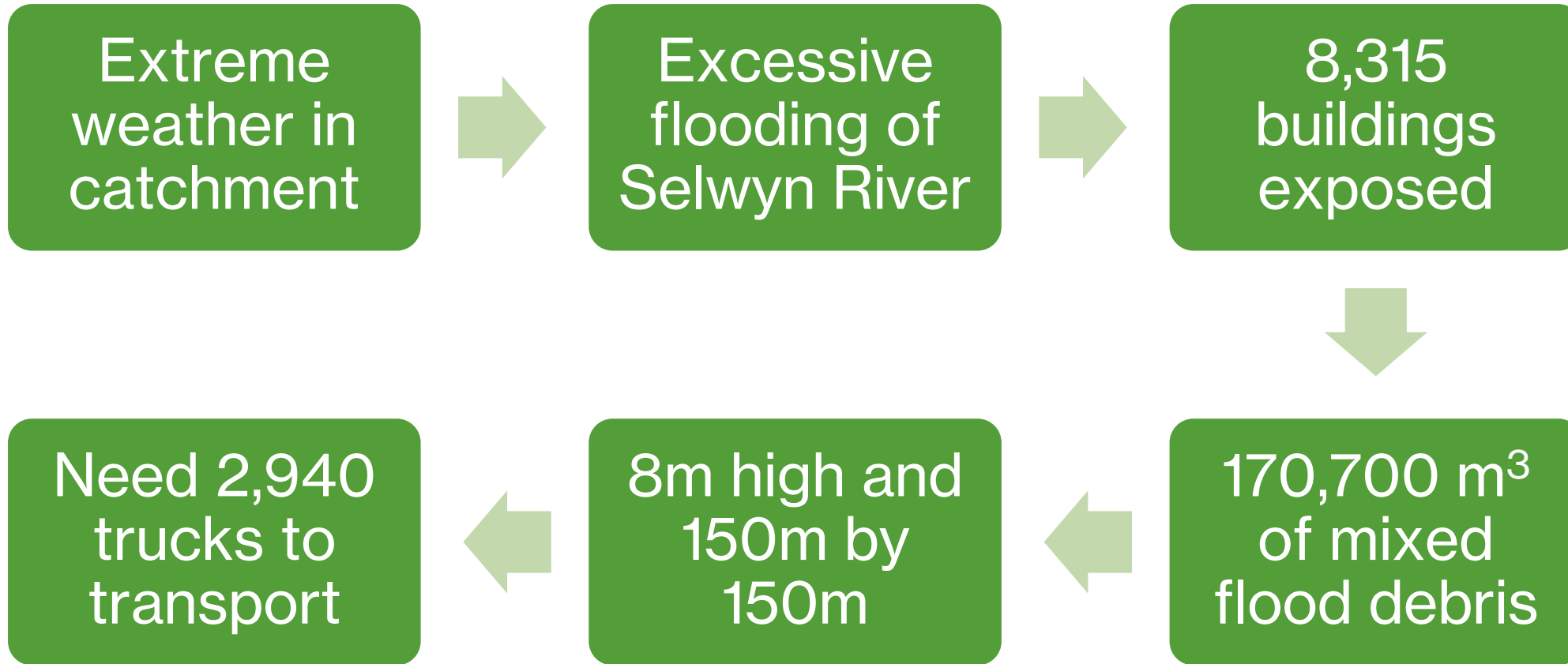
# Example: Christchurch Tsunami




# Buildings Potentially Exposed to Flood in Selwyn



# Example: Major Flood of the Selwyn River



# Key Findings

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- Earthquake – even distribution
  - Tsunami – coastal concentration
  - Flood – underrepresented, but important not to underestimate

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- Concentration & magnitude of waste more important
  - Tool to aid with management & planning decisions

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- Model needs refining and updating

# Ngā mihi nui, he pātai?

Thank you very much, any questions?

