

Space and place in the assessment of policies and plans adapting to natural hazards



Overview

- Importance of space and place in assessing policies and plans
- Explore some common spatial analysis techniques
- Planning case studies Christchurch coastal hazards and Queenstown debris flow and rockfall hazards

Why are space and place important?

- Spaces reflect the physical, social, and economic processes of human activity
- Space – metrics: elevation, latitude, longitude and topography
: also political boundaries
- Places - locations where agency, social practices, mobility and social risks happen

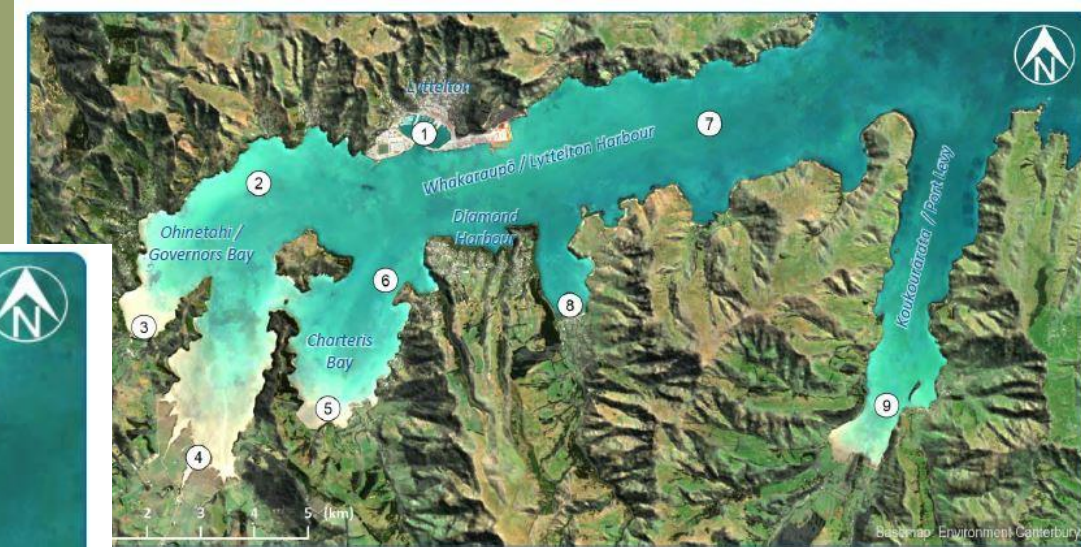
“everyone assumes that being in one place rather than another makes a difference, as does being near rather than far.”

What about place in SIA?

- Social experiences occur in places
- Places can be both constraining and enabling
- Societal groups experience place very differently
- Policies and planning can change the way places function and how they are experienced
- For SIAs, it is important to understand:
 - The types of people living in an affected community
 - How they move around to places of work and other social activities

Spatial analysis techniques

- Need a good understanding of where policies and changes (and hazard events) are likely to occur spatially
- For Christchurch, Tonkin and Taylor and Jacobs had previously defined spatial areas for assessing coastal hazards

