Just coasting along? Choppy SEAs and the topology of risk

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Topographies of risk

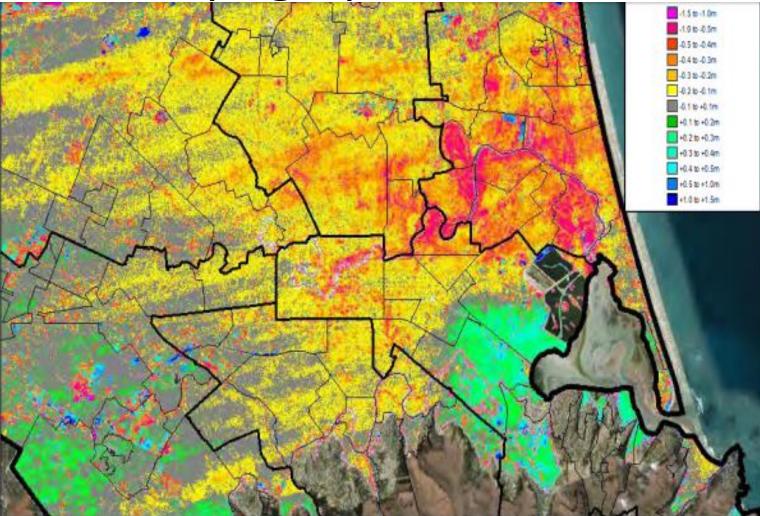
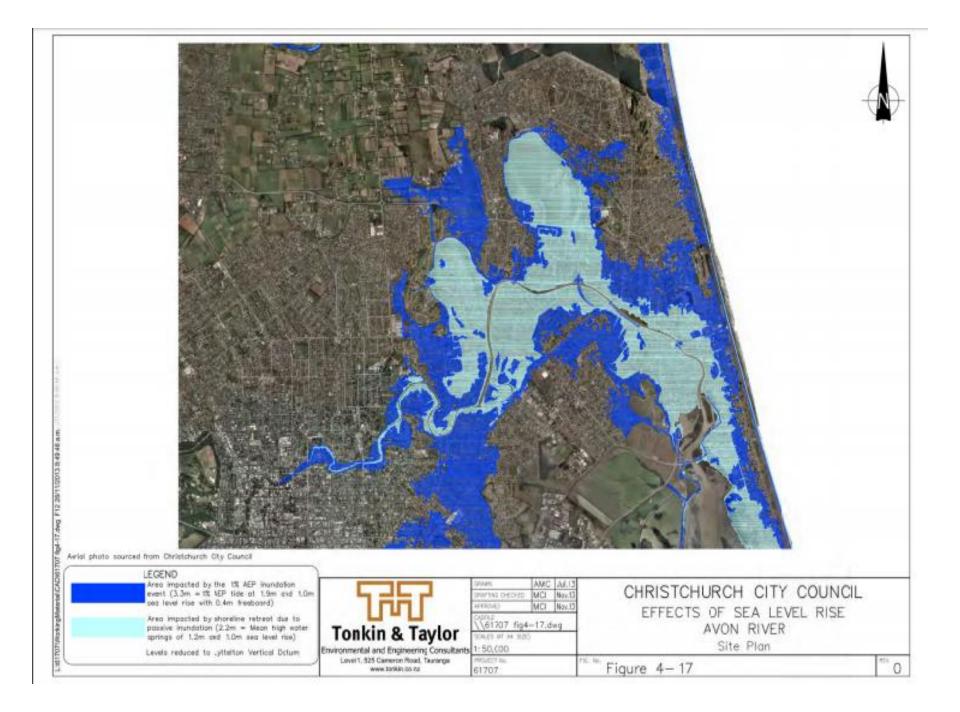


Figure 3-4 Summary of changes in ground elevation between 2003 and 2011 (source: T&T, 2013)



Topography

- Graphic
- Describes and depicts place
- "Objectively"
- Technical
- ""Assessments" + "Objectives" = "plans/policies"
- Maps +
- "To increase the communities [sic] resilience to sea level rise"
- = City-wide Sea Level Rise Adaptation Strategy
- What's wrong with that?

Topology

- Ordering principles that makes spaces places
- Grammar is the ordering principle that makes these words into a sentence

• Ambiguous

The rabbit eats roots and leaves



The rabbit eats, roots and leaves

Bourriaud "The Radicant" 2009, p. 79

 "The major aesthetic phenomenon of our time is surely the intertwining of the properties of space and time, which turns the latter into a **territory** every bit as tangible as the hotel room where I am sitting right now... Today's **art** seems to negotiate the creation of new types of space by resorting to a geometry of **translation**: topology." (p.79)



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 "Imagination is more important than knowledge. For knowledge is limited, whereas imagination embraces the entire world...giving birth to evolution."

• Albert Einstein



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• **VS**

• WHY ARE THERE SO MANY MICE?

The definition of a problem shapes the solutions that can be found

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New lake management + floods = *^*&^#%*&

10 years of abnormal rainfall + a decade of neglect

• Equity and equality