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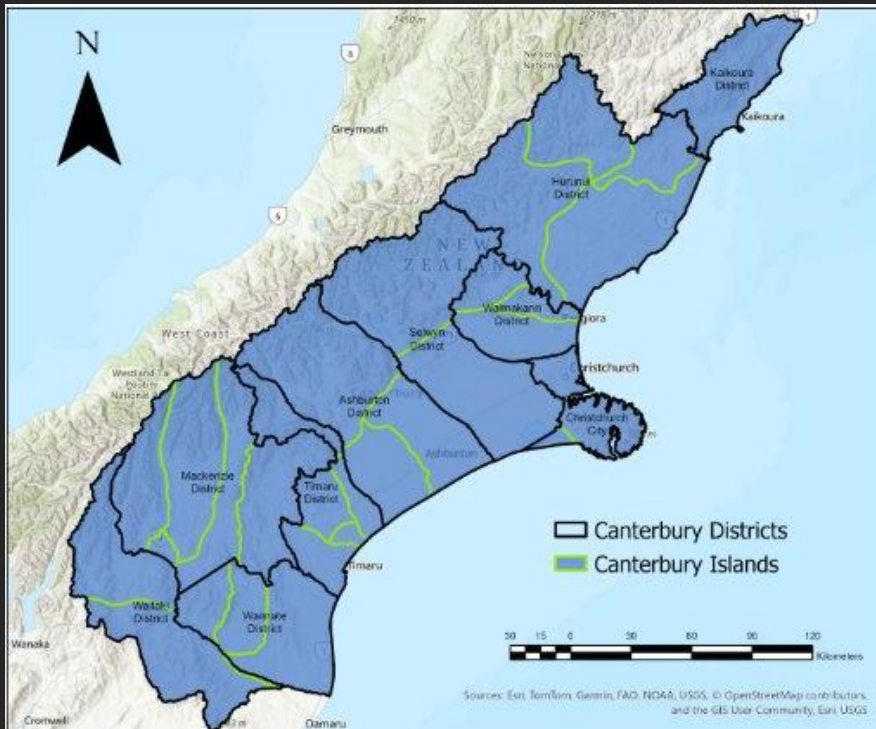
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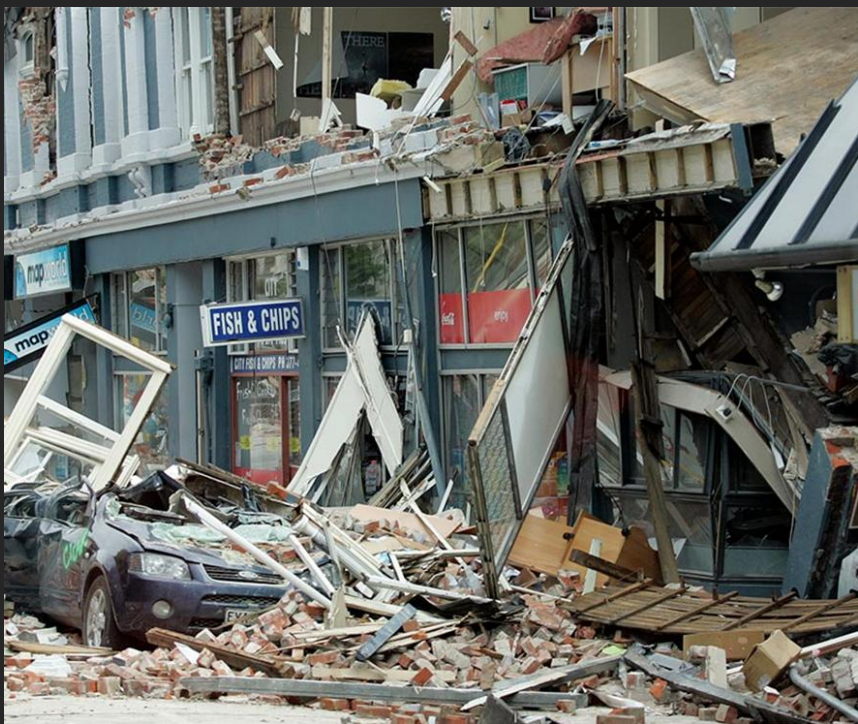


## Disaster debris and waste estimates:



1. Waste types will not be wrong. Canterbury isolated “Islands” present a very likely outcome.
2. The estimates have been made on a range of assumptions. Models are always wrong and actual volumes will differ extensively based on disaster event.
3. However, the scale of waste volumes is what we believe is important to understand.
4. The workshops, discussions and planning that result from the estimates is the most important part.