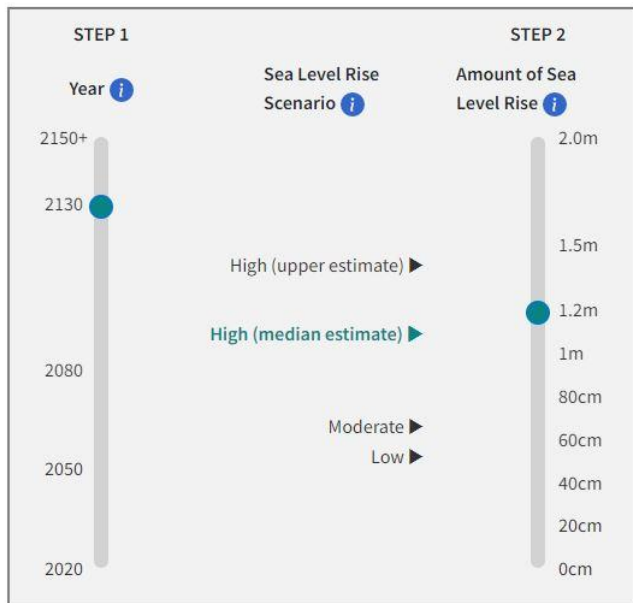


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Christchurch Coast

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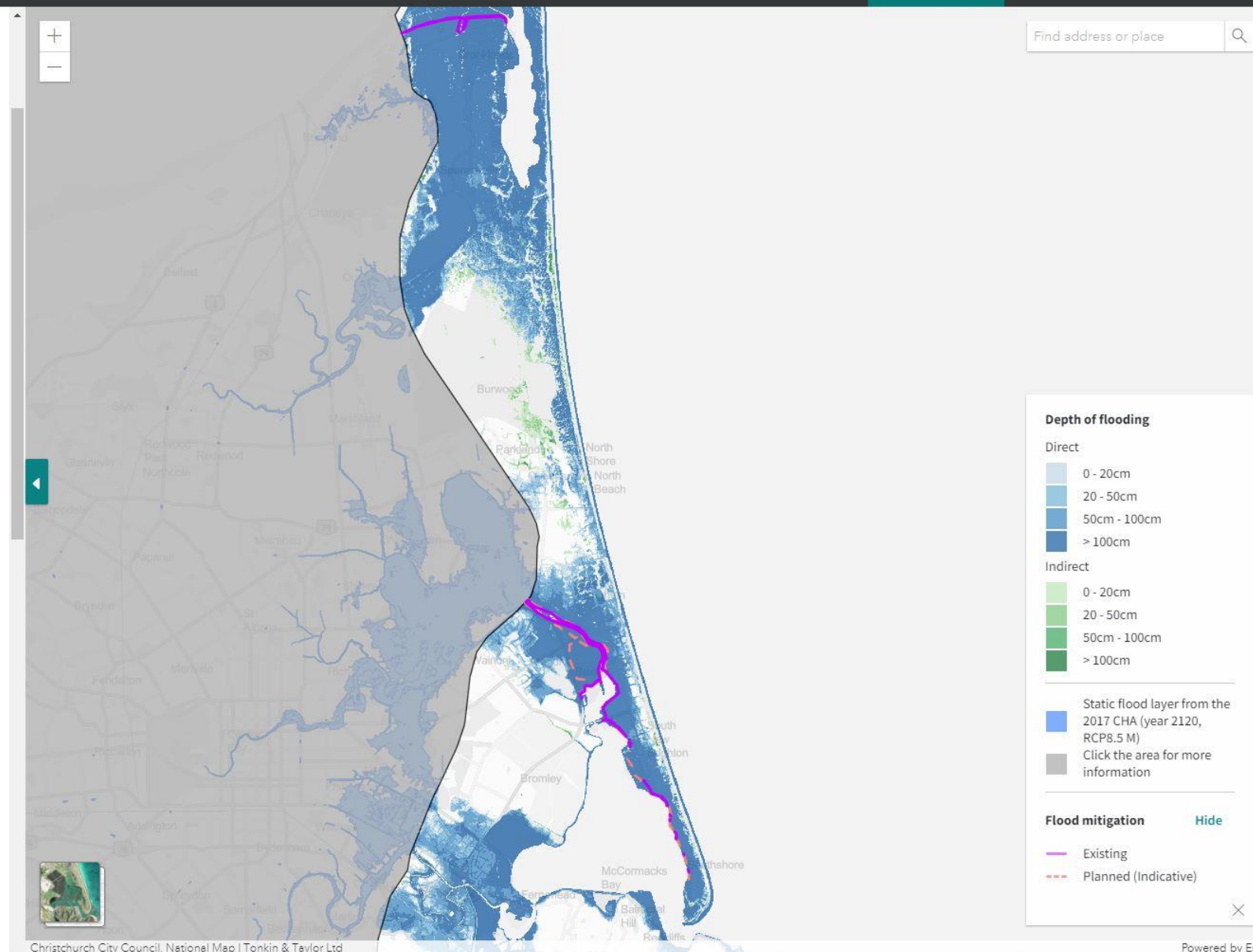


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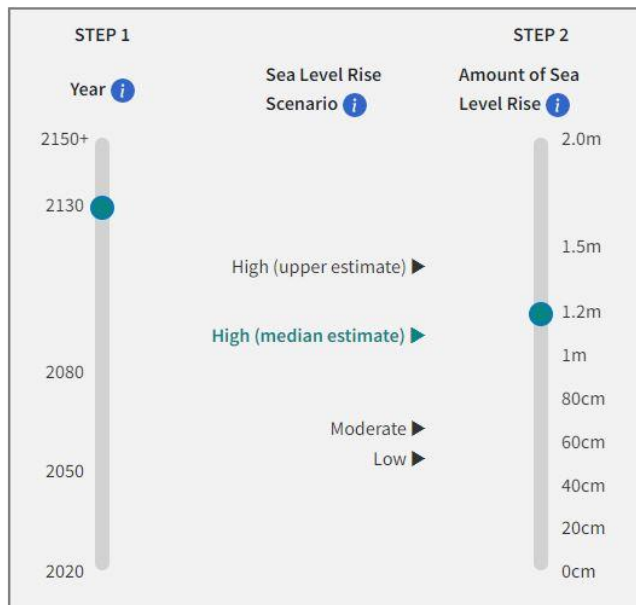


