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Adverse events Natural and climatic

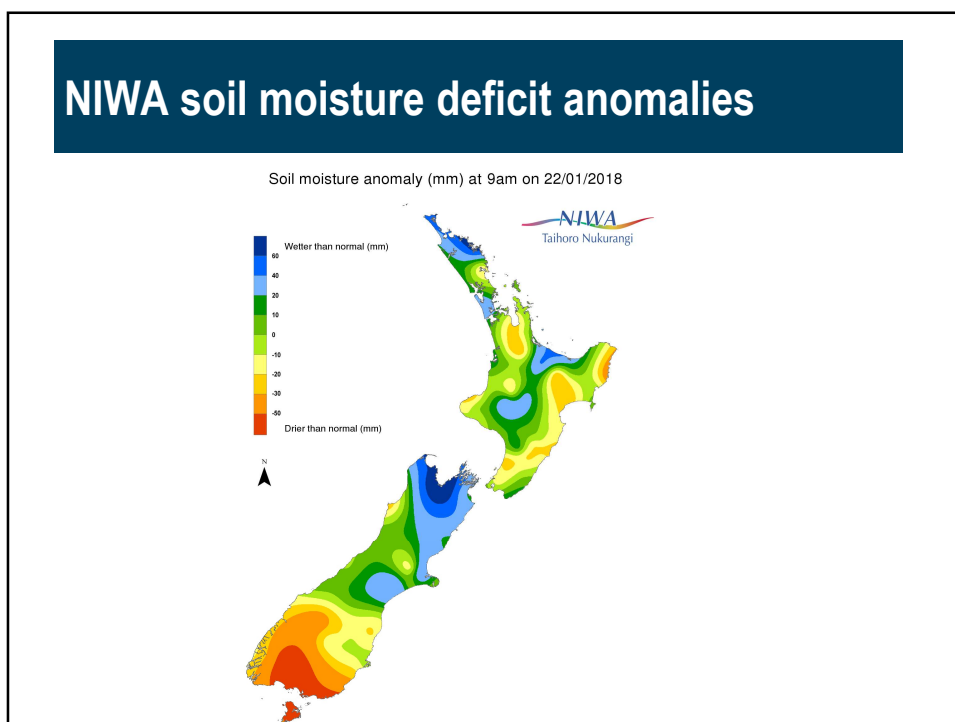
MPI's Recovery Role

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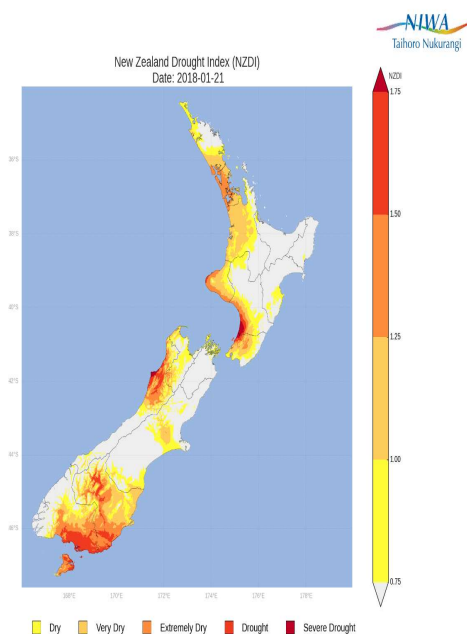
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- NIWA has a Drought Monitor index that looks at droughts developing and recovering



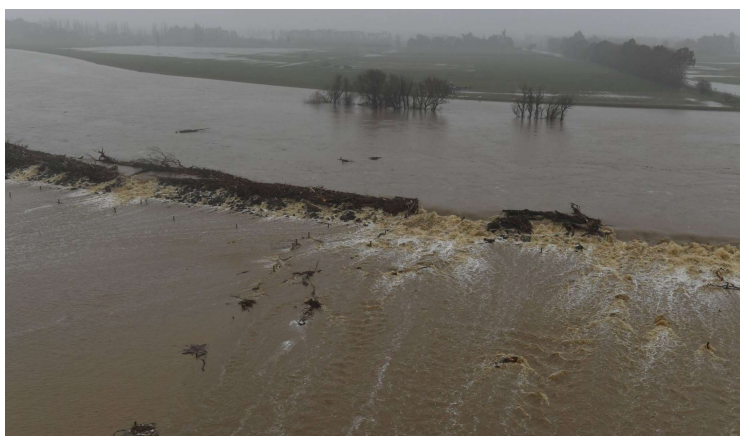
So where's the “declaration”?

