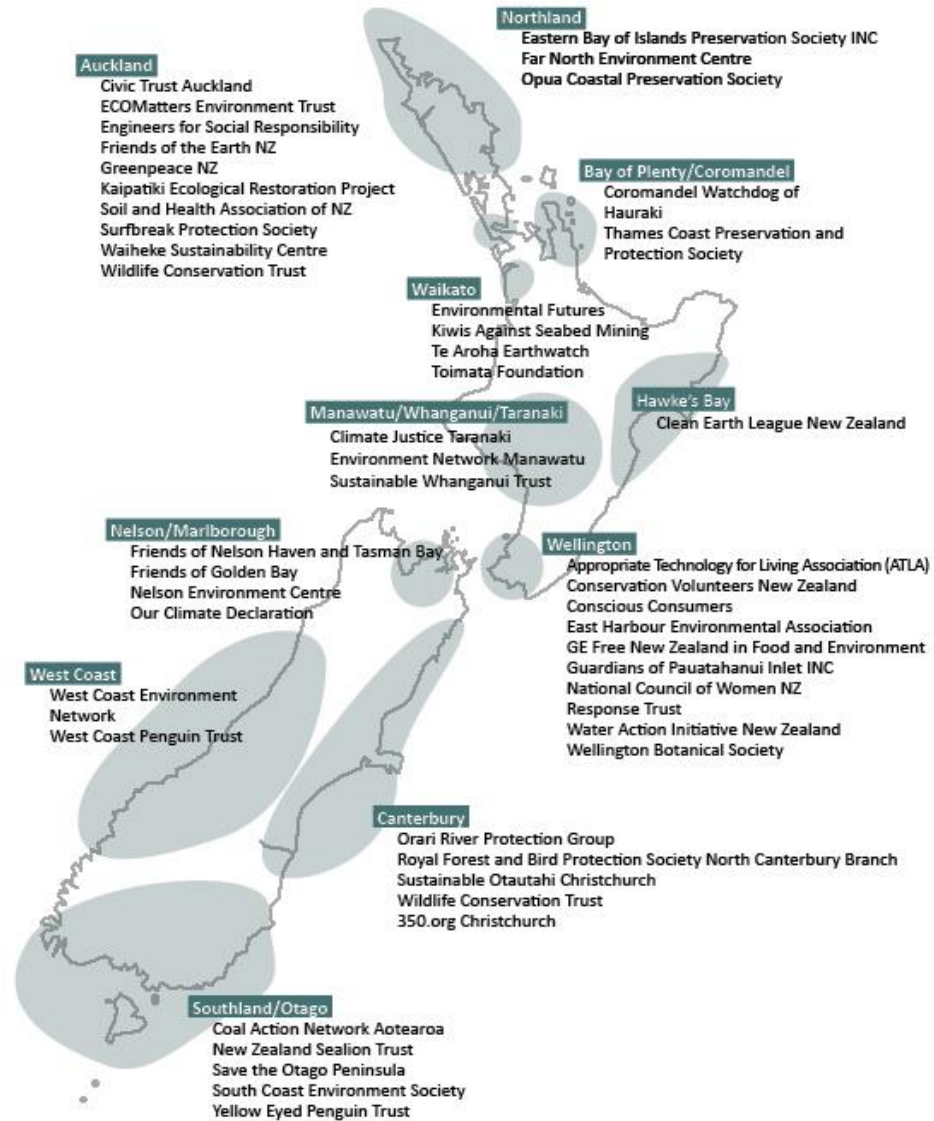


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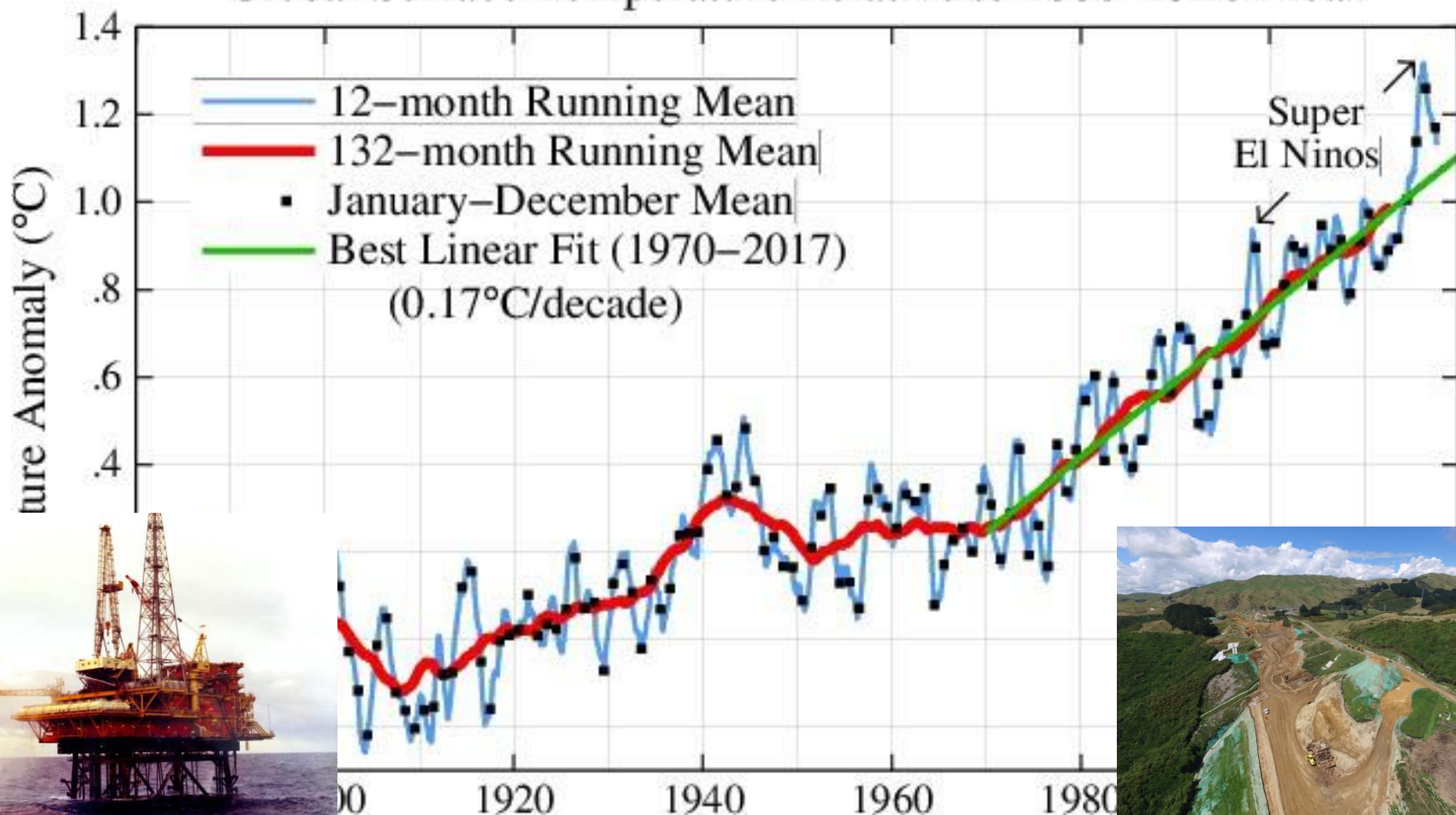