# Councils vs CDEM roles in DWM



District councils (and their contractors) retain primary responsibility for disaster waste management.

CDEM and Regional Council support TAs:

- Research and planning
- Coordination and problem solving.
- Communication with community.
- Possible use of powers.



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# Learnings



Regional Council working together with CDEM makes so much sense for disaster waste management planning.

District council waste management staff and their contractors should lead and coordinate disaster waste management in their local areas. Therefore they also need to be involved in planning along side their local CDEM staff.

Collaboration is hard work – but will lead to better environmental, social and economic outcomes if the planning is done well.



# Canterbury Disaster Waste Steering Group

- Input from TA waste management officers, CDEM staff, Te Whata Ora and University of Canterbury.
- Informal group who support the project by providing different perspectives.
- Collaboration is key for successful planning!



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Further reference slides....

# Clean-up and Disposal Efforts

## Waste Management Organisations

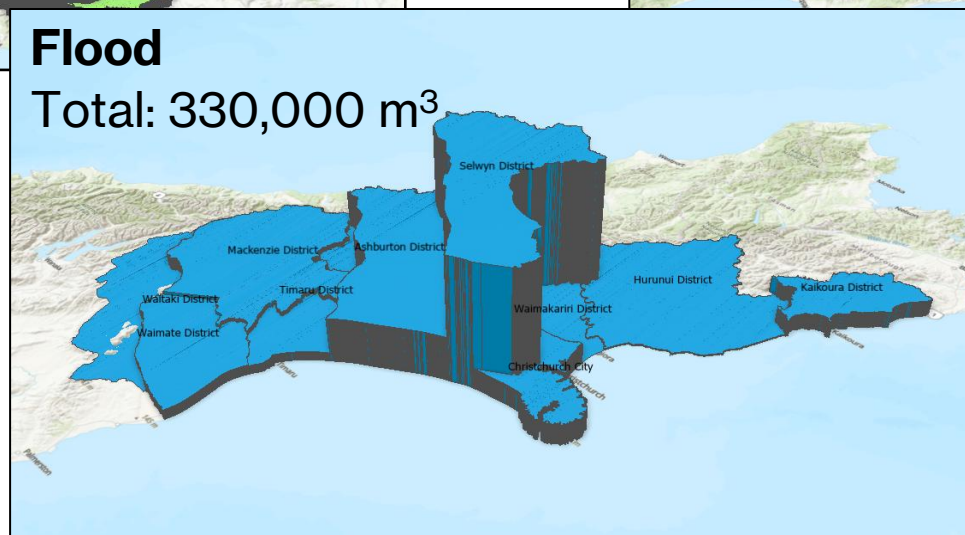
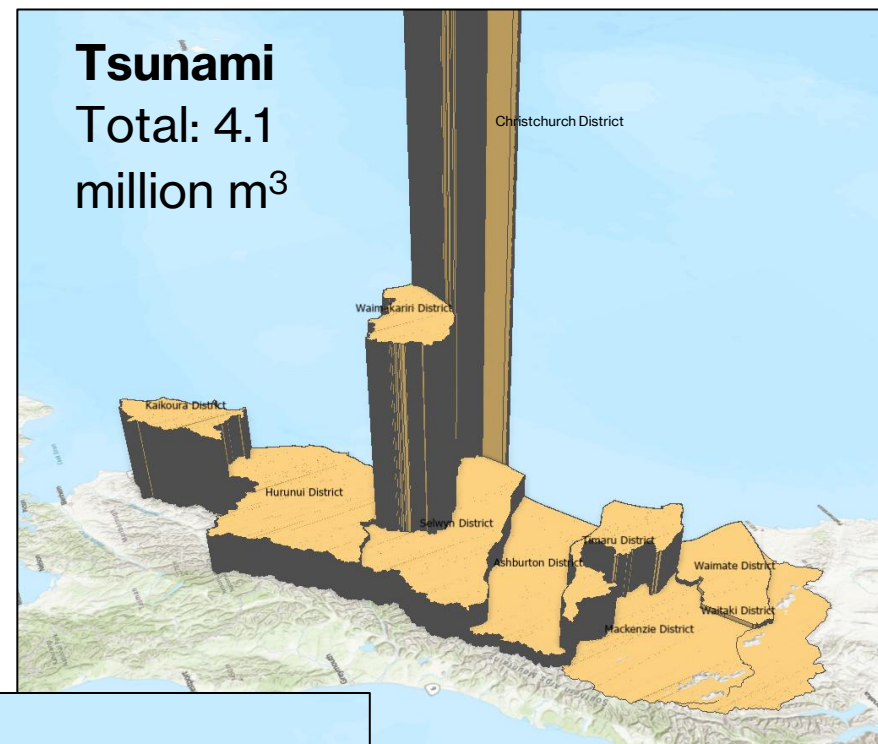
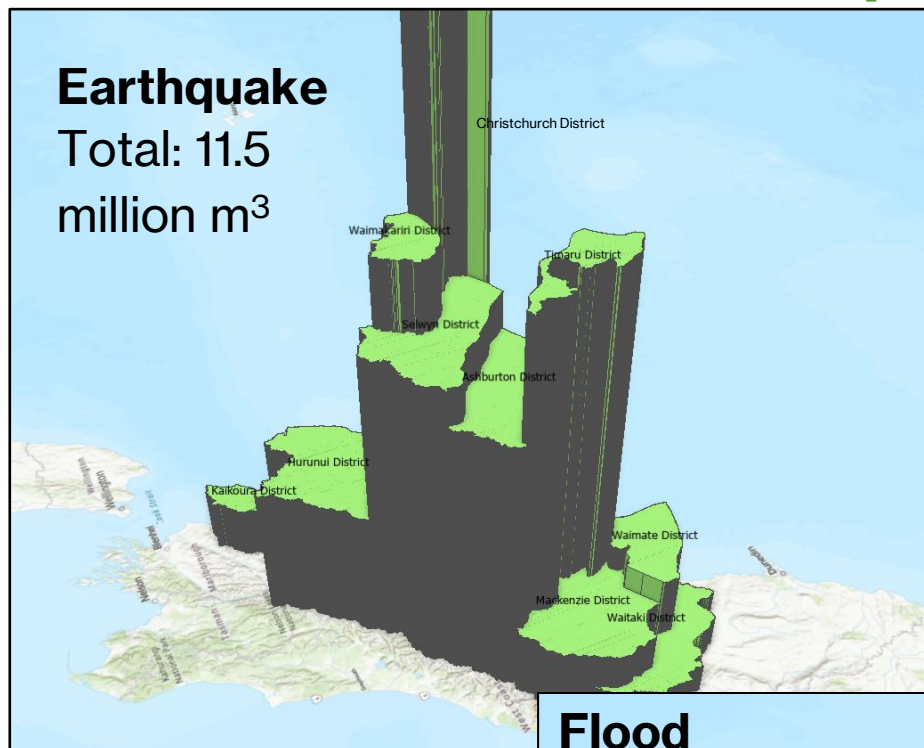