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Banks Peninsula

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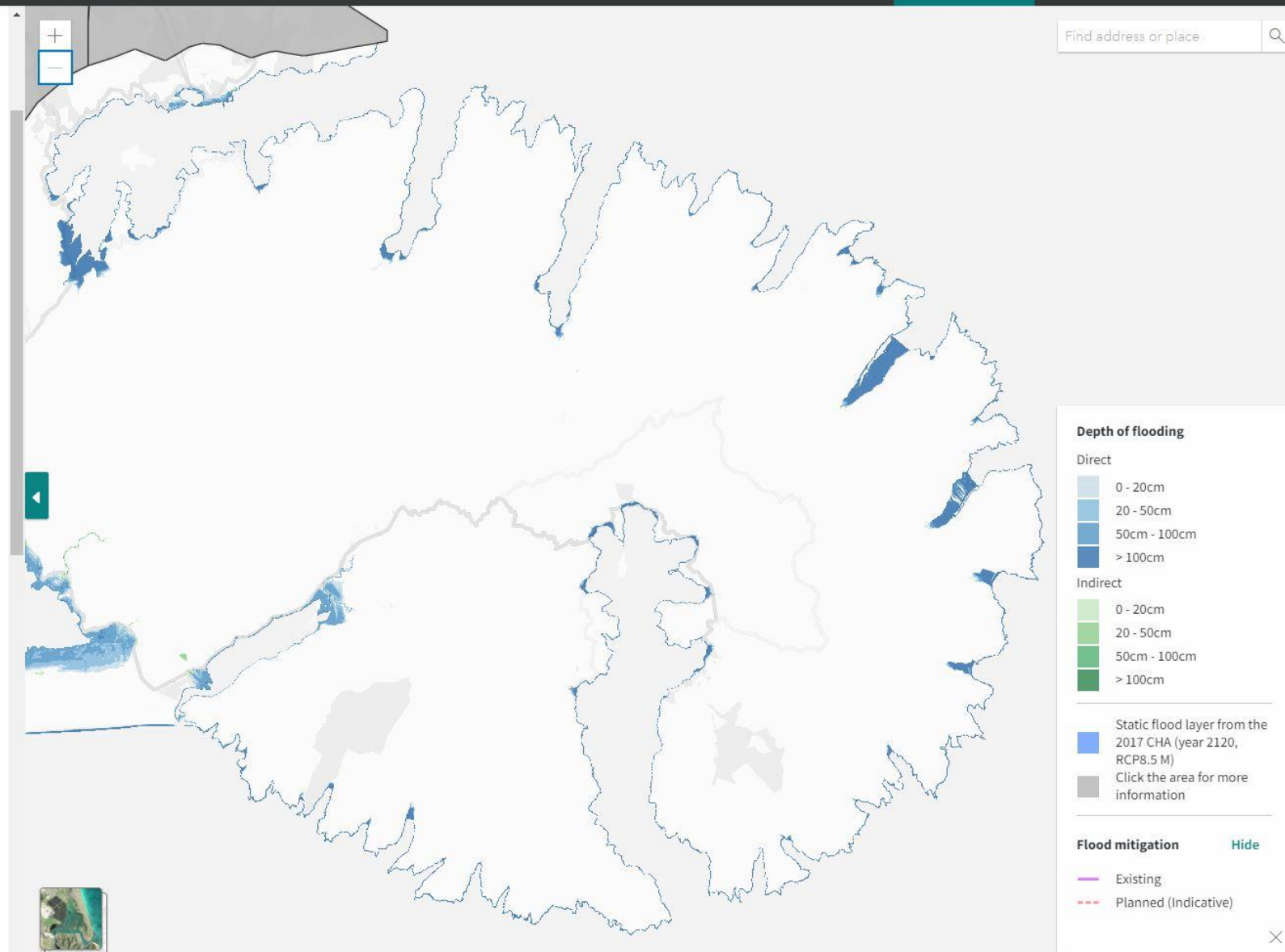