- MPI continues to monitor and work with your industry organisation to update the Minister and cabinet.
- We don't “declare” droughts. We do classify a drought as localised, medium or large scale
- Droughts are slow to build and long to recover from.

So what does MPI do?

- We **classify** a drought – like any event – as localised, medium-scale or large-scale against policy criteria:
 - options available for farmers to prepare for events
 - magnitude of the event (likelihood and scale of impact)
 - capacity of community to cope (economic, social impact).
- Your organisations work with us to monitor where we are against these criteria, and request a classification as medium-scale when it hits a combination of criteria.

Recent medium scale events 2017 floods



East Coast drought 2015-17



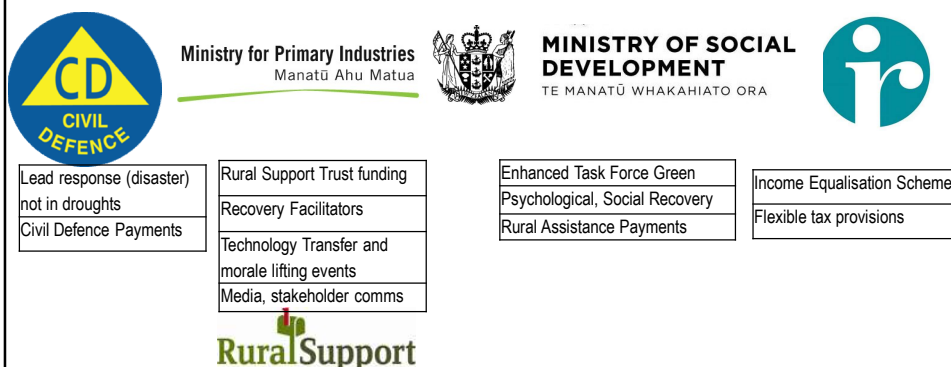
Kaikoura, Hurunui, Marlborough earthquakes



And what happens after a request and classification?

- Advise the Minister / Cabinet and coordinate Government recovery assistance measures
- You help us to get the right information (drought committee) What's needed and where
- We analyse impacts
- We coordinate/contract recovery programmes
- We coordinate with all stakeholders at national (NAEC) and local levels.

Govt assistance in a medium-scale event



What would a medium-scale drought event get as recovery measures?

- Formally recognition of the scale of the event and the need for recovery assistance
- Funding for support for organisations like RST
 - One on one support
 - Social and mental wellbeing, events
 - Technical transfer, planning, budgeting support
- Fund for a recovery coordinator
- Possibility for Rural Assistance Payments, tax flexibility through income equalisation.
- Support targets farm families, rather than farm businesses

Advice during and after droughts

Advice and support are available if you or your farm has been affected by drought. You will hear some good advice next sessions.

Some of the best advice from a veteran of adverse events

Learnings from 30 years of adverse events- Andy Fox

- One hour in the morning is worth two at night. Get out of bed and get going.
- Do something for others. This can be one of the most satisfying things you can do when you are under stress.
- Share your thoughts. Work as a team. Spouse, son/daughter, manager/worker.
- Take heaps of photos. Events end and in a drought, it's therapeutic to look at photos of a really wet winter and vice versa.
- You are tough and capable. Live, breath, work it.
- Burn the candle, use the nice sheets, and wear the fancy lingerie. Don't save it for a special occasion. Life's too short. Today is the special occasion.
- Use modern technology. Phone, GPS, internet.
- Don't do an "Ostrich". Financial, feed, decision, dates, paying bills.
- Be open to new and progressive ideas. If your advisors are tough on you in tough times you probably have good advisors. Don't be afraid to ask for advice.
- Set goals short and long term..
- What people think of you, is none of your business.

Questions?