## Volunteers



# Disaster Waste Estimates for Canterbury

Absolute difference maps (same scale for each hazard)

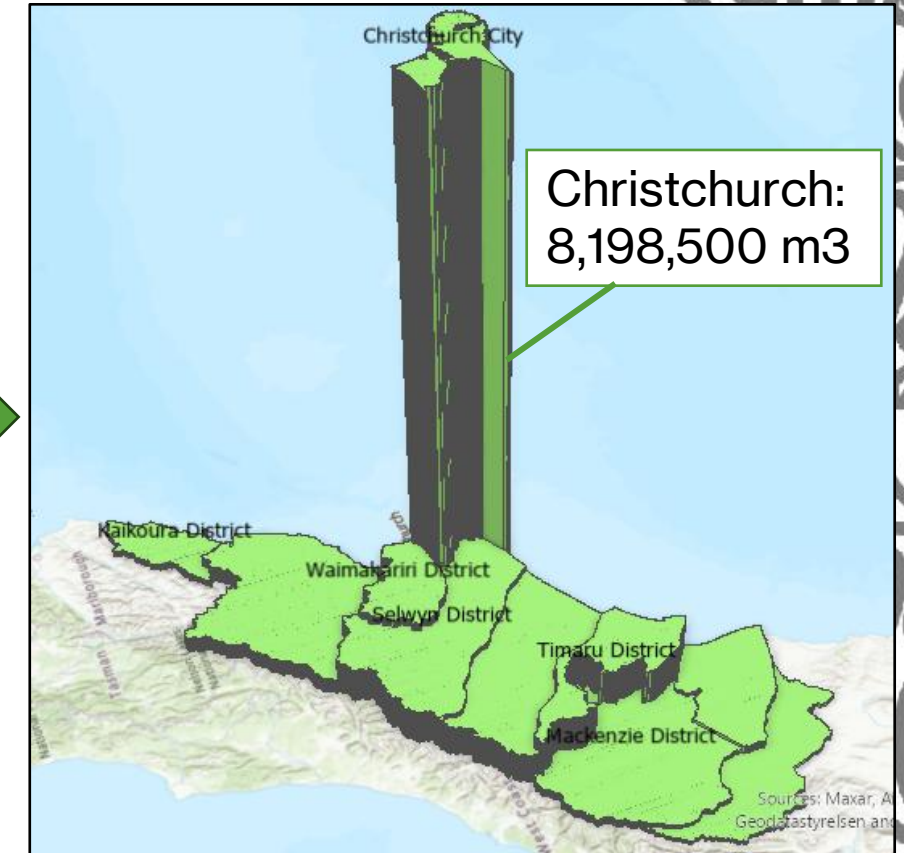
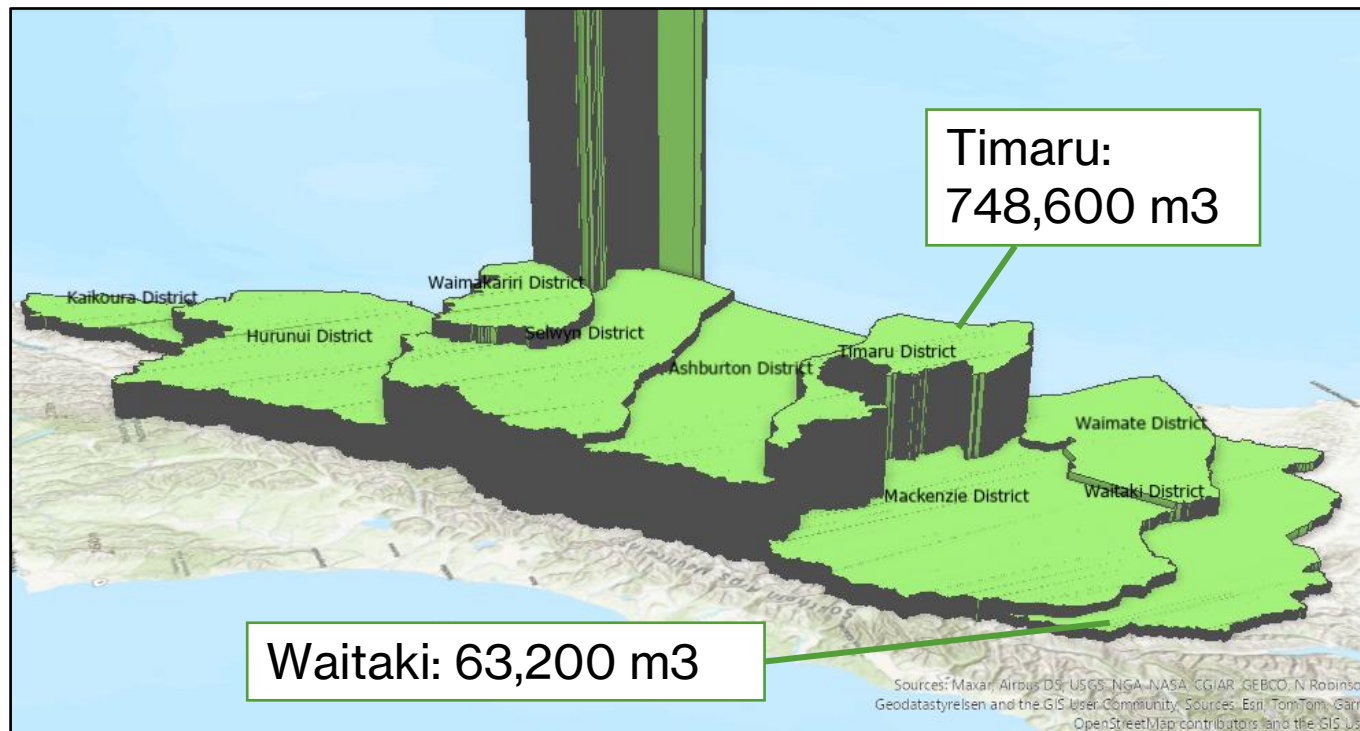