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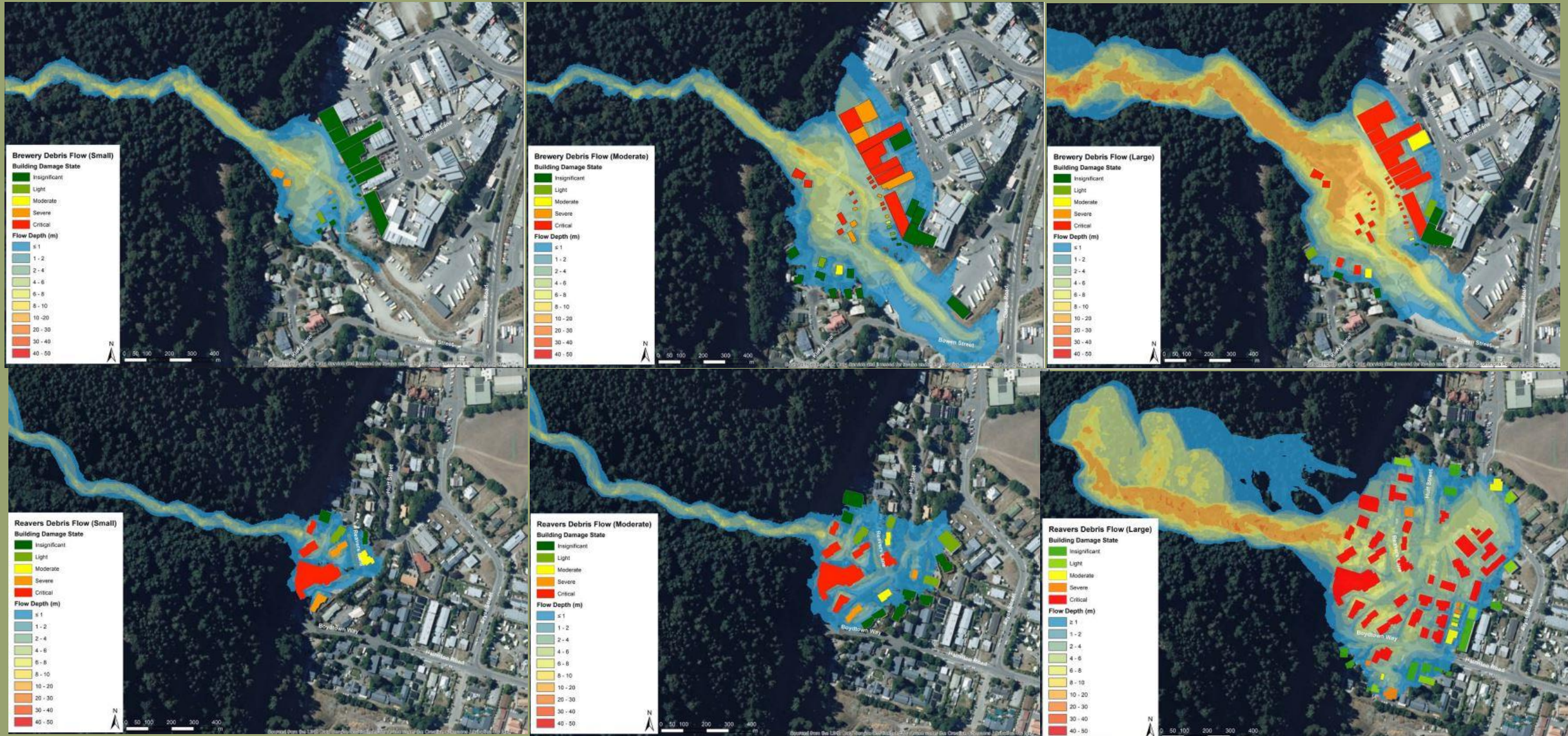
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Christchurch City Council, National Map | Tonkin & Taylor Ltd

