



# HENDERSON-MASSEY CLIMATE CHANGE SYNTHESIS

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## Climate Hazards in Auckland

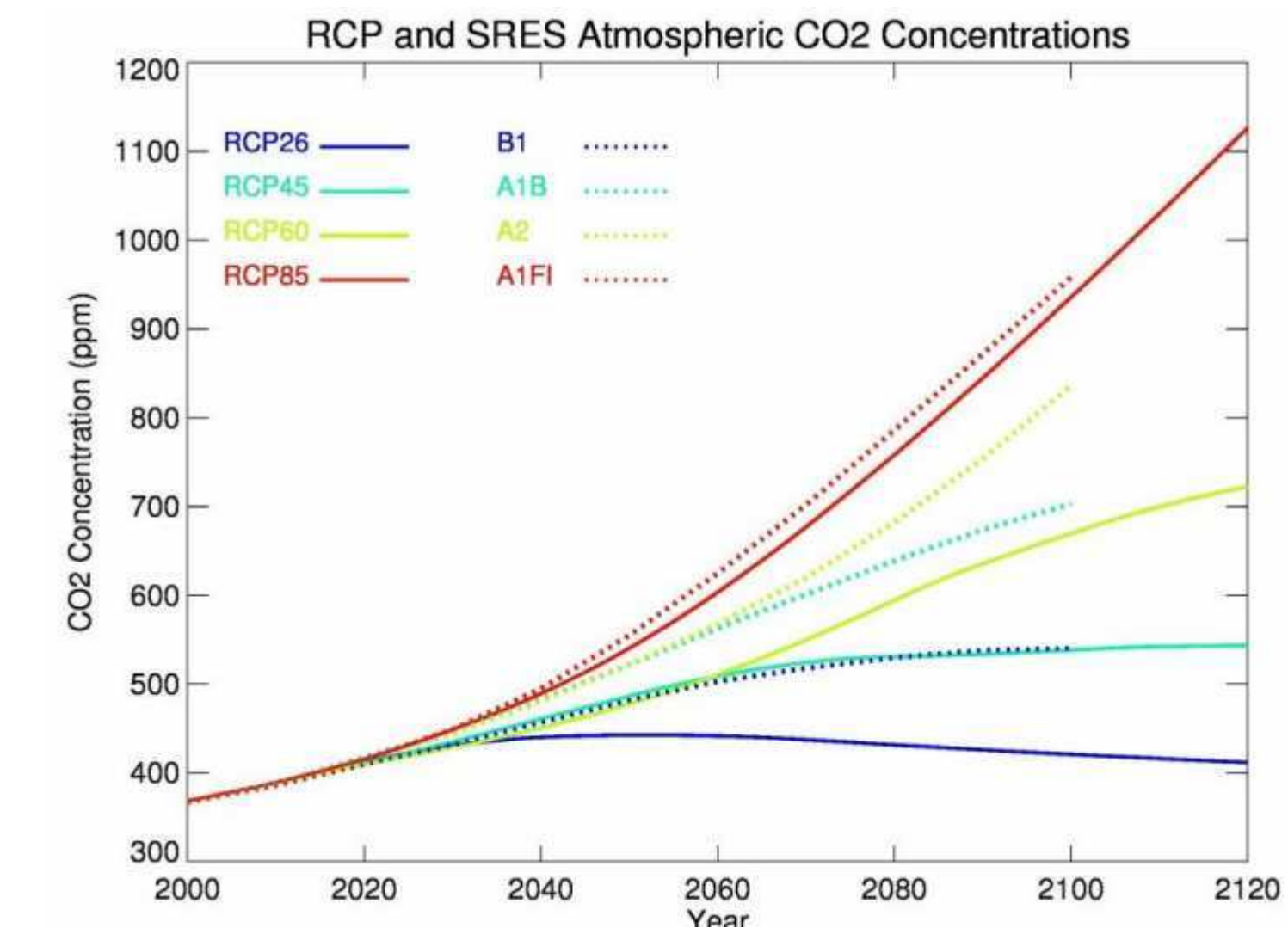


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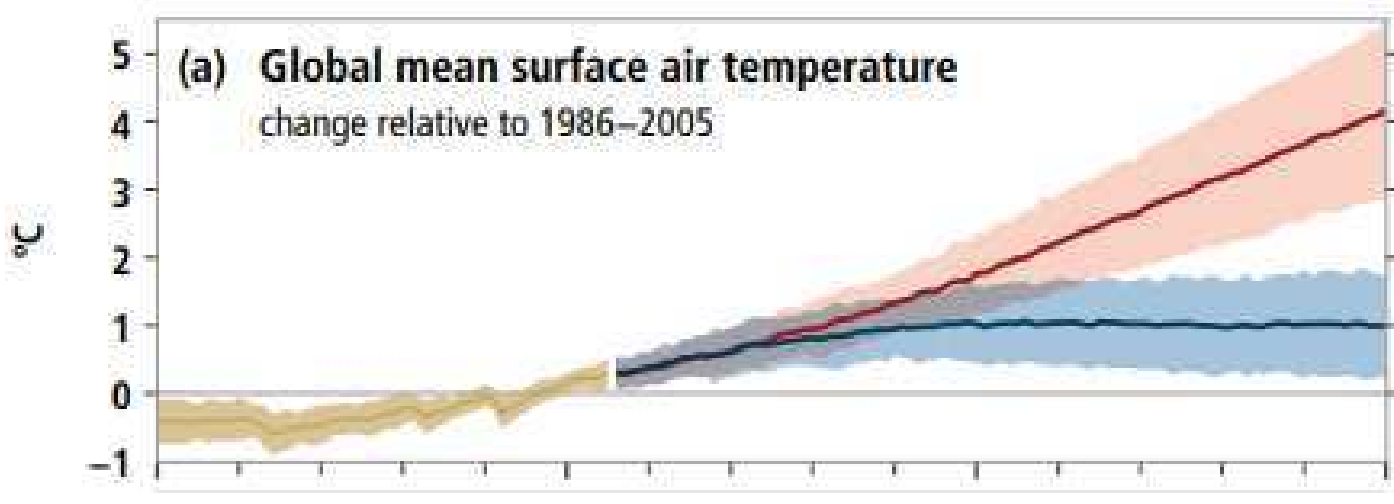


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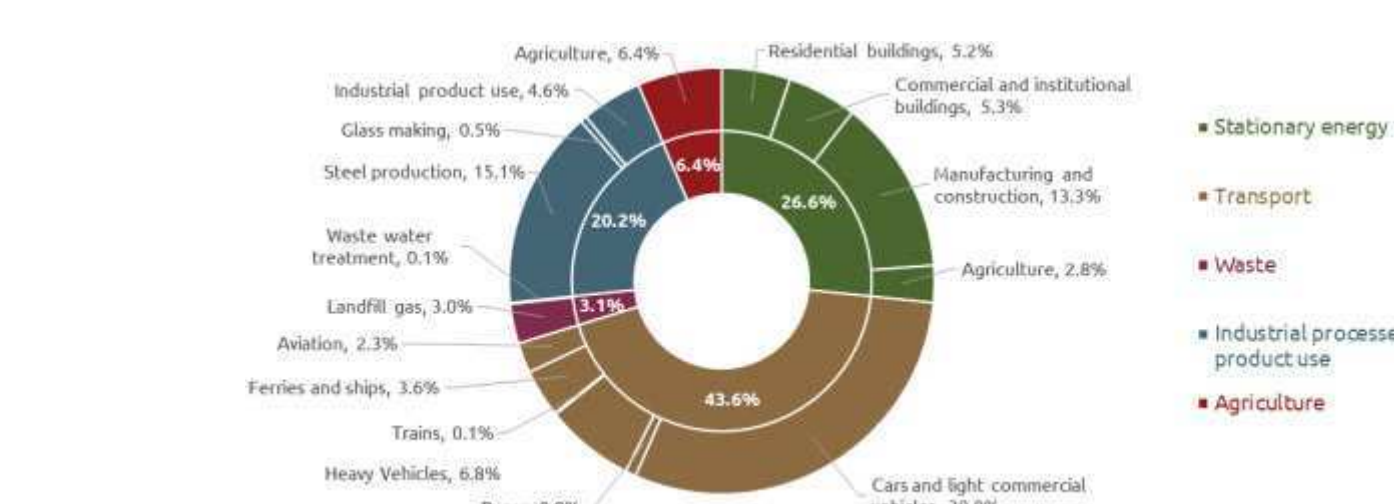


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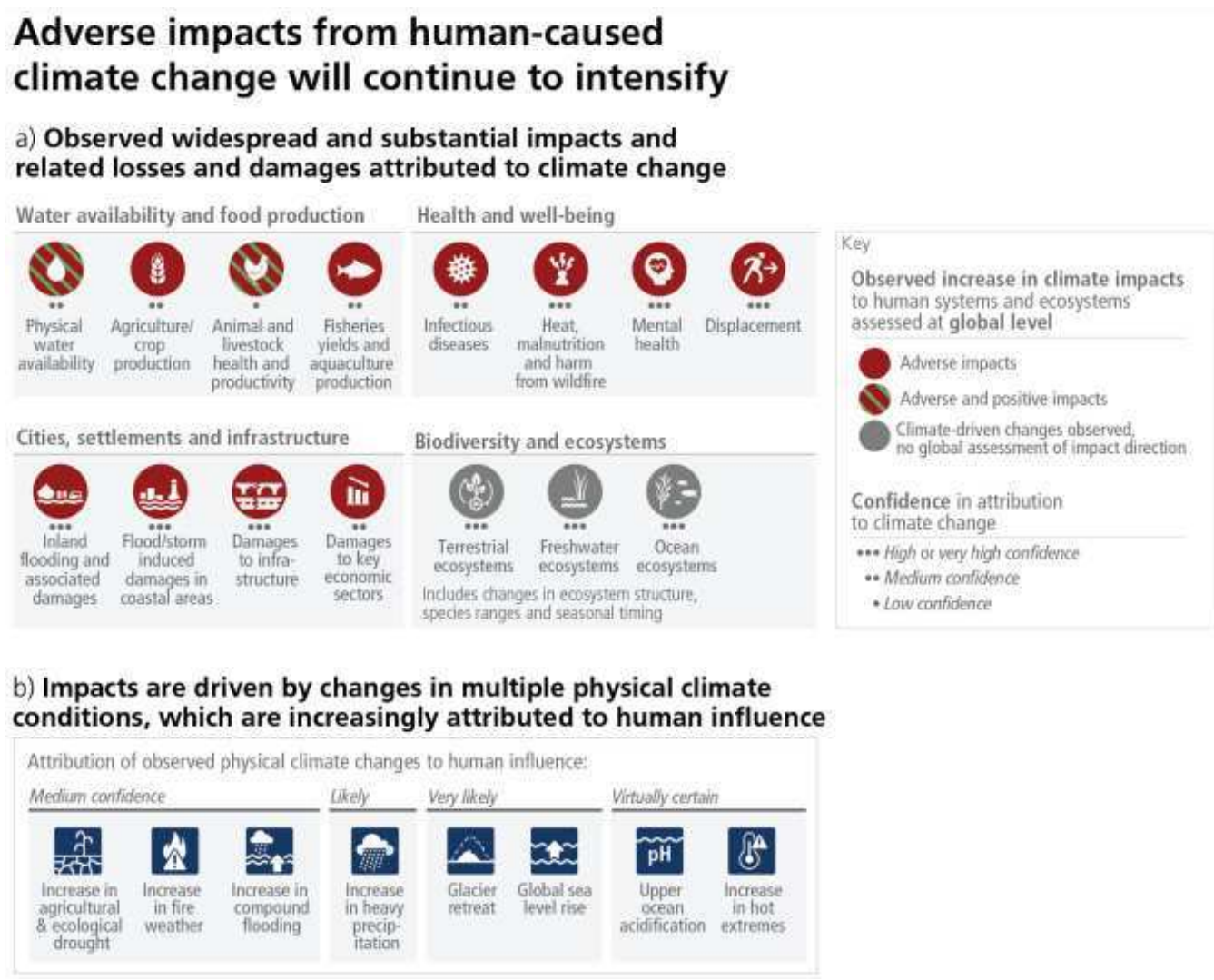


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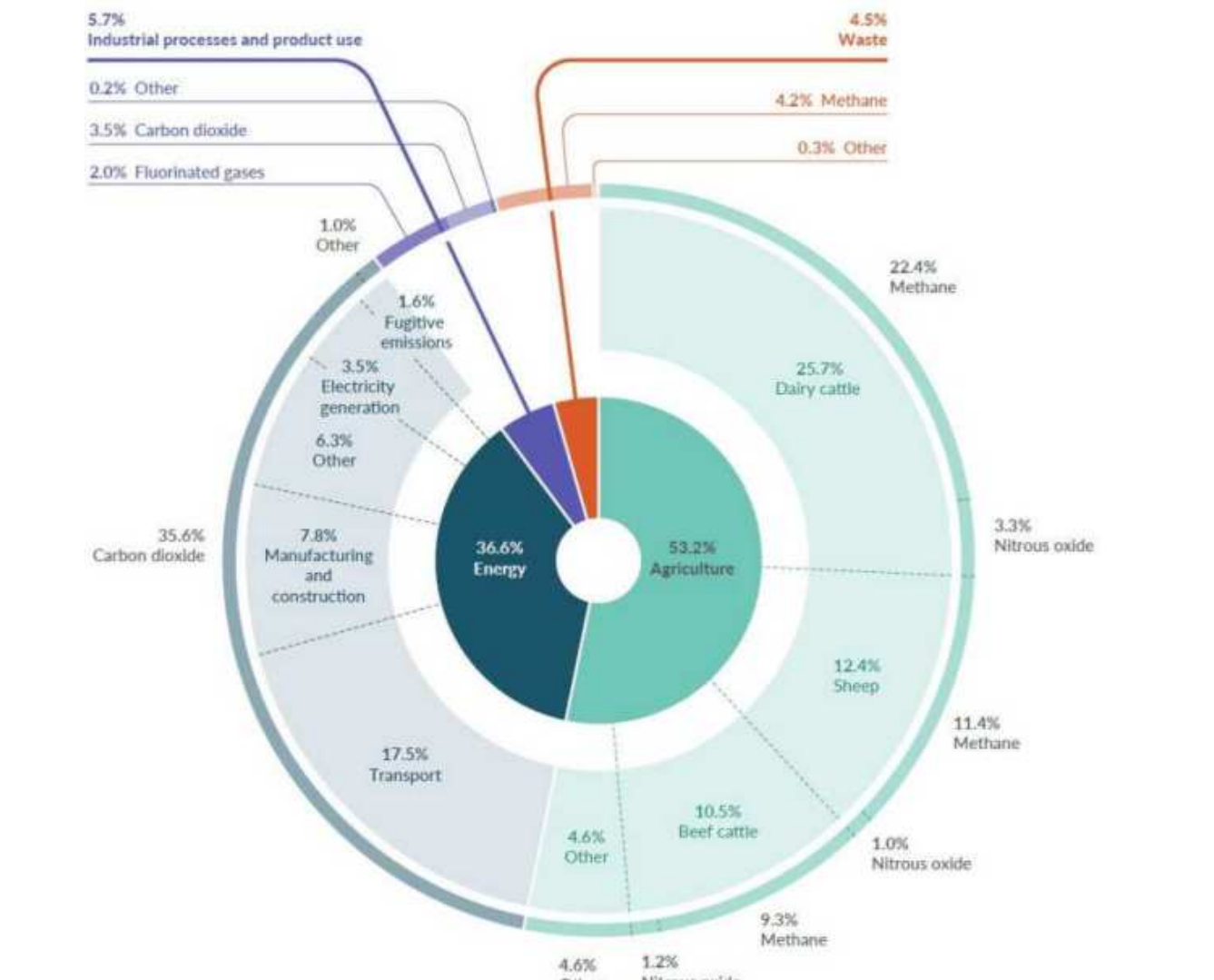