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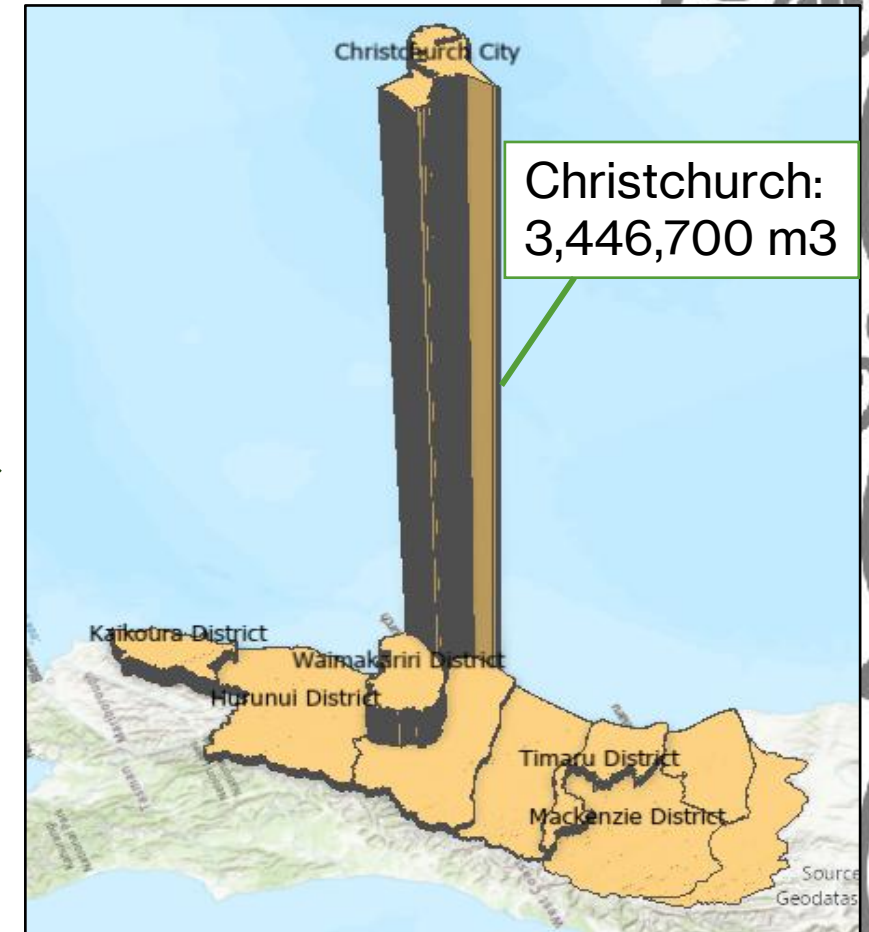
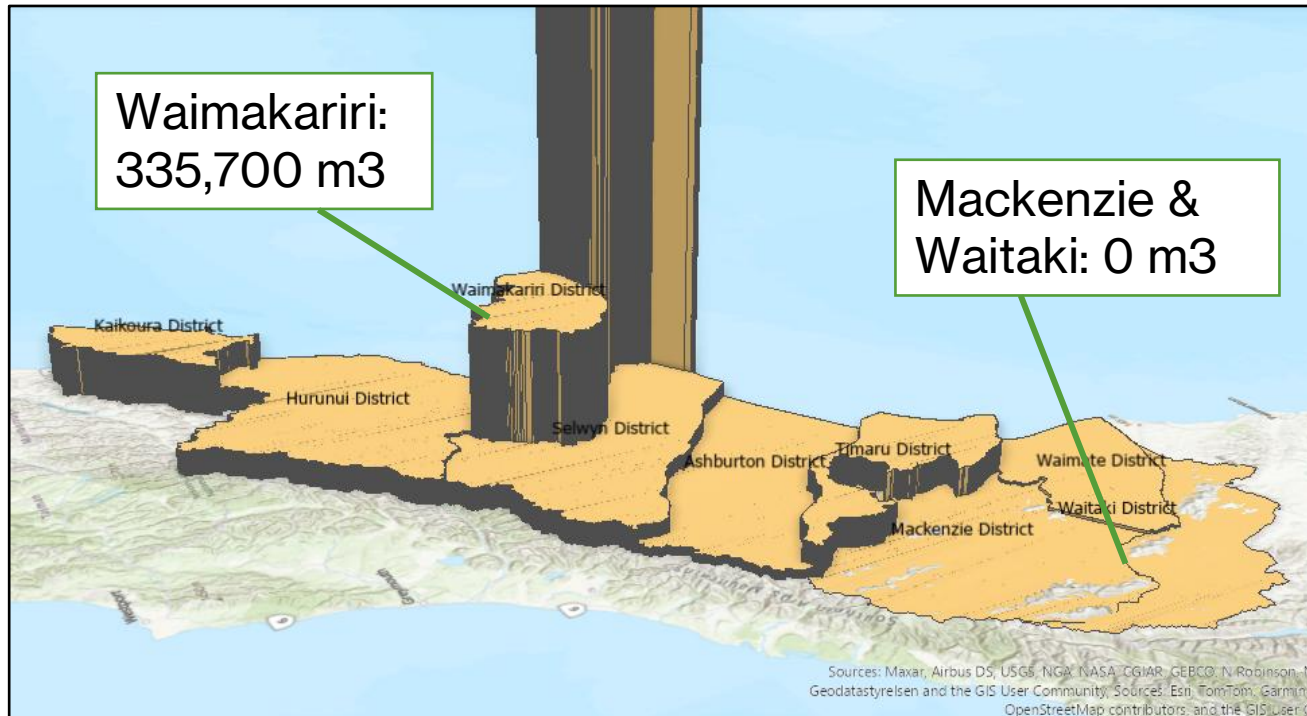
# Disaster Waste Estimates for Canterbury