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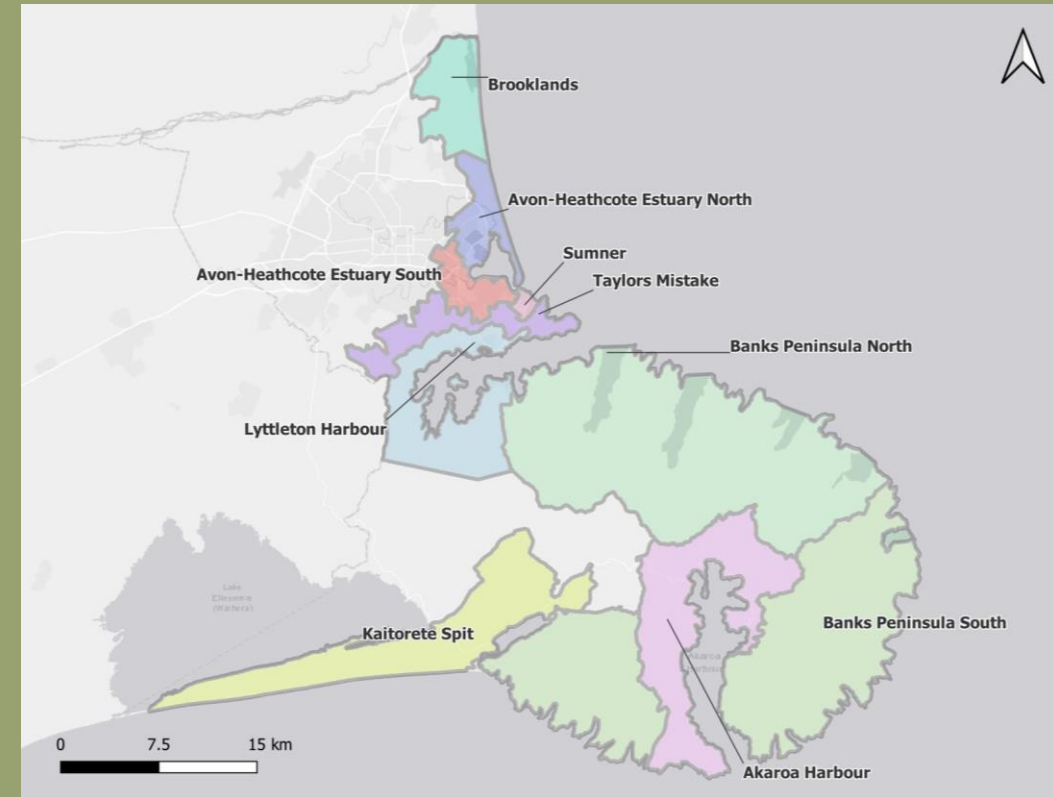
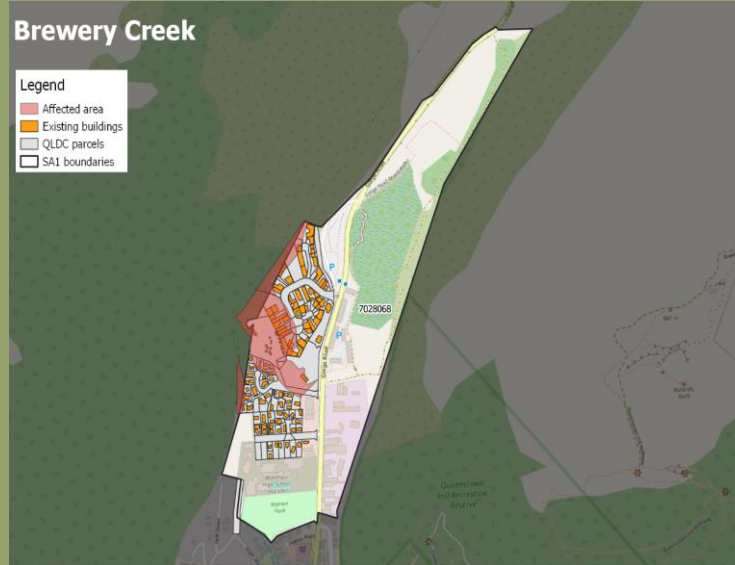