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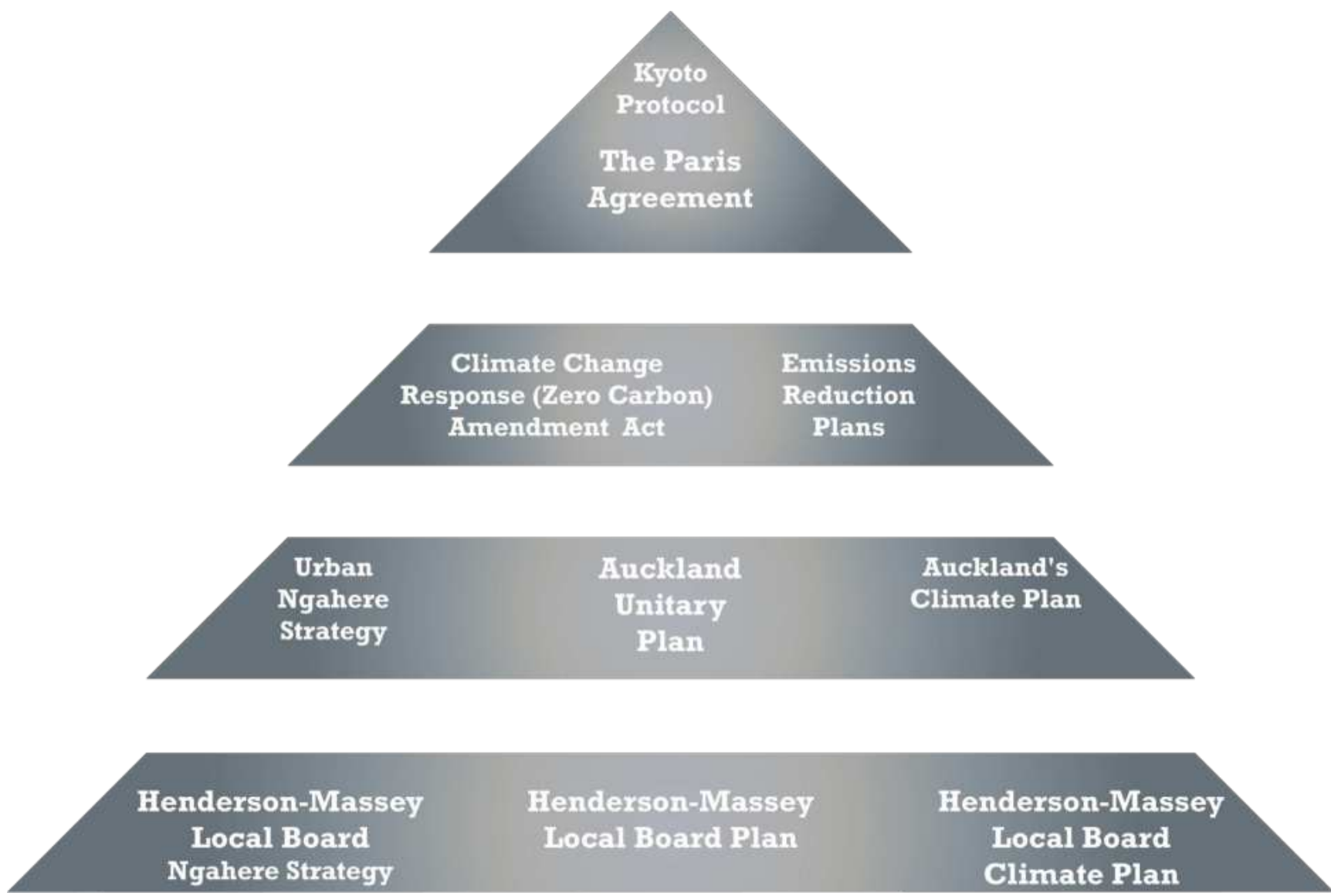


Figure 6: Legal & Political Context

### Community Impacts:

**Auckland flooding: Residents in city's west hit again in as streams and creeks burst banks**

**In pictures: Widespread flooding as Auckland hit with heavy rain**

**Floods in west raised infrastructure questions**

**Homeless flood victims plead for urgent Govt help to retreat from devastated houses**

**Auckland floods: Rānui hit hard - homes red and yellow stickered**

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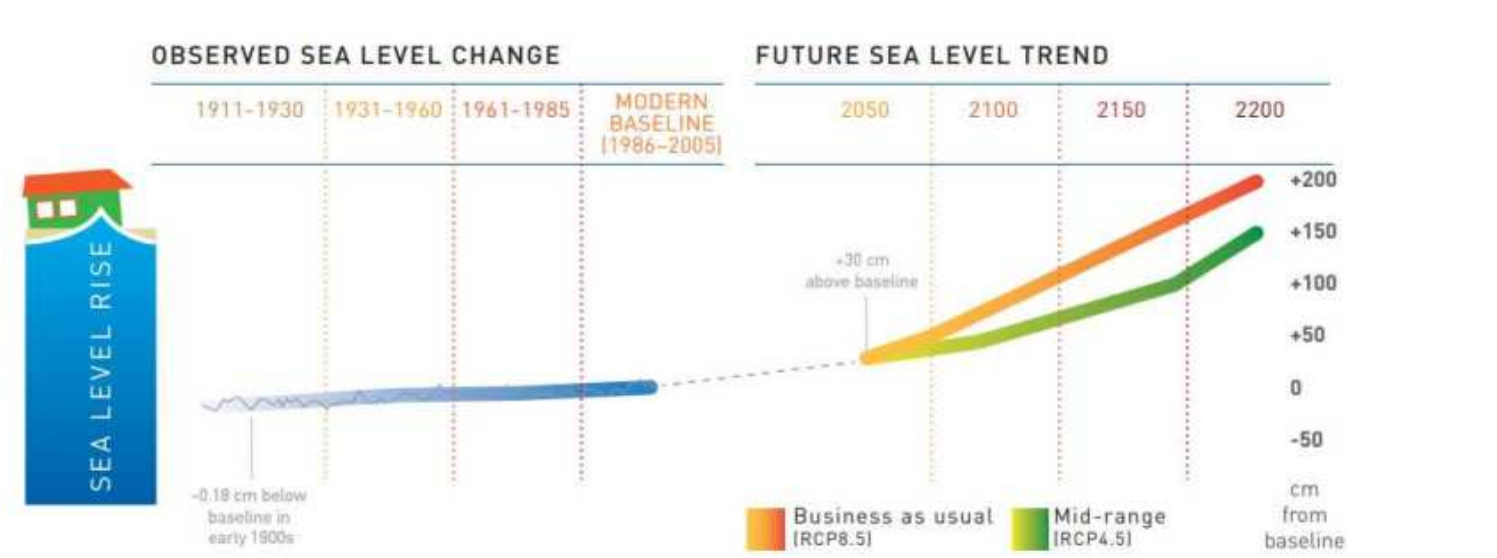


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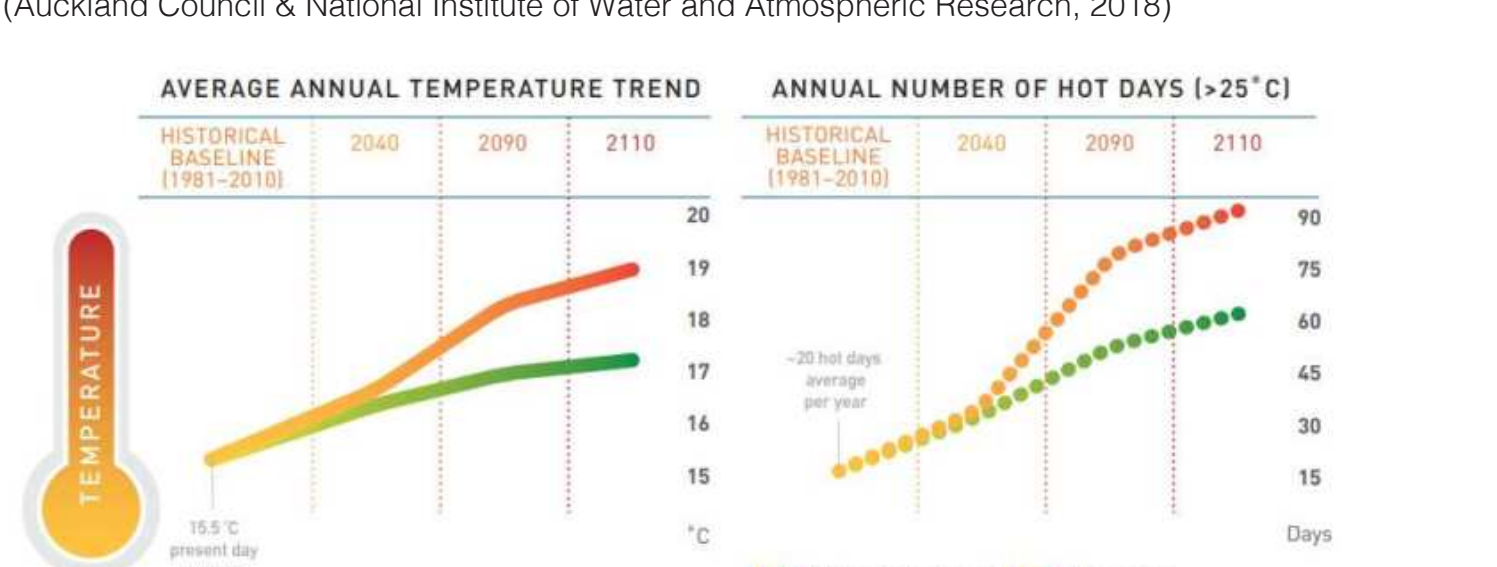


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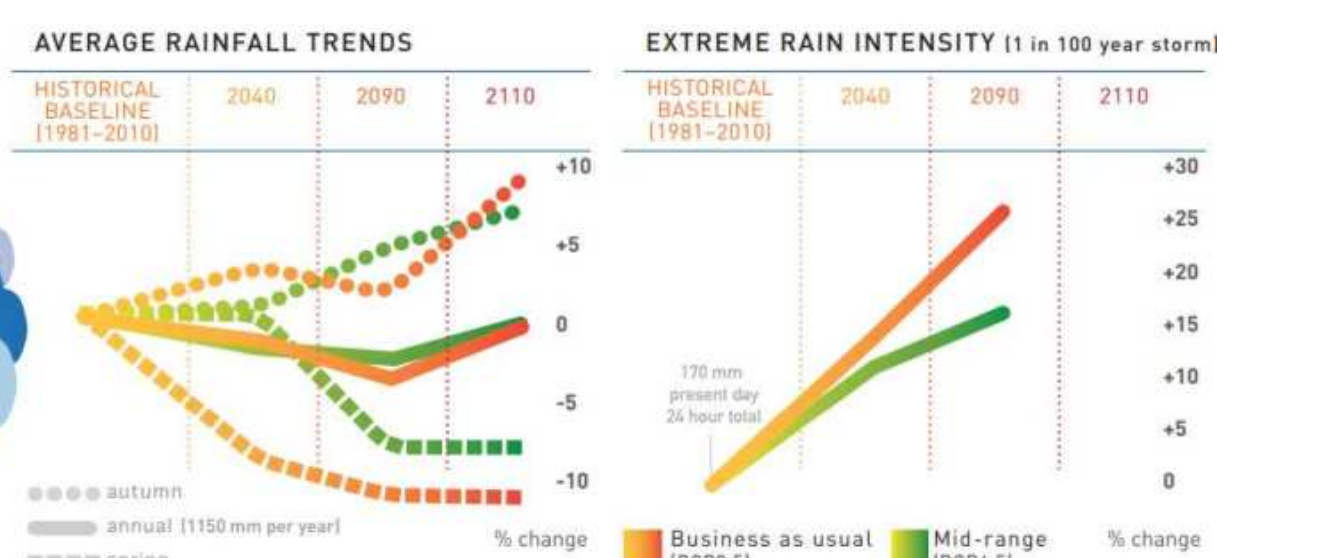