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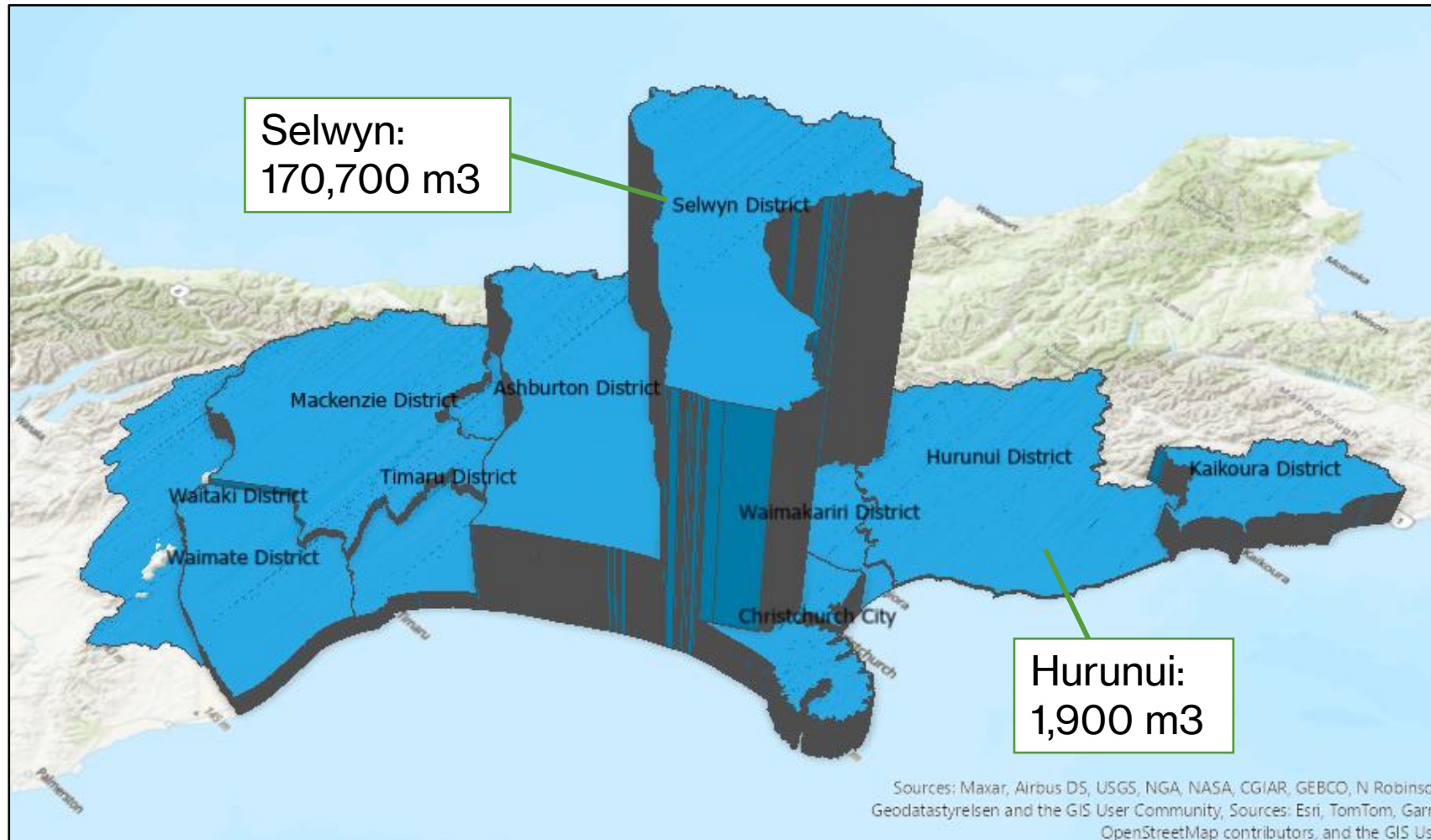
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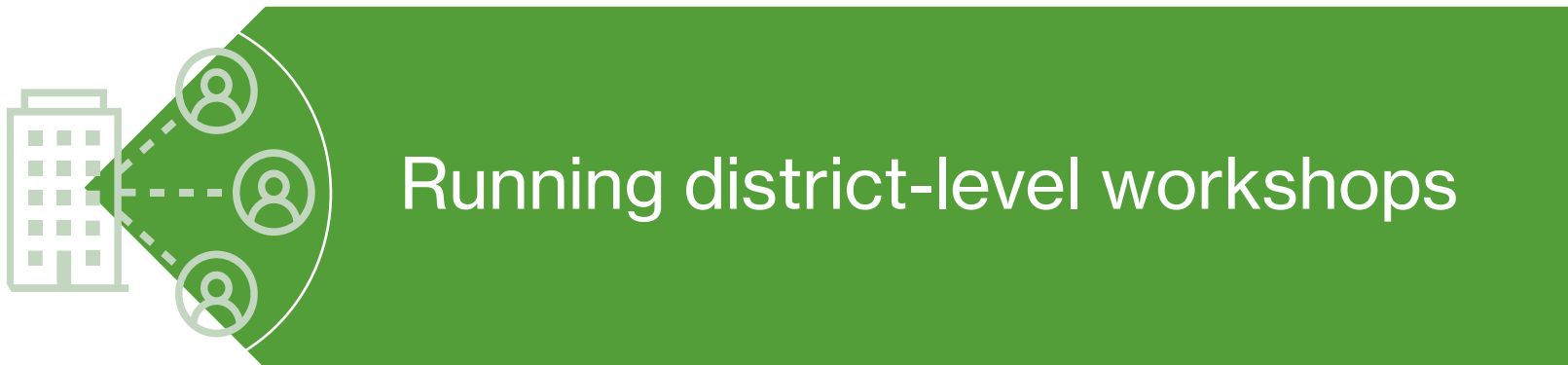
# Tsunami



# Flood



# Next Steps



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Presenting waste estimates



Identifying disposal locations and criteria