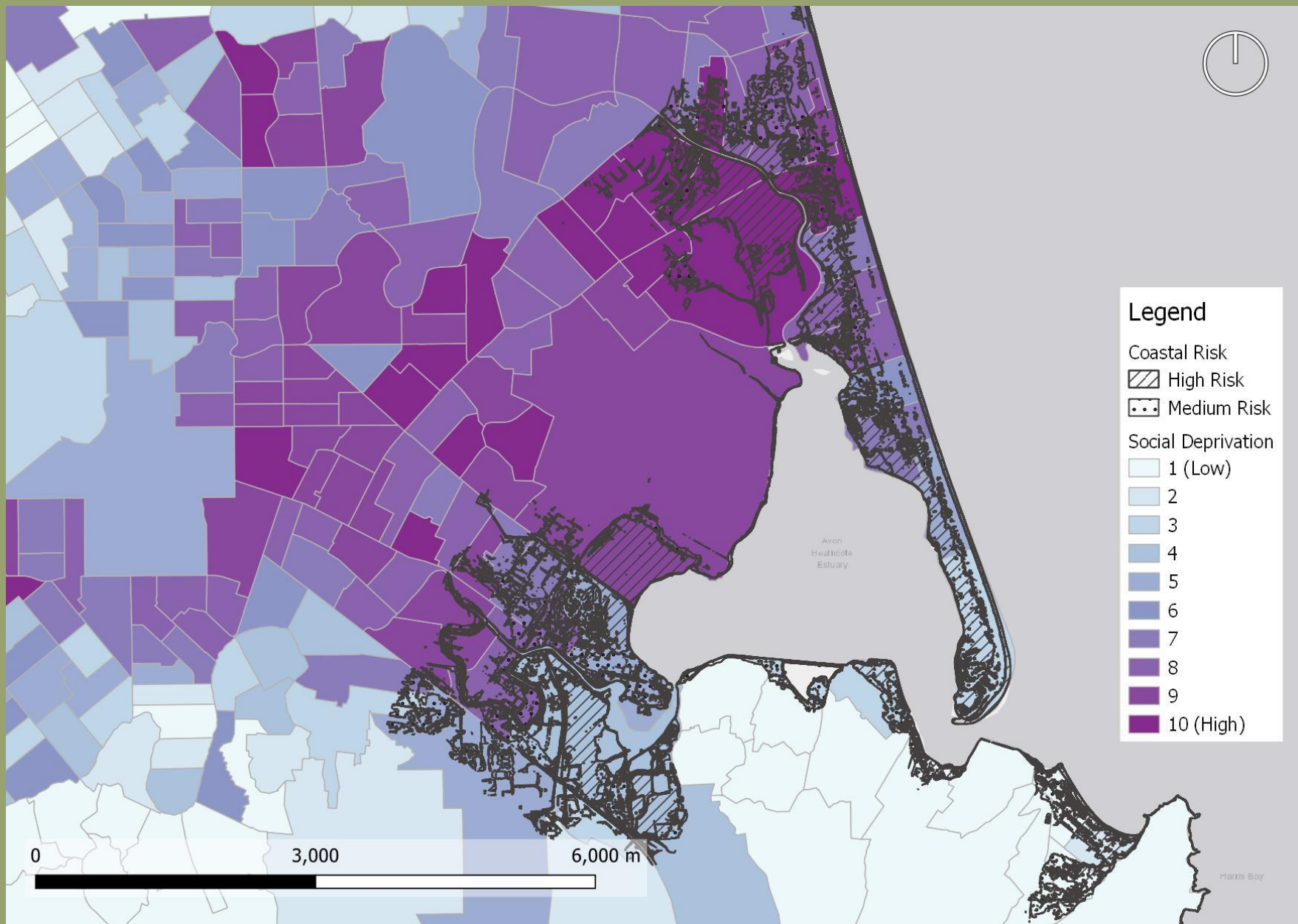
- For Queenstown GNS Science, Riskscape and Beca had done engineering and risk assessments to map scenarios