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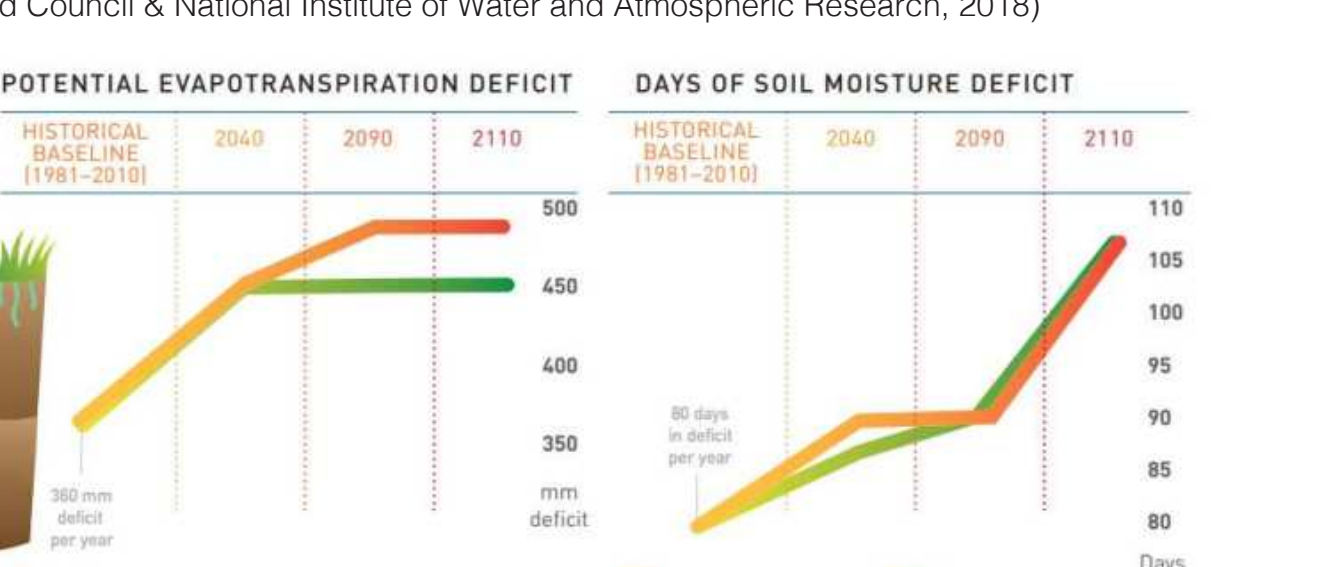


Figure 11: NIWA Projection for Soil Moisture in Auckland (Auckland Council & National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research, 2018)

**Existing Adaptation and Mitigation Measures**

Current mitigation strategies include emissions reductions addressed at the national level by an emissions trading cap and trade scheme, and at the regional level through transportation mode shift, decarbonisation and the integration of land use and transport through transit-oriented developments. Current adaptation measures include an ongoing urban-ngāhere programme and potential stormwater system upgrades in Te Atatu Peninsula and Henderson.



Figure 7: Development Pattern (Auckland Council, n.d.-a)

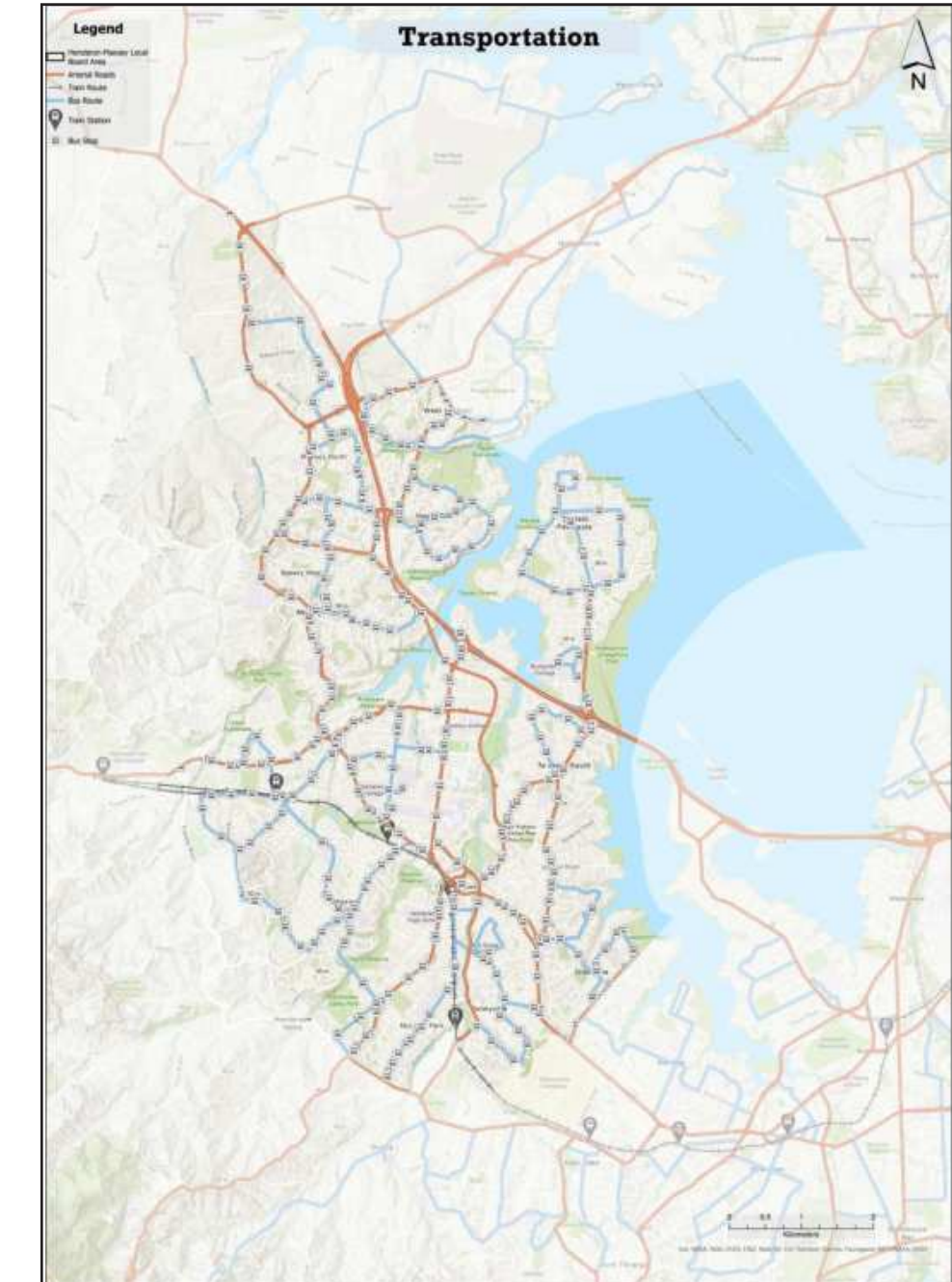


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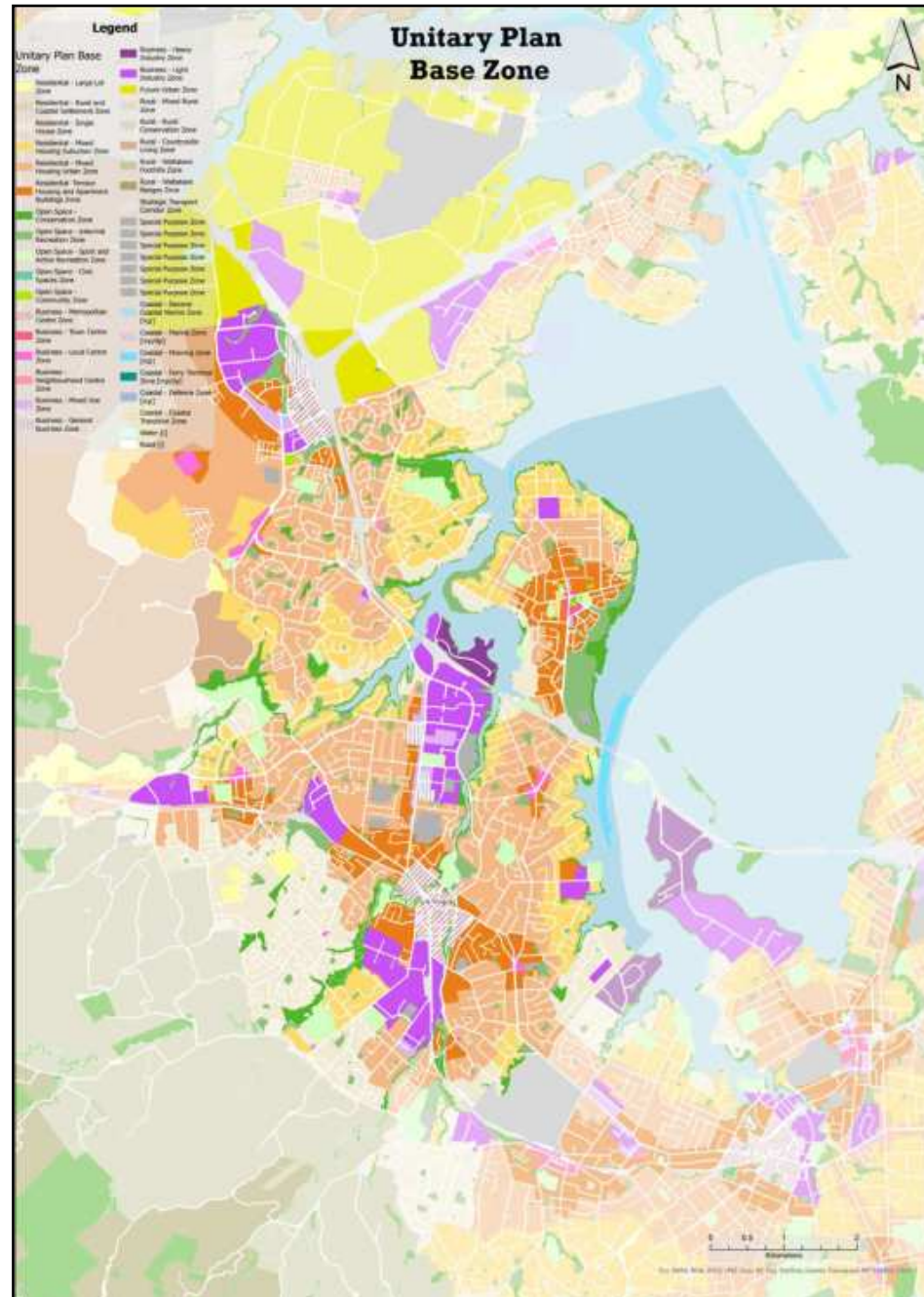


Figure 19: Unitary Plan Base Zones

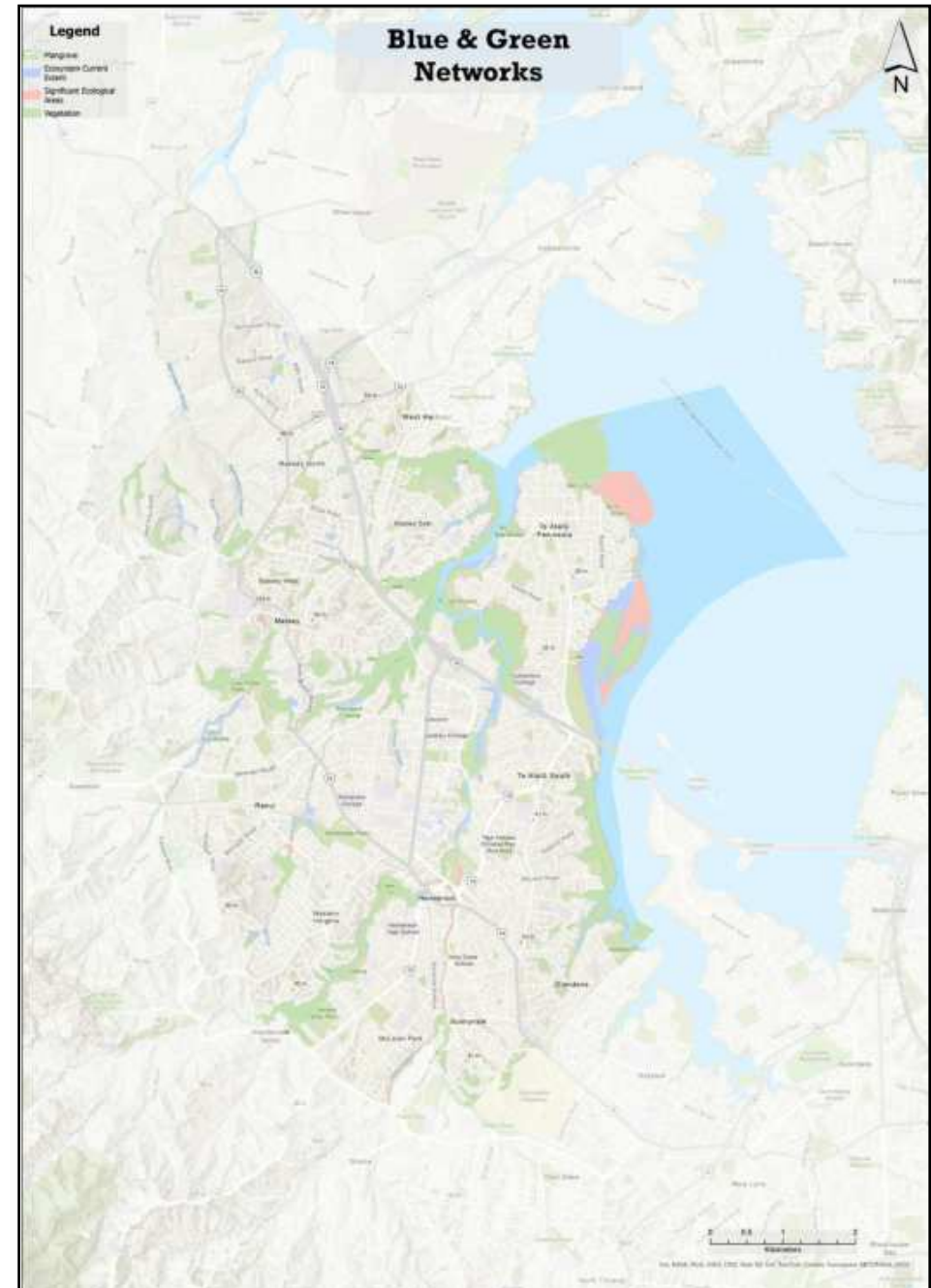


Figure 20: Blue & Green Networks

**Weather Patterns**

Projections illustrate that rainfall will become more intense and less frequent, with more frequent drought, reducing soil moisture, and increasing risk of flooding from extreme rain events, coupled with sea level rise and Auckland's coastal nature, climate change impacts will be severe for Auckland. (Auckland Council & National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research, 2018)

**Future Development**

National level policies such as the National Policy Statement on Urban Development and the Medium-Density Residential Standard that aim to intensify existing urban areas, curtailing sprawl, and encourage mode shift and a compact urban form have been passed by central government and will be implemented by Auckland Council through plan change 78. The proposed changes will significantly increase the density in the walkable catchment area of the Henderson Train Station.

