

Once-in-a-century storm caused serious flood in Christchurch

Once-in-a-century storm that forced the evacuation of homes, caused slips and cut power to thousands of people across Canterbury, Christchurch. The fire agency received 187 flooding-related calls during the day. Over 160mm of rain had fallen on Lyttelton in the one day. The evacuations were precautionary and in response to the possibility of further slips in the area. About 3500 Orion customers remained without power after the storm, with the majority expected to stay disconnected overnight. The wind gusts in exposed Wellington areas reached 119km/h.