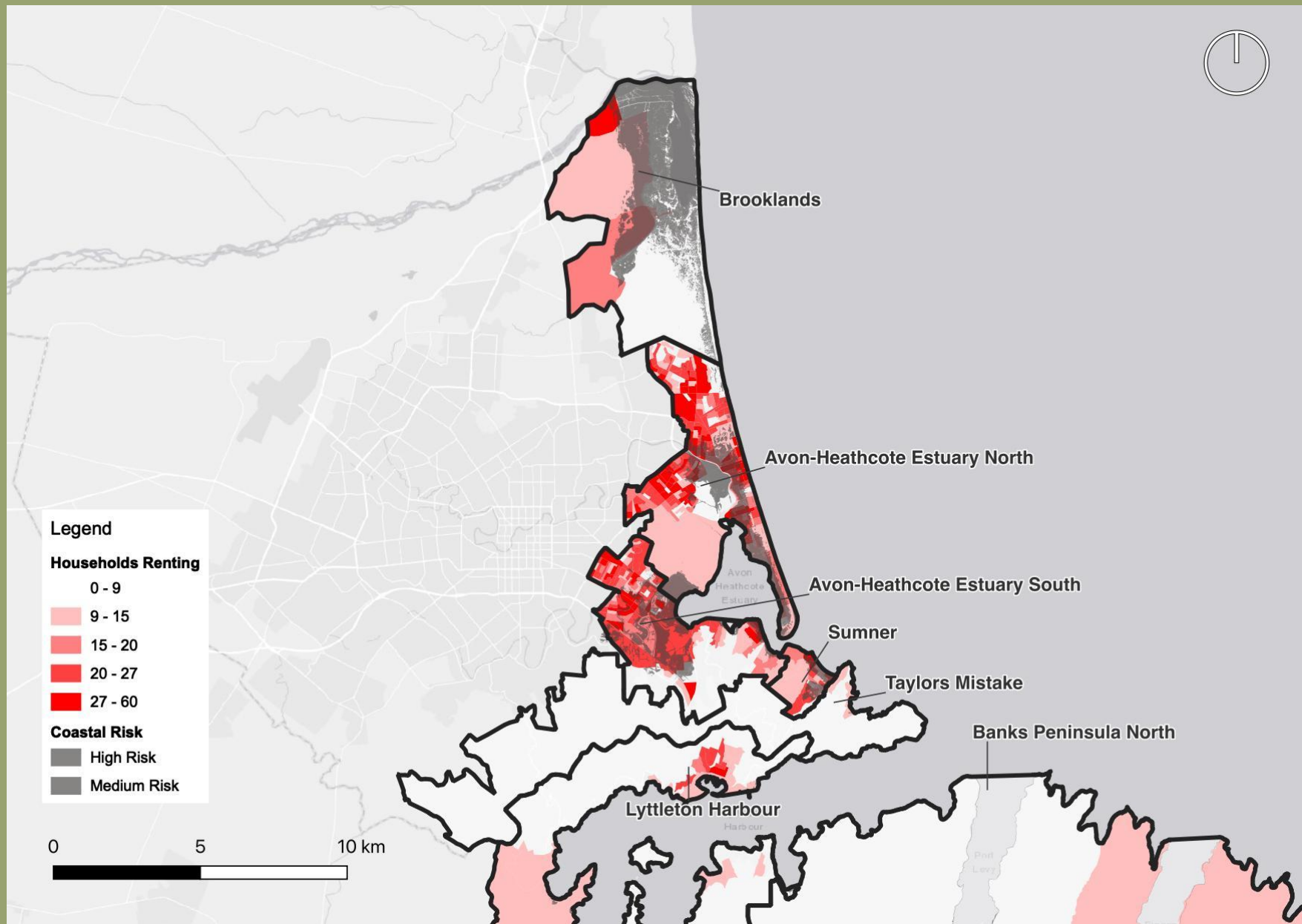
Spatial analysis techniques contd...

- Data analysis is constrained by defined spatial areas (typically Stats NZ – regions, TA, SA1s and SA2s)
- Communities can be defined based on a mix of social, topographic features and by identifying which communities are impacted by policies
- Information can include:
 - Census data
 - Population and household projections
 - Capacity for growth data – households and employment
 - Business and employment size and type
 - Social deprivation