**Demographics Summary**

Henderson-Massey is a rapidly growing urban center projected to contain 160,000 residents by 2018. The area contains a higher than average proportion of Maori and Pasifika, and less than average population of Pakeha. The income of residents are on average lower than wider Auckland. The majority of residents travel to work and school by private vehicles, on average higher than wider Auckland.

**Transportation**

The area is served by State Highway 16, the Western Line, and a variety of bus routes. With infrequent service, service unreliability, and frequent infrastructure damage, the area is rather poorly served by transit, as evidenced in the higher than average proportion of car ridership. The City Rail Link and associated Rail Network Rebuild promise to reduce travel times to the CBD, whilst doubling frequencies and providing cross-town routes. Coupled with upzoning near Henderson Train Station's walkable catchment area, the area is sure to see intensification.

## PESTEL & Casual Loop

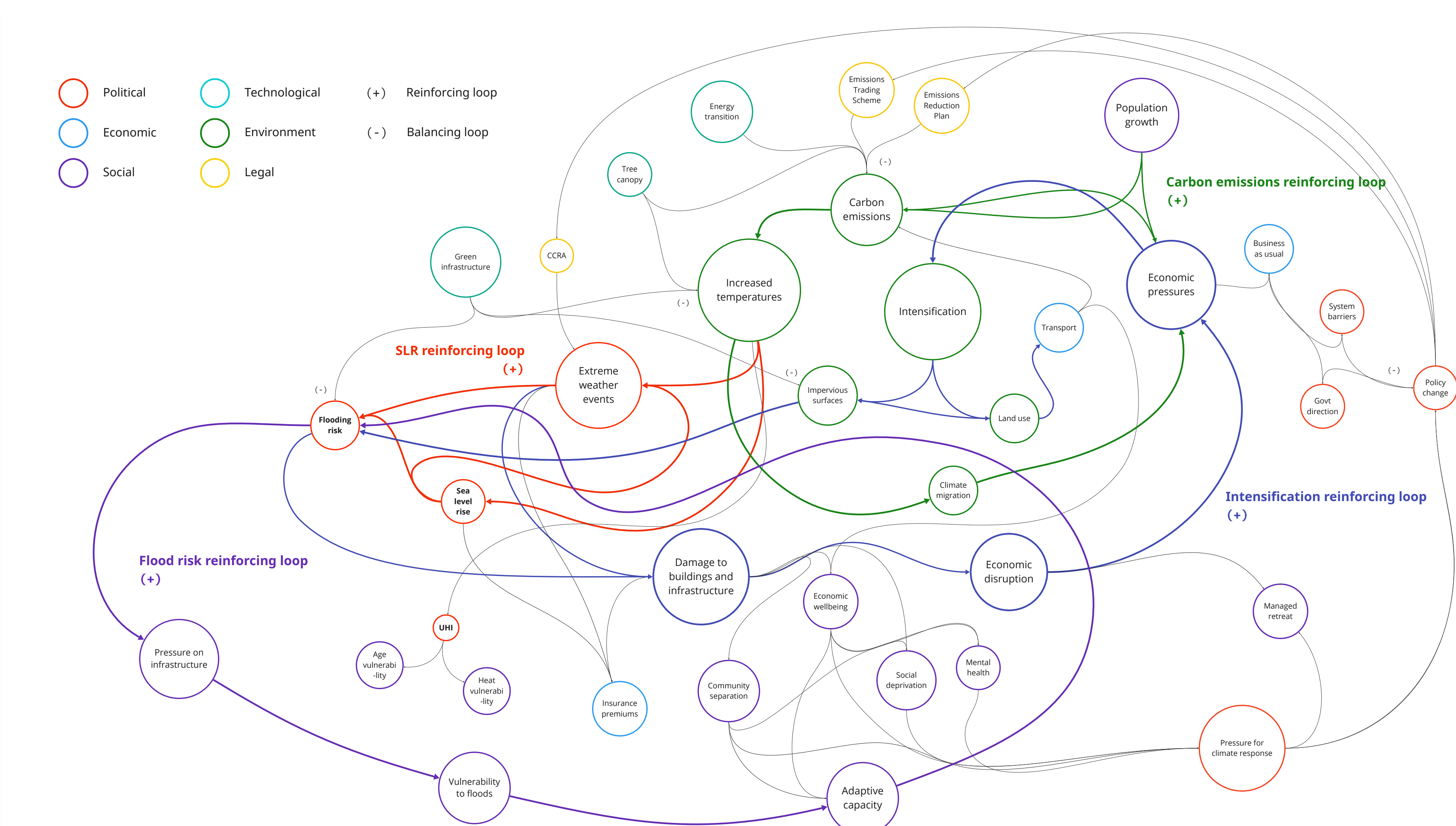


Figure 21: PESTEL & Casual Loop

| Political                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Economic                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Social                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| System barriers<br>Short political cycles<br>Frequent political change<br>Central government direction<br>Economy vs environment prioritisation<br>Intensification vs greenfield development<br><br>Opposition to climate spending<br>Lack of funding<br>Resistance to increased rates<br>Lack of appetite for reform | Insurance<br>Property damage<br>Infrastructure damage<br>Climate spending<br>Managed retreat<br>Economic disruption<br>Profit incentive<br>Deregulation<br>Cost of emissions reduction<br>Emissions Trading Scheme                                                                                                                                               | Population growth<br>Migration<br>Climate refugees<br>Economic wellbeing<br>Social deprivation<br>Climate vulnerability<br>Adaptive capacity<br>Community infrastructure<br>Crime<br>Age vulnerability<br>Health<br>Mental health<br>Cultural values<br>Kaitiakitanga<br>Mana Whenua<br>Kai security<br>Access to employment<br>Access to amenities |
| Technological                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Environment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Legal                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Lack of data<br>Difficulty predicting climate change pathways and impacts<br>Energy:<br>Renewables<br>Reduced energy demand<br>Decentralised energy production<br>Electrification<br>Cooling technologies<br>Ecosystem services<br>Green infrastructure<br>Rain gardens<br>Green roofs<br>Bioswales<br>Wetlands       | GHG emissions<br>Ecosystem services<br>Biodiversity<br>Climate effects:<br>Increased temperatures<br>Flash flooding<br>Sea level rise<br>Urban heat island effect<br>Extreme rainfall<br>Biodiversity loss<br>Landslips<br>Erosion<br>Drought<br>Urban environment<br>Impervious surfaces<br>Tree canopy coverage<br>Biodiversity<br>Land use<br>Intensification | Pro development & intensification legislation:<br>RMA<br>Auckland Unitary Plan<br>NPS-UD<br>Pro environment, protection legislation:<br>Urban Ngāhere Strategy<br>Emissions Reduction Plan<br>Auckland Climate Plan<br>Zero Carbon Act<br>Climate Change Response Act<br>State of the Environment<br>NPS Biodiversity<br>NPS Freshwater             |



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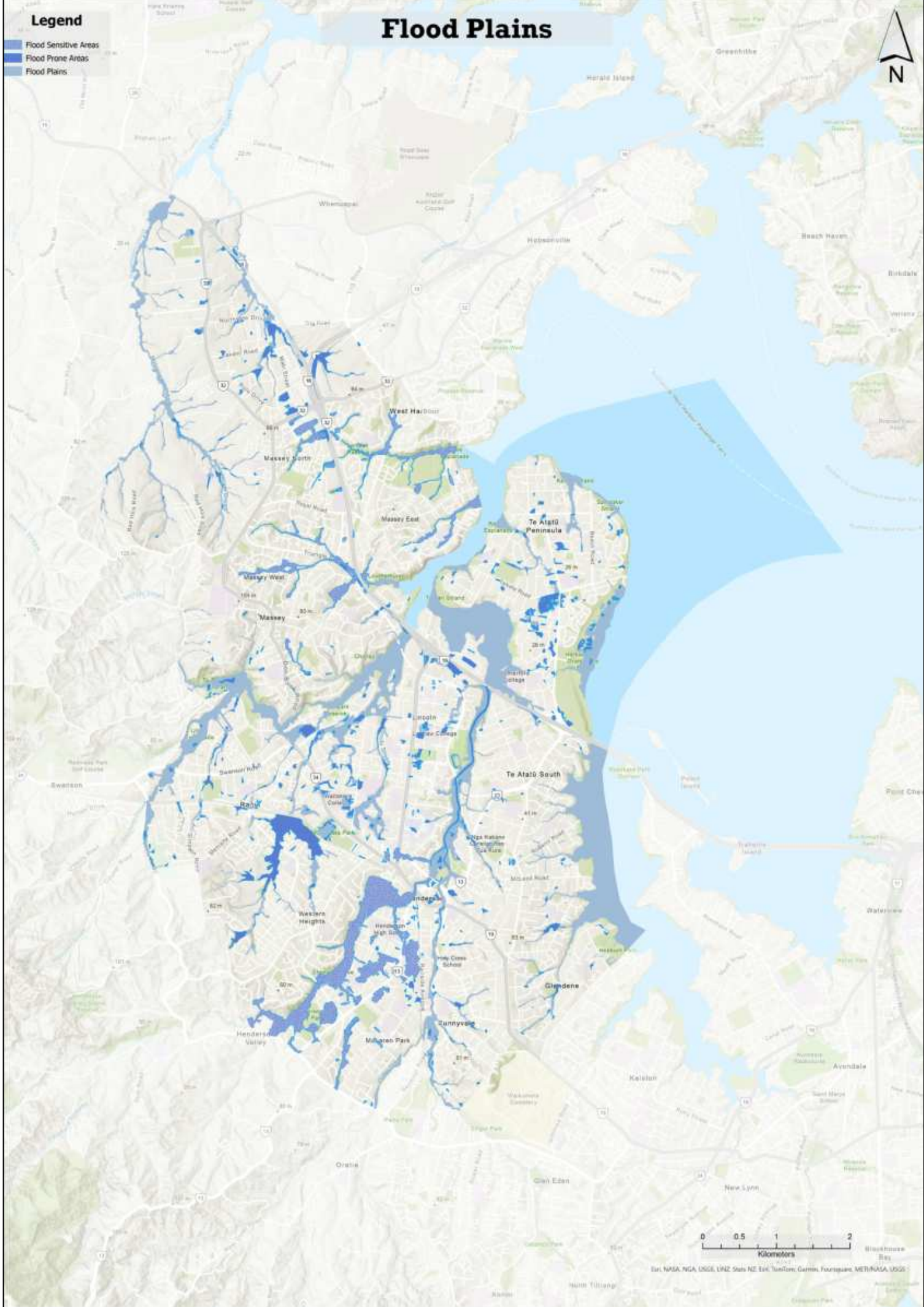


Figure 22: Flood Plains

Large parts of Henderson-Massey are flood prone. The majority of flood plains concentrate around river catchments. However large urban areas of Te Atatu, and Ranui are flood prone. Furthermore, a large area of Henderson, a vital community point is sensitive to flooding.

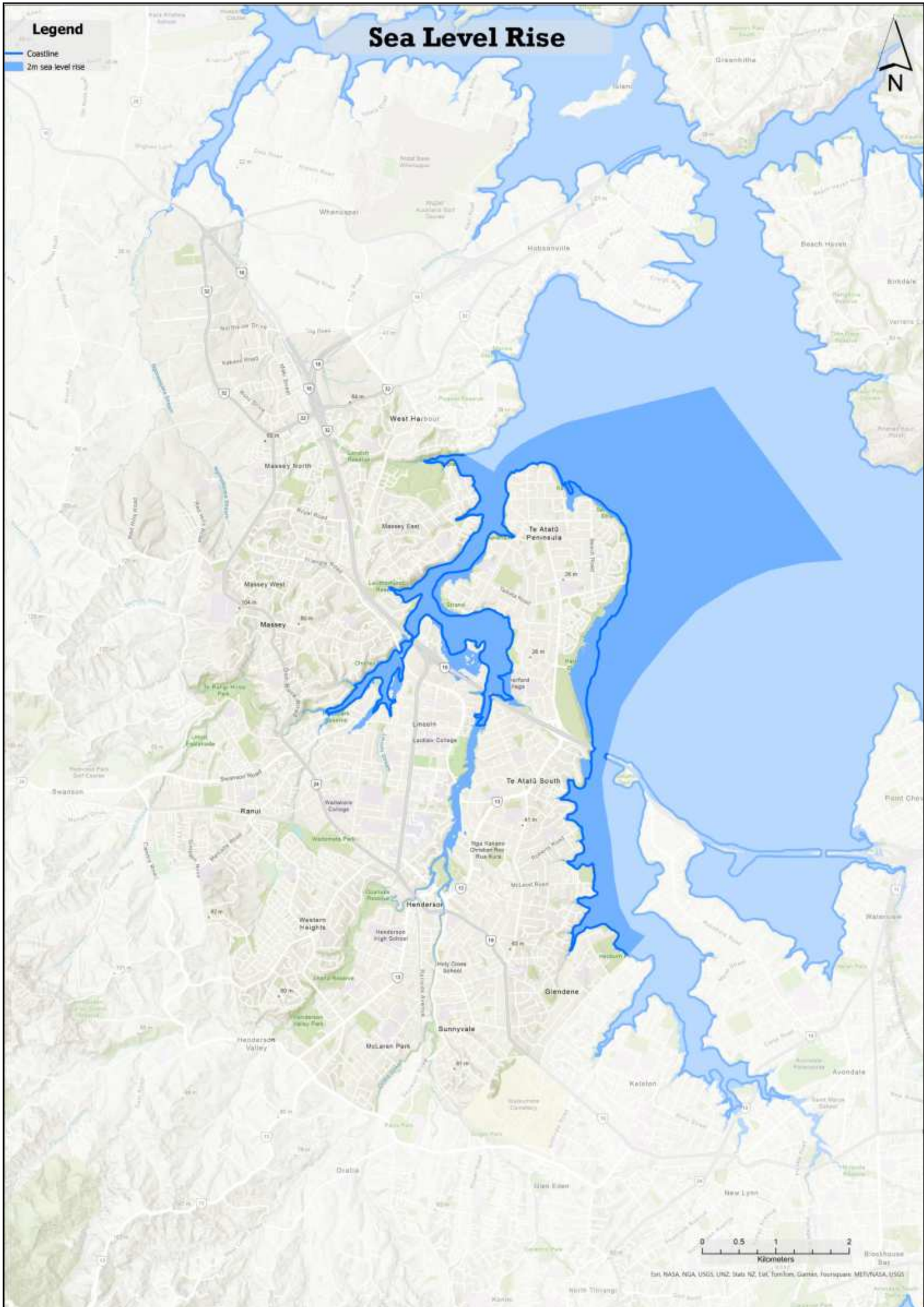


Figure 23: Projected Sea Level Rise

Projected sea level rise will inundate coastal areas. The large estuaries in Henderson-Massey mean that lots of in-land areas are also at risk from sea level rise. Furthermore, State Highway 16, a vital connection for the community is also at risk of inundation.

