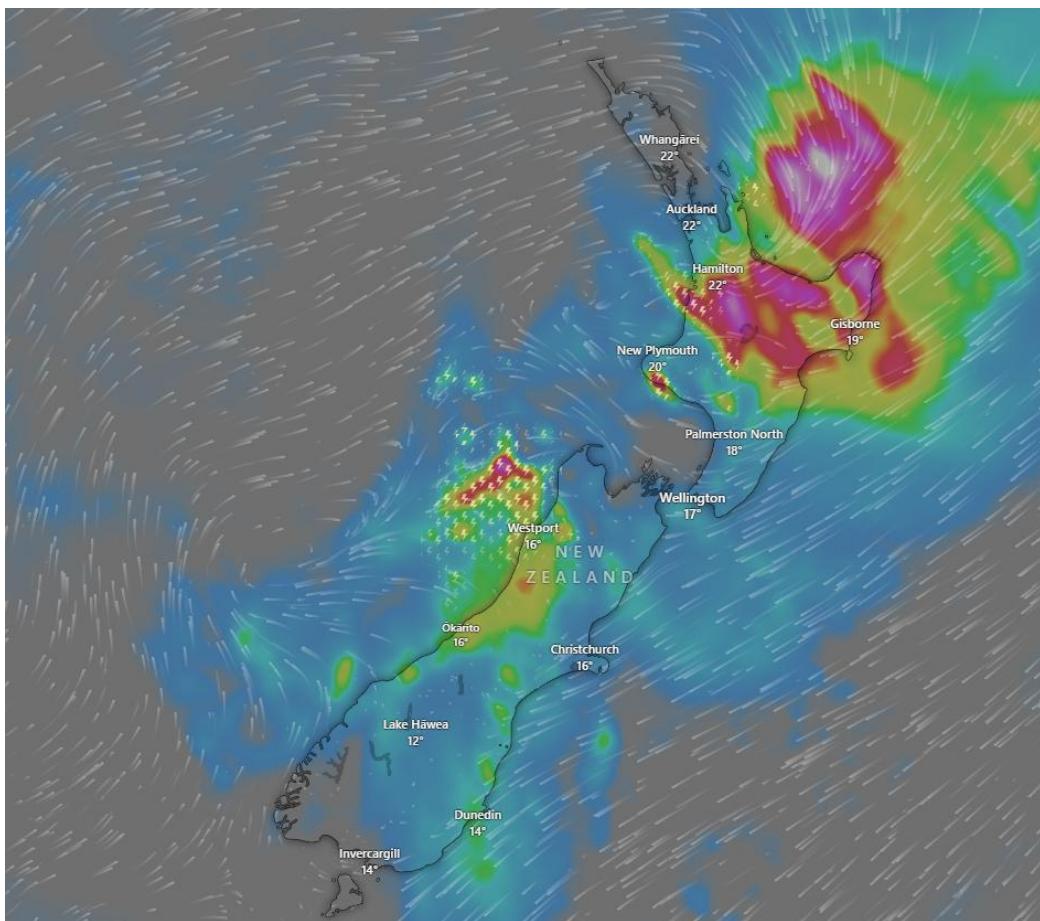




Extreme Rainfall – New Zealand



Potentially Affected Areas

Upper and east North Island (Northland, Auckland, Waikato, Bay of Plenty, Gisborne, Hamilton), western and central South Island (West Coast including Westport and Ōkārito, Canterbury, Wellington region, and parts of Otago).

Hazard Types

Extreme rainfall

Hazard duration

21/01/2026 to 23/01/2026

Hazard Summary

A widespread heavy rainfall and severe weather system is developing over New Zealand, driven by a deep low-pressure system and strong onshore moisture flow. Intense rain bands with embedded thunderstorms are affecting both islands, raising the risk of flash flooding, river rises, surface water flooding, and landslides, particularly in steep and already saturated catchments. Gusty winds along exposed coasts may further exacerbate impacts, while cooler temperatures over the South Island favor prolonged rainfall rather than convective storms.