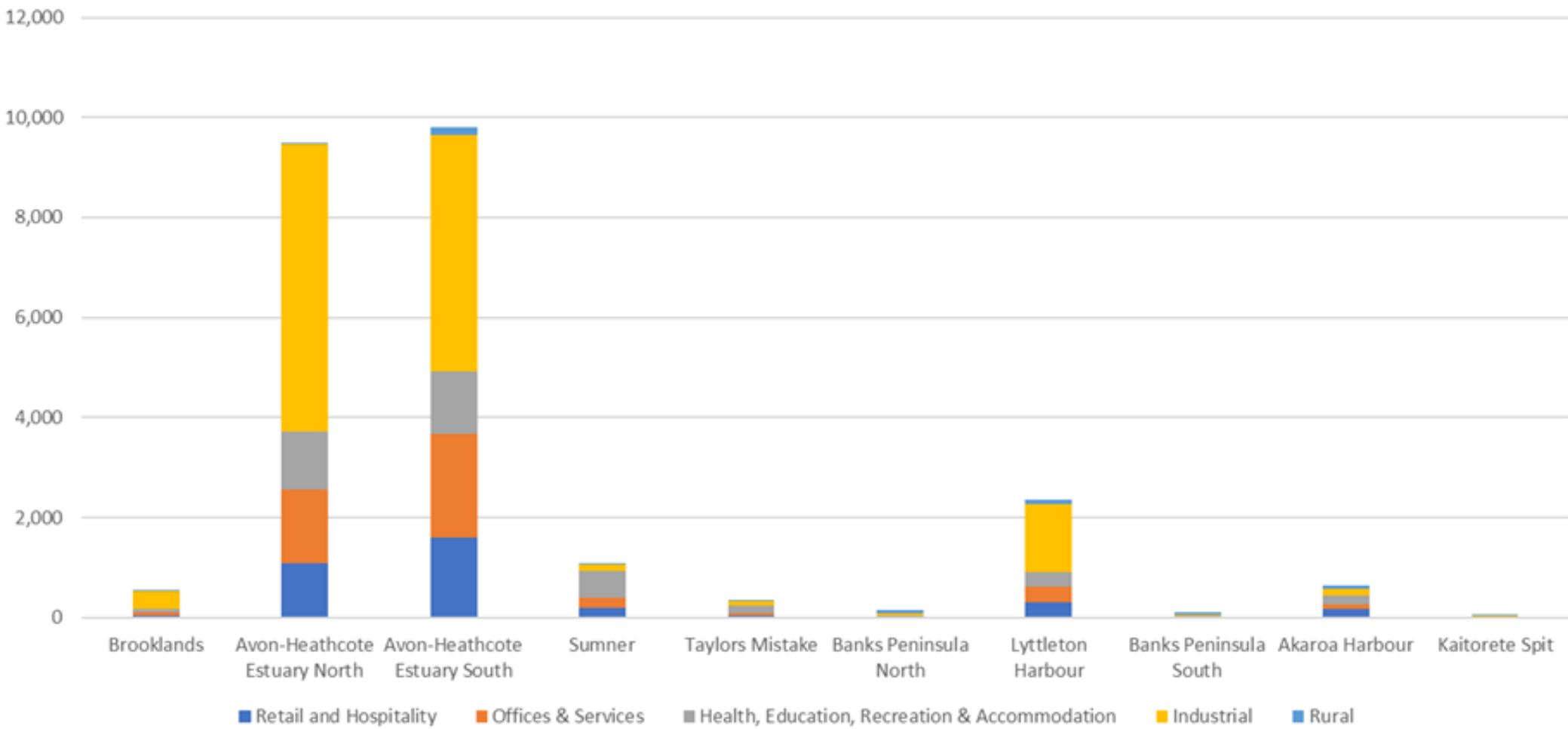
Defining affected communities







Coastal Communities - Workforce 2021



Demographic Variable		Brewery Creek	Reavers Lane	Queenstown
Age	Children	14%	6%	17%
	Working Aged	85%	92%	73%
	>65 years	1%	2%	11%
Ethnicity	NZ European	47%	62%	78%
	Asian	25%	20%	9%
	MELAA	20%	14%	4%
	Maori	4%	2%	5%
	Other	3%	2%	3%
Home Ownership Rates		20%	21%	39%
Personal Income	\$0-\$30,000	38%	41%	34%
	\$30,001-\$50,000	39%	41%	29%
	\$50,001-\$70,000	15%	10%	18%
	>\$70,001	7%	9%	20%
Sources of Income	Paid Employment	70%	77%	50%
	Self Employment	11%	7%	18%
	Private Investments	4%	4%	15%
	Benefits and Allowances	12%	11%	15%
	No Source	3%	1%	2%
Employment Status	Employed Full time	84%	84%	66%
	Employed Part time	6%	7%	14%
	Unemployed or Not in Workforce	10%	9%	19%
Educational Quals.	Secondary School	39%	34%	49%
	University Undergraduate	19%	23%	19%
	Univesity Postgraduate	12%	9%	13%
	Overseas	19%	26%	10%
	None	11%	9%	9%

- Tabular data sits behind each of the maps
- Enables comparison between the average patterns for an affected community with the city, region or NZ average.

Summary

- Place and space is important for SIA because places are shaped by the people who live and interact in them
- The types of people and human facilities that make up places create unique and interesting places
- Policy and planning can have a range of positive and negative impacts on affected communities
- Spatial analysis is a good way to understand who and what is impacted

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