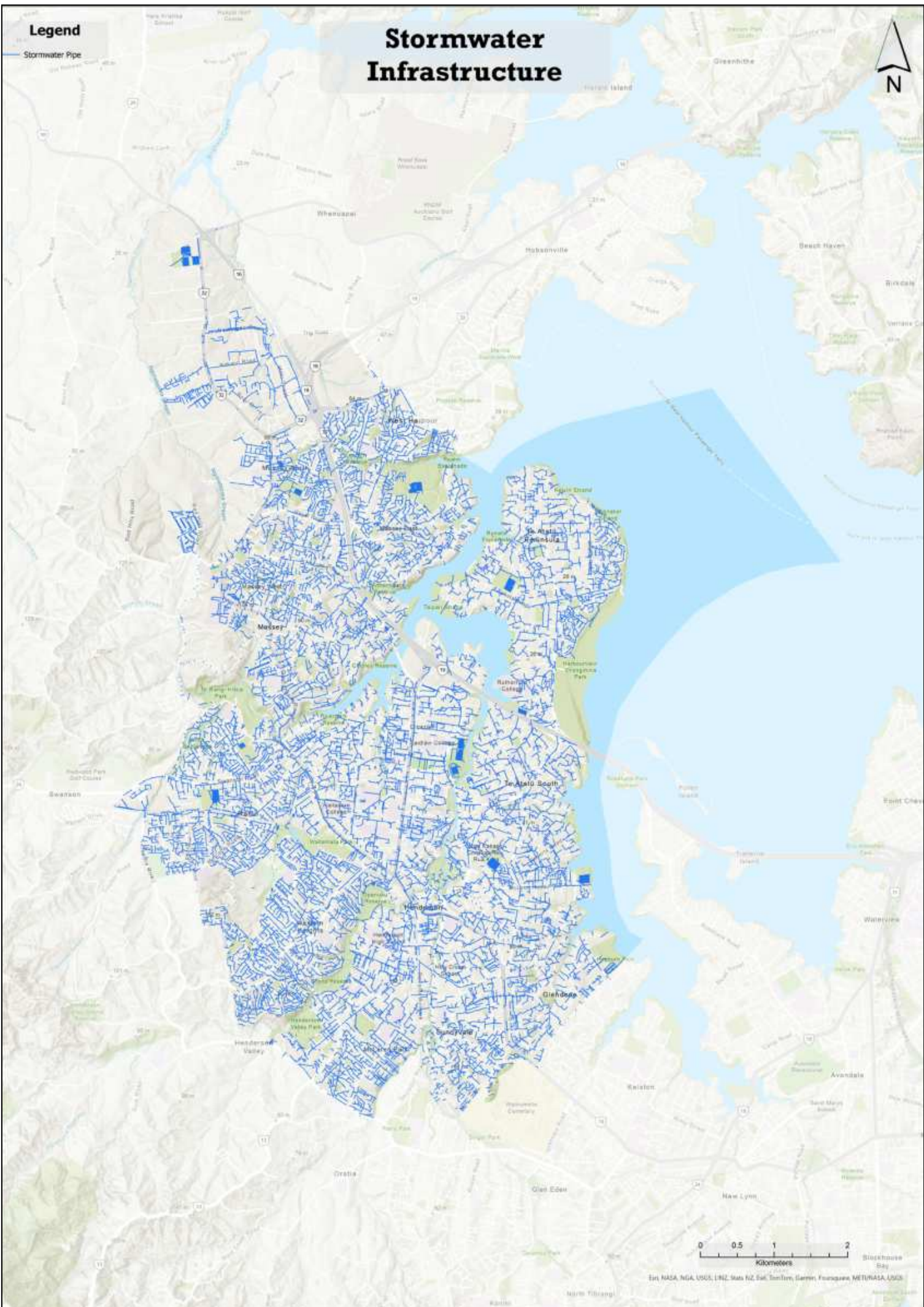


Figure 24: Stormwater Infrastructure

Henderson-Massey contains a multitude of stormwater pipes. As rainfall intensity increases the systems will be pushed past their limits. A current adaptation process by Auckland Council is underway to improve stormwater management in the Te Atatu Peninsula. (Auckland Council, n.d.-b)

## Extreme Heat

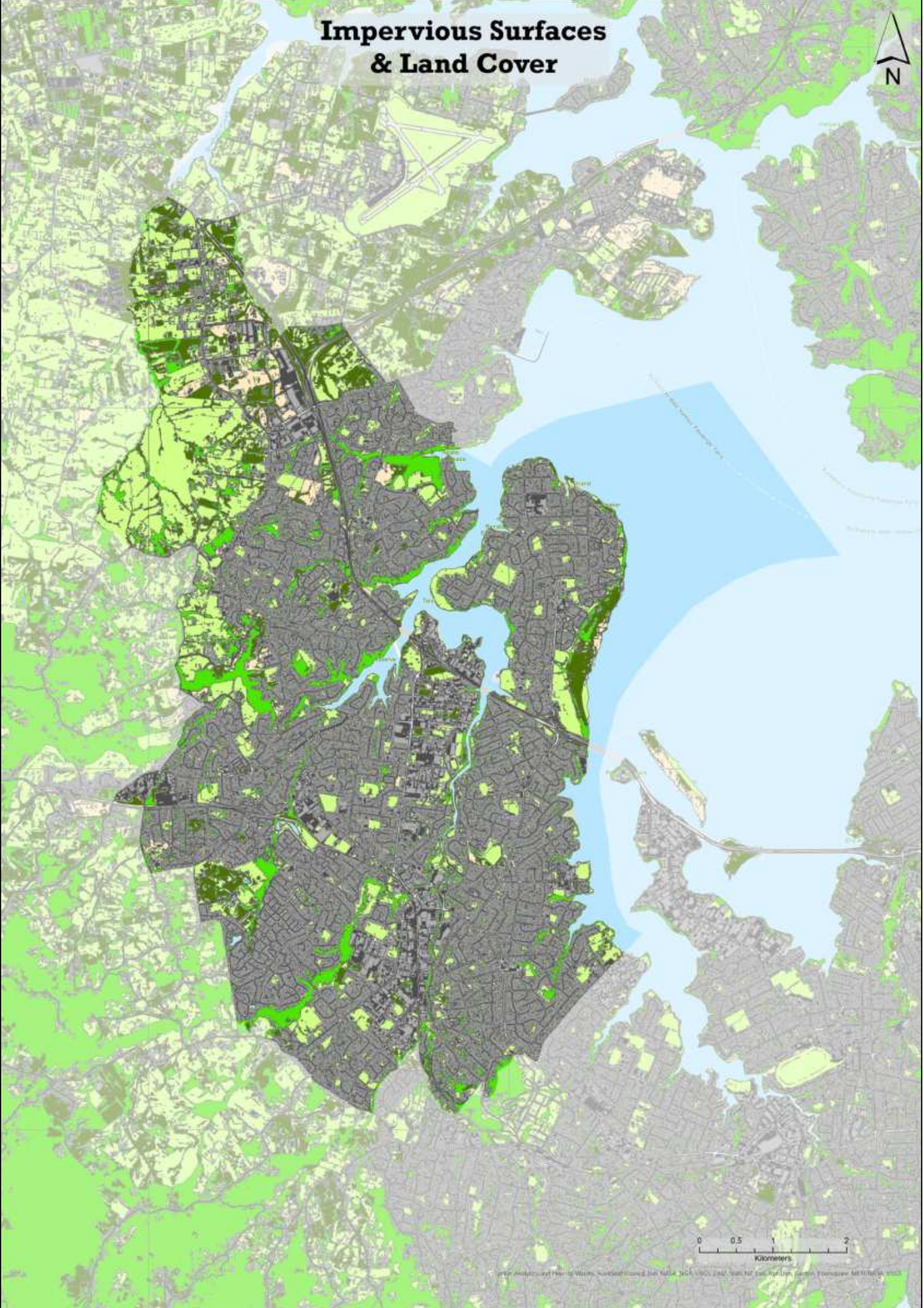


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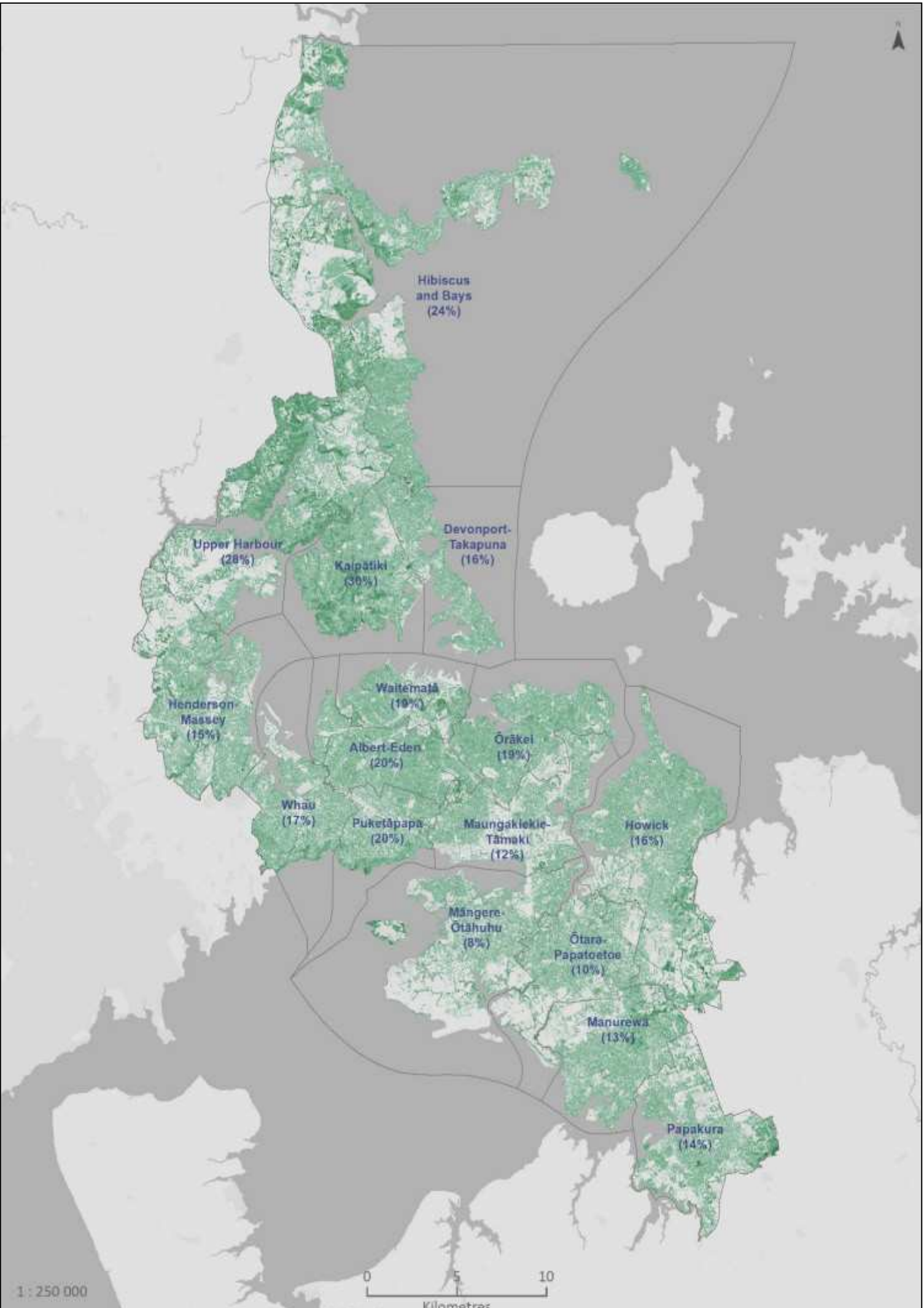


Figure 26: Tree Canopy Cover (Auckland Council, 2021)

The tree canopy of Henderson-Massey is 15%, the minimum set out by the Auckland urban ngahere plan. An ongoing adaptation project by the local board aims to improve the tree canopy cover of the area to 30% by 2050. (Henederson-Massey Local Board, 2022)

