

THE 50 MINUTE TSUNAMI

The worst-case scenario that we have planned for is a tsunami that could arrive at our coastline about 50 - 60 minutes after a major earthquake. This tsunami would be generated from the Kermadec Trench.

The tsunami we are most concerned about would be triggered by a large seismic event along the Kermadec trench. We would experience the earthquake in Tauranga as a very long or very strong shake. This earthquake, and the resulting tsunami, would share similar conditions to the event that struck Japan in 2011. All of our planning and infrastructure is specifically focused on building community resilience to this potential event so that people can plan how they will escape this tsunami after a major earthquake.