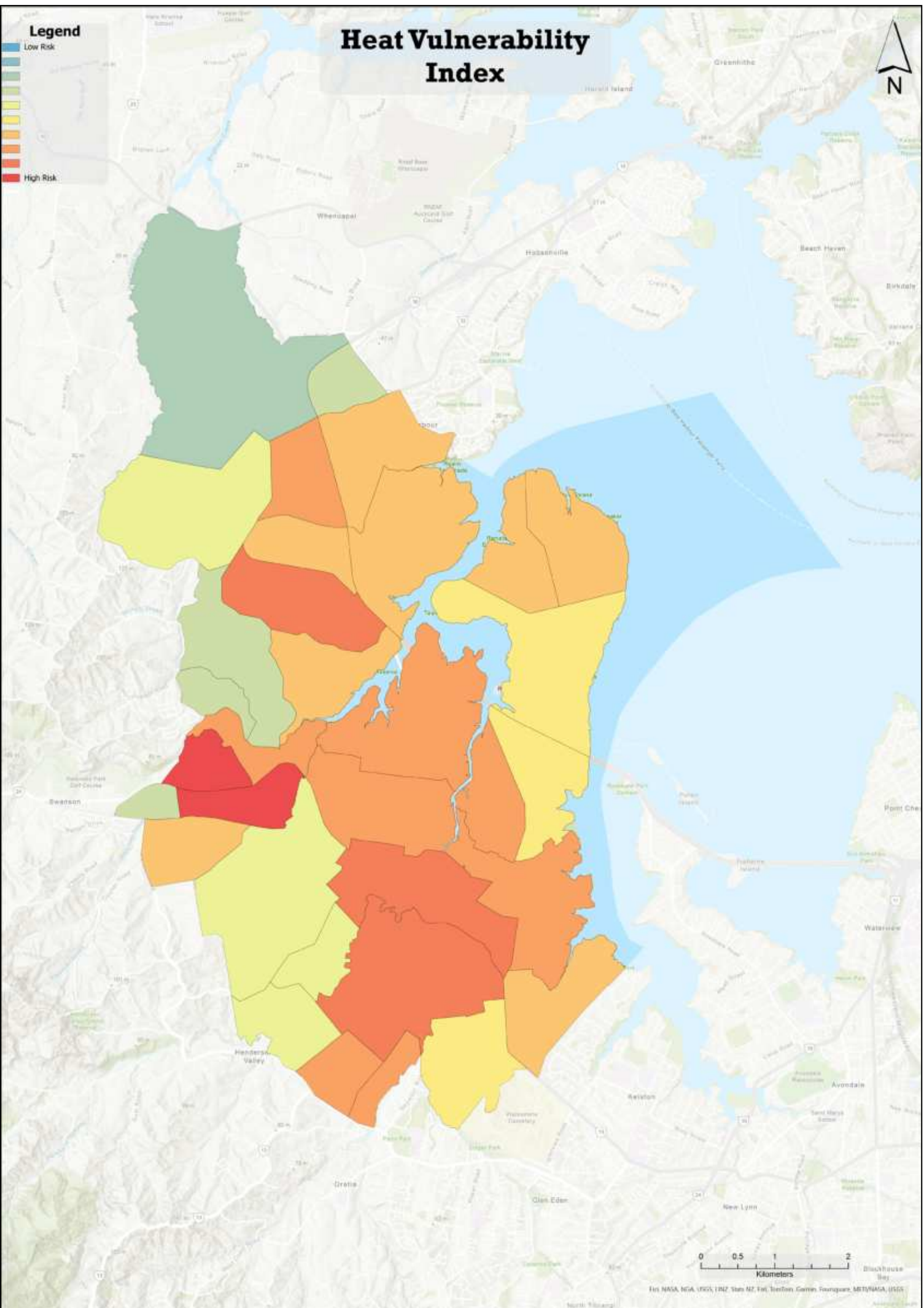


Figure 27: Heat Vulnerability Index (Auckland Council, 2019)

The heat vulnerability index takes into account multiple variables, including access to greenspace, ethnicity, burden rent, age, rental tenure, deprivation and more. Henderson-Massey contains an areas of very high vulnerability, and most areas are relatively vulnerable. (Auckland Council, 2019)

## Vulnerability

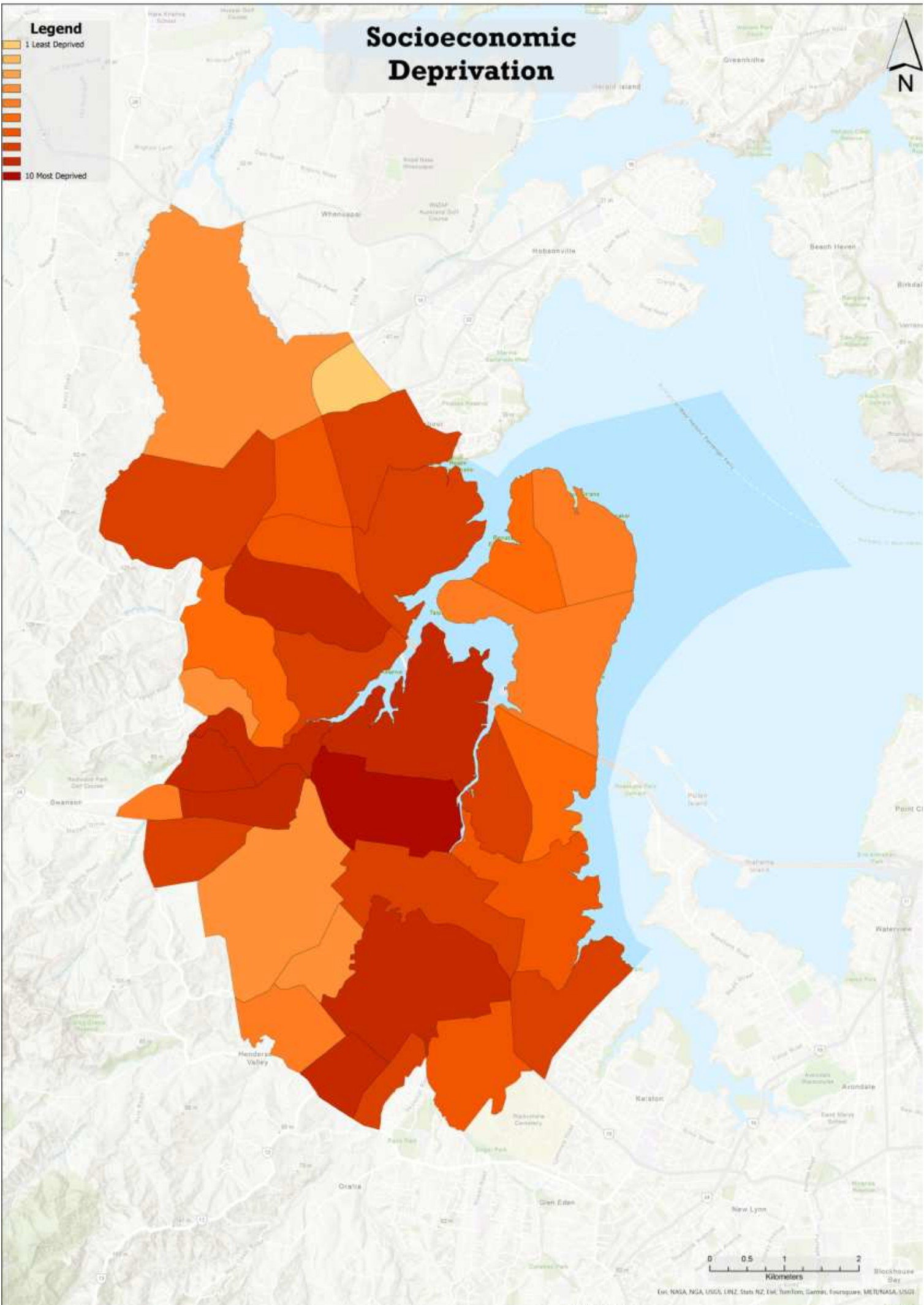


Figure 28: Socioeconomic Deprivation (University of Otago, 2018)

The New Zealand Deprivation Index 2018 illustrates that large areas of socioeconomic deprivation are highly deprived. Socioeconomic deprivation is a key factor in vulnerability to climate change impacts. (Environmental Health Intelligence New Zealand, n.d.)

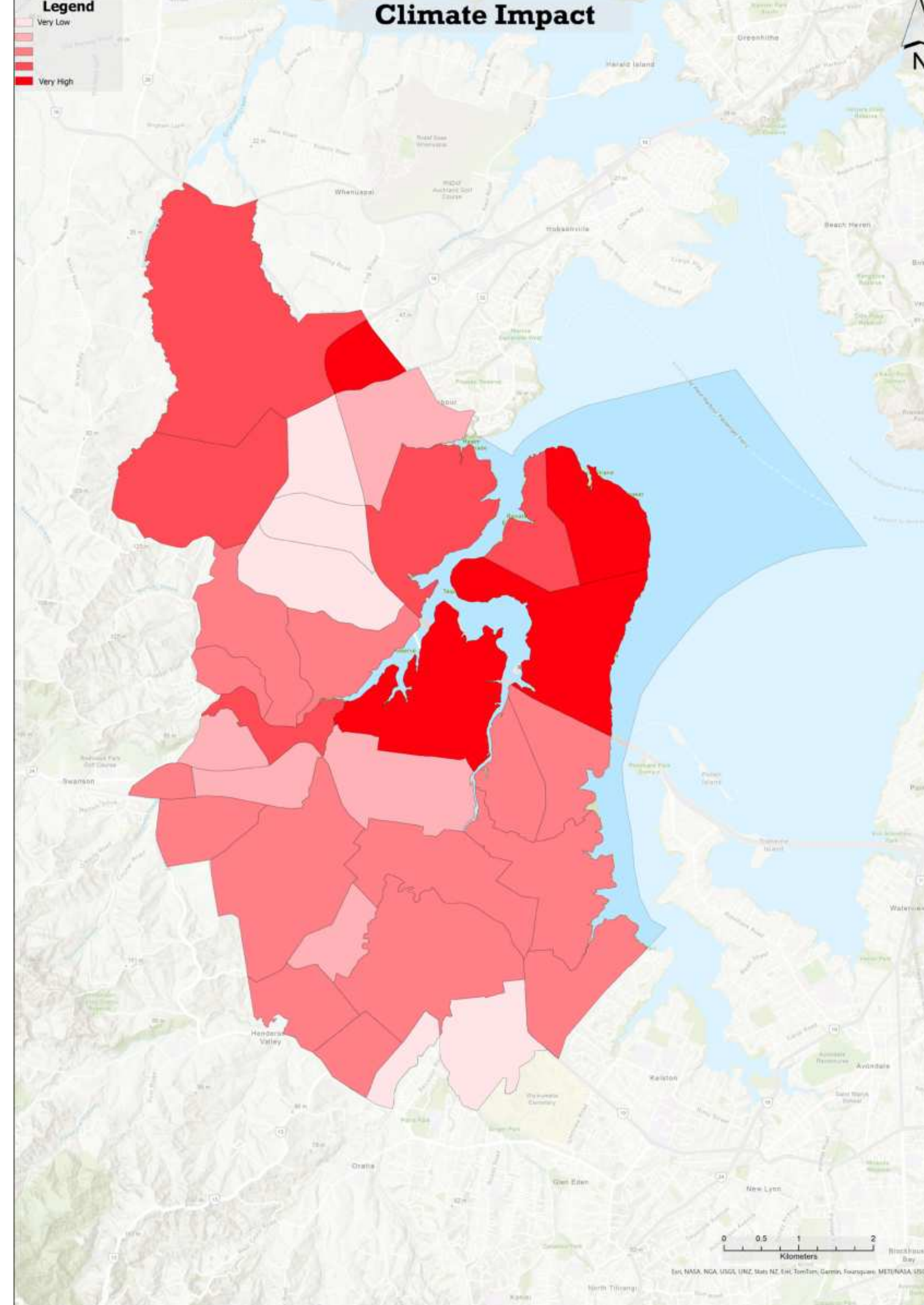


Figure 29: Climate Impact (Vulnerability & Sensitivity) (Henderson-Massey Local Board, 2020)

Te Atatu Peninsula is projected to have very high climate impacts. The majority of the local board area is likely to have medium impact, with few areas of low impact.

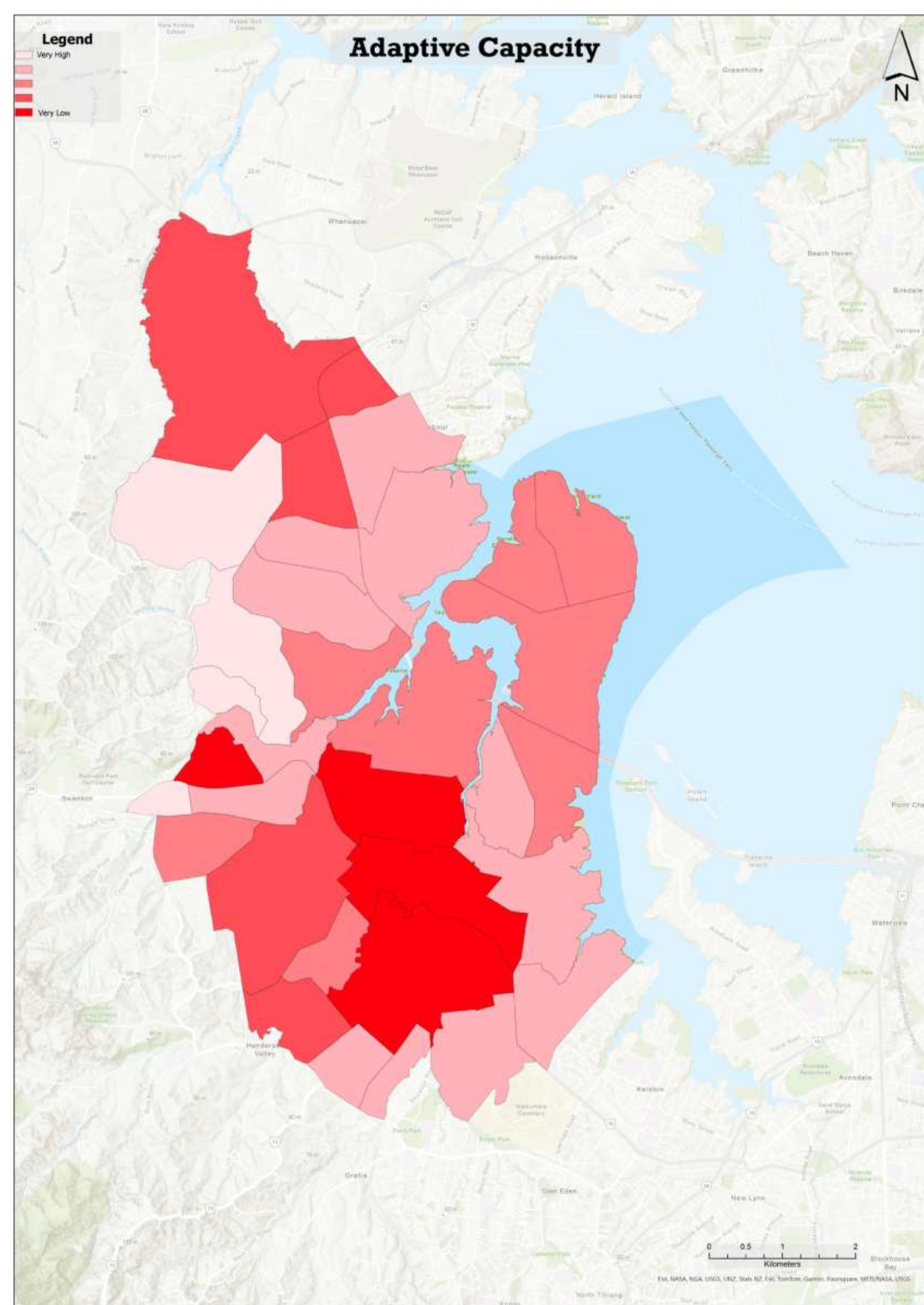


Figure 30: Adaptive Capacity (Henderson-Massey Local Board, 2020)

Adaptive Capacity measures how well a population can respond to climate impacts. Adaptive Capacity is a key factor in assessing vulnerability. The western portions of the local board area have very little adaptive capacity, increasing vulnerability. (Henderson-Massey Local Board, 2020)



# Problem Statement

# Stakeholders



# Risk Assessment

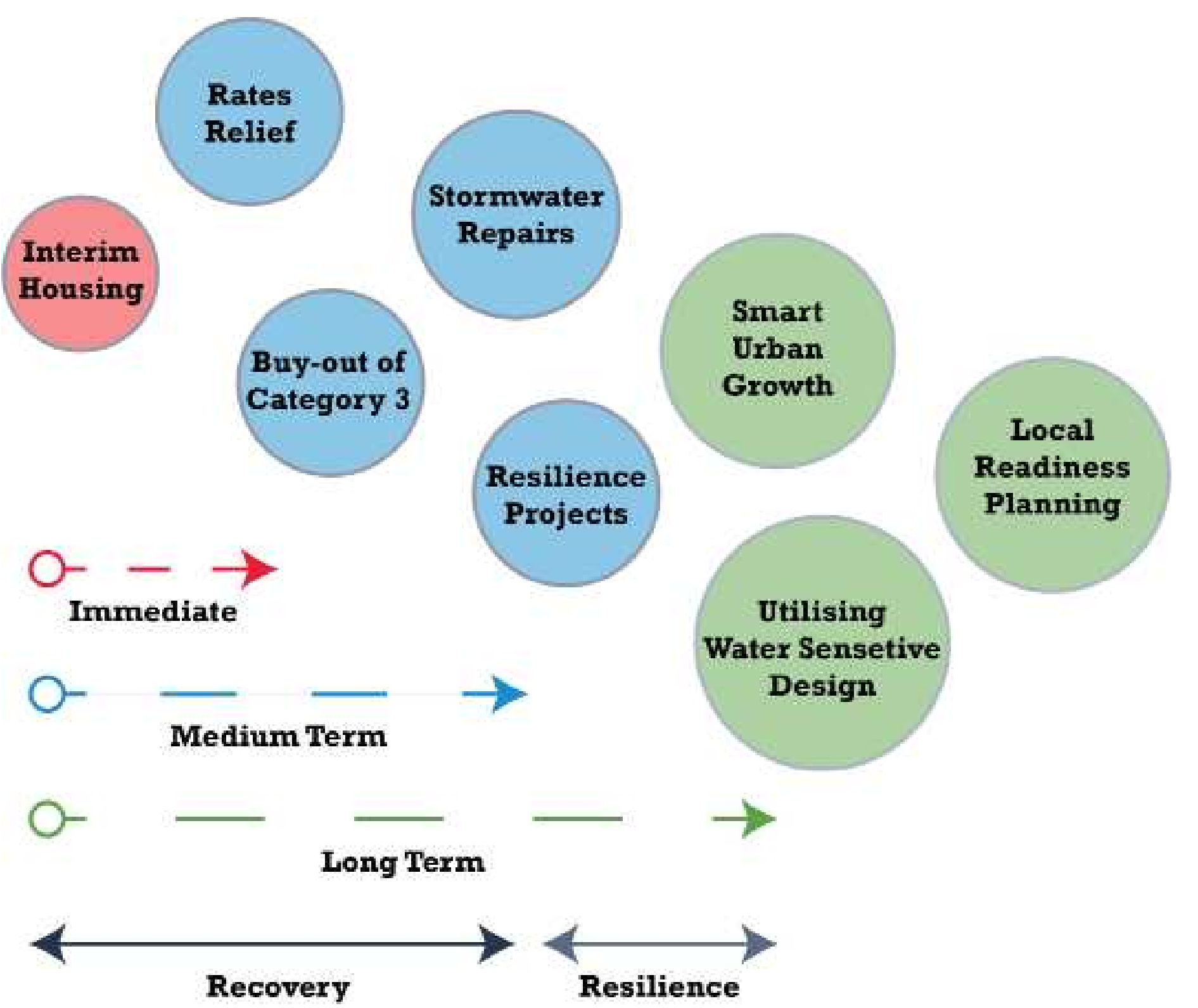


Figure 34: Auckland Recovery Plan (Auckland Council, 2024)

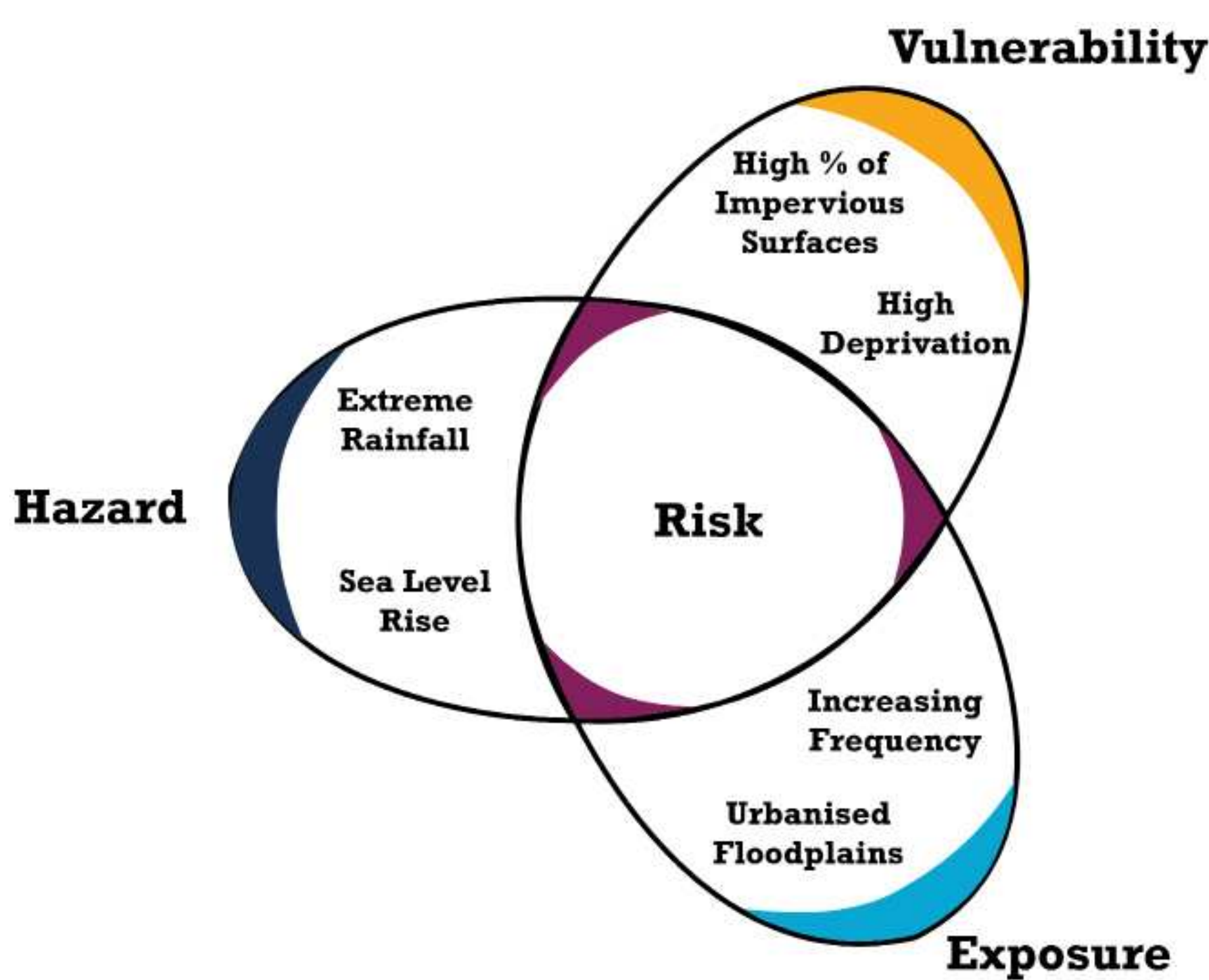


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## Flooding History

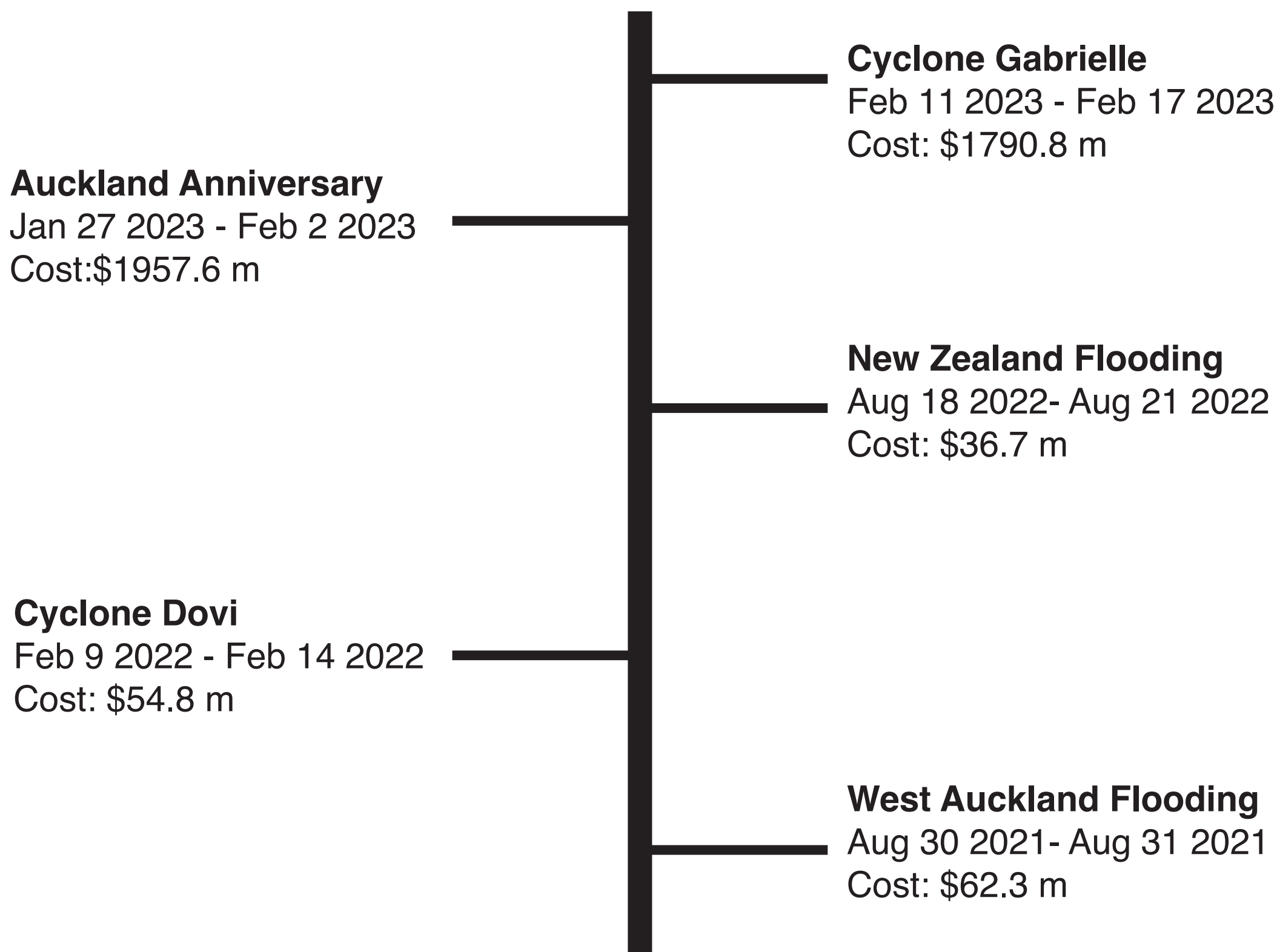


Figure 36: Flooding History (ICNZ, n.d)

# Cyclone Gabrielle Impacts

Results gathered from the impacts of Cyclone Gabrielle showcase the displacement of over 10,500 people, the destruction of 469 uninhabitable homes, and nearly 2,500 effectively unusable homes, with estimated economic costs ranging from \$9 billion to \$14.5 billion.



Figure 37: Cyclone Gabrielle impacts (RNZ, 2024)

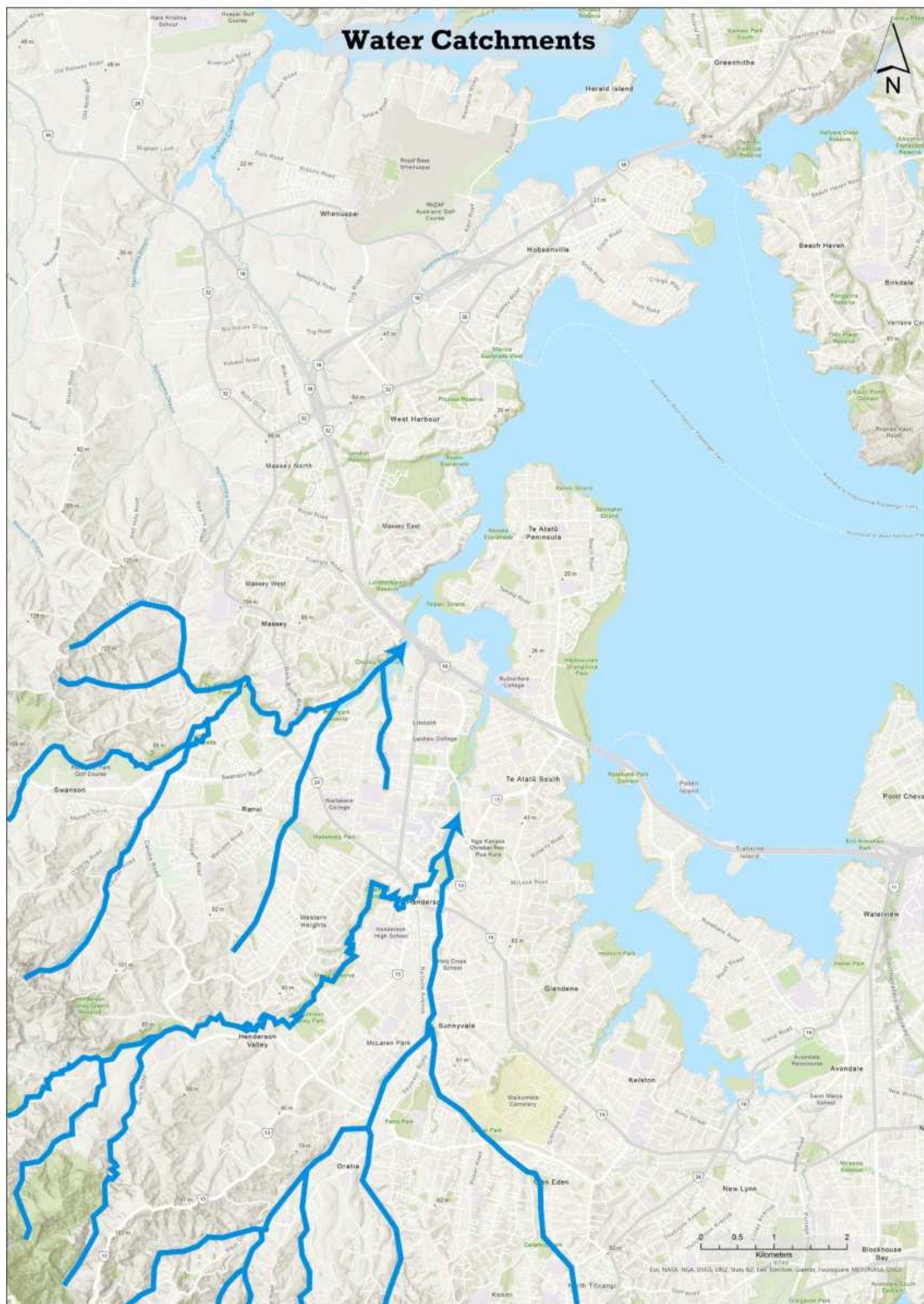


Figure 31: Catchments

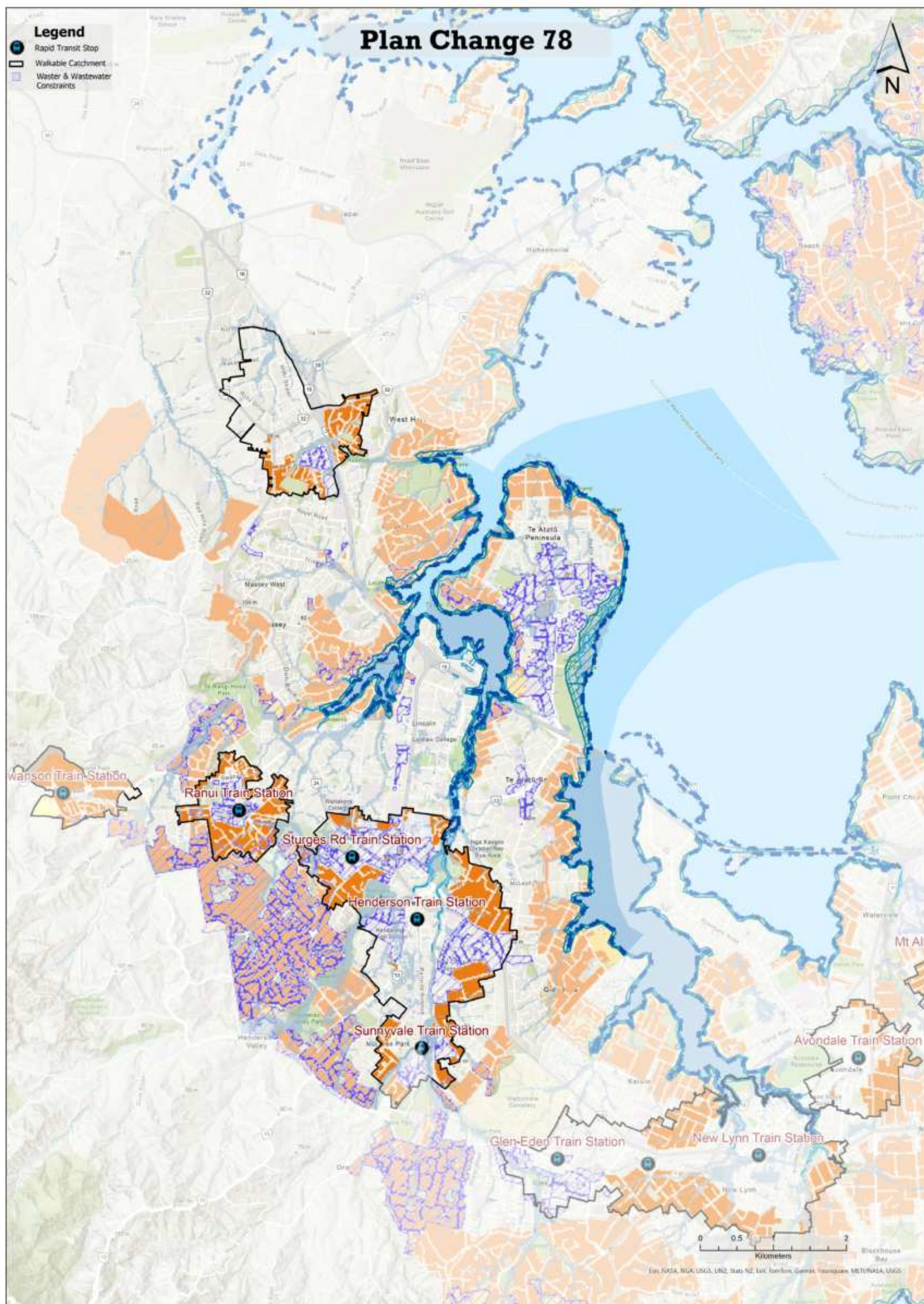


Figure 32: Plan Change 78

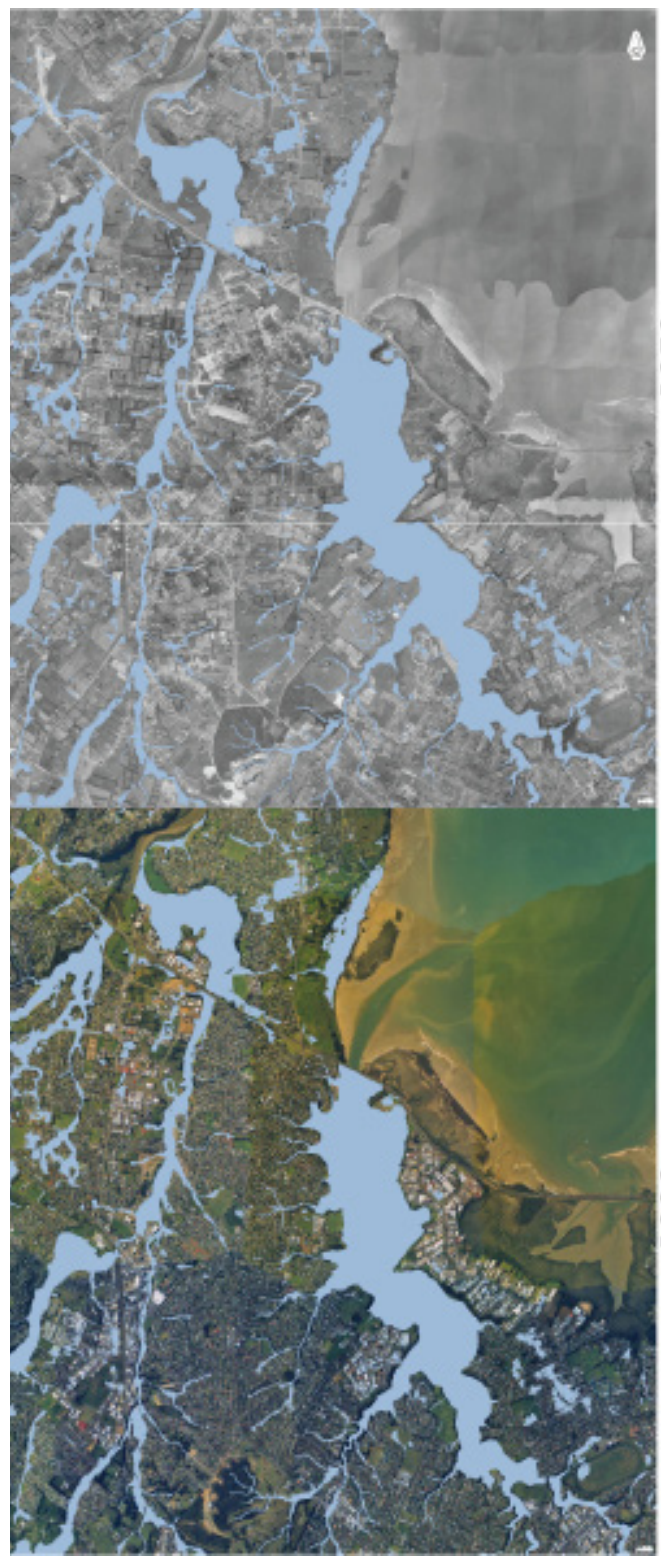
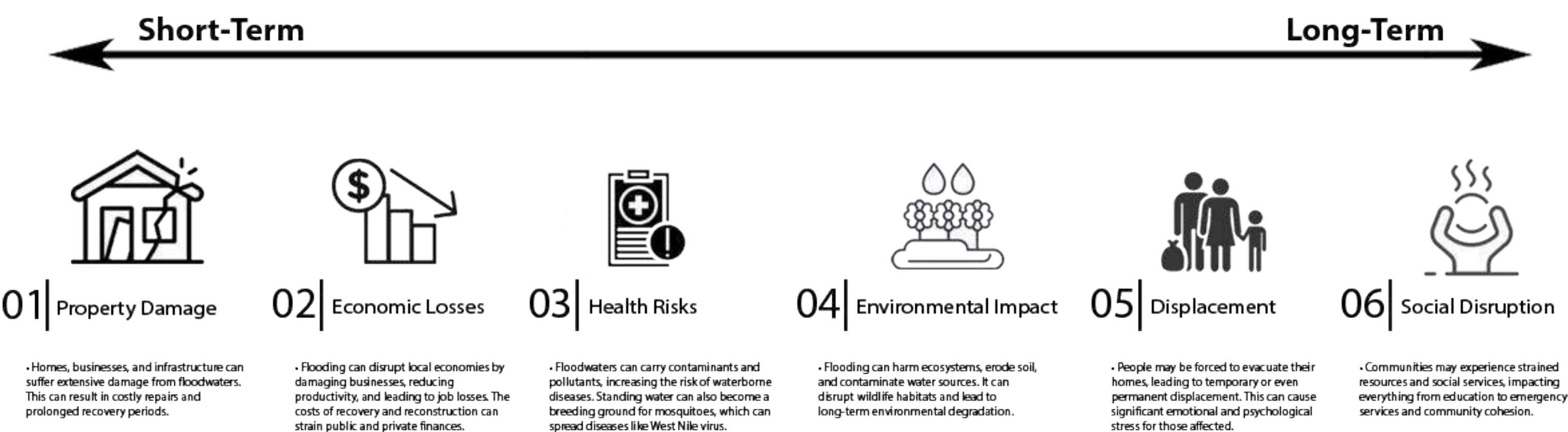


Figure 33 Historical Aerial + Flooding

## Implications and Direction

## Consequences of inaction



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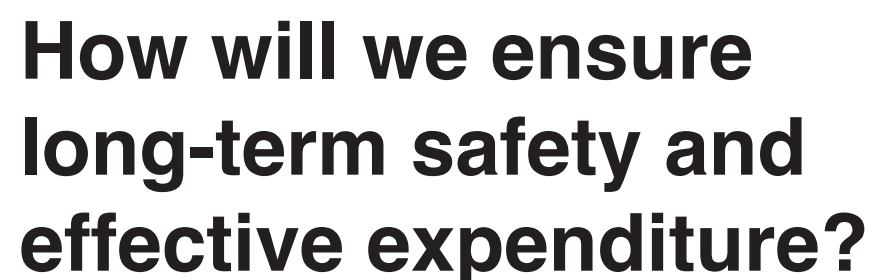
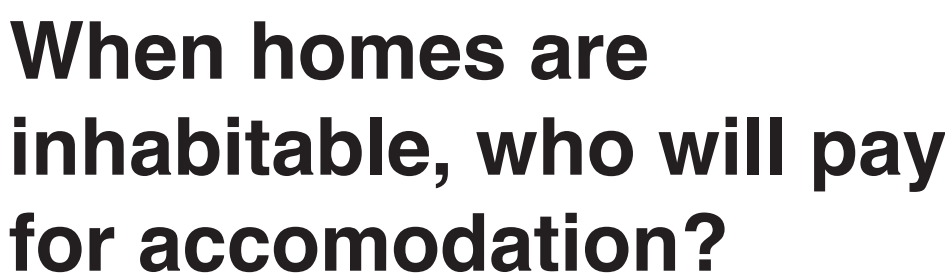
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## Next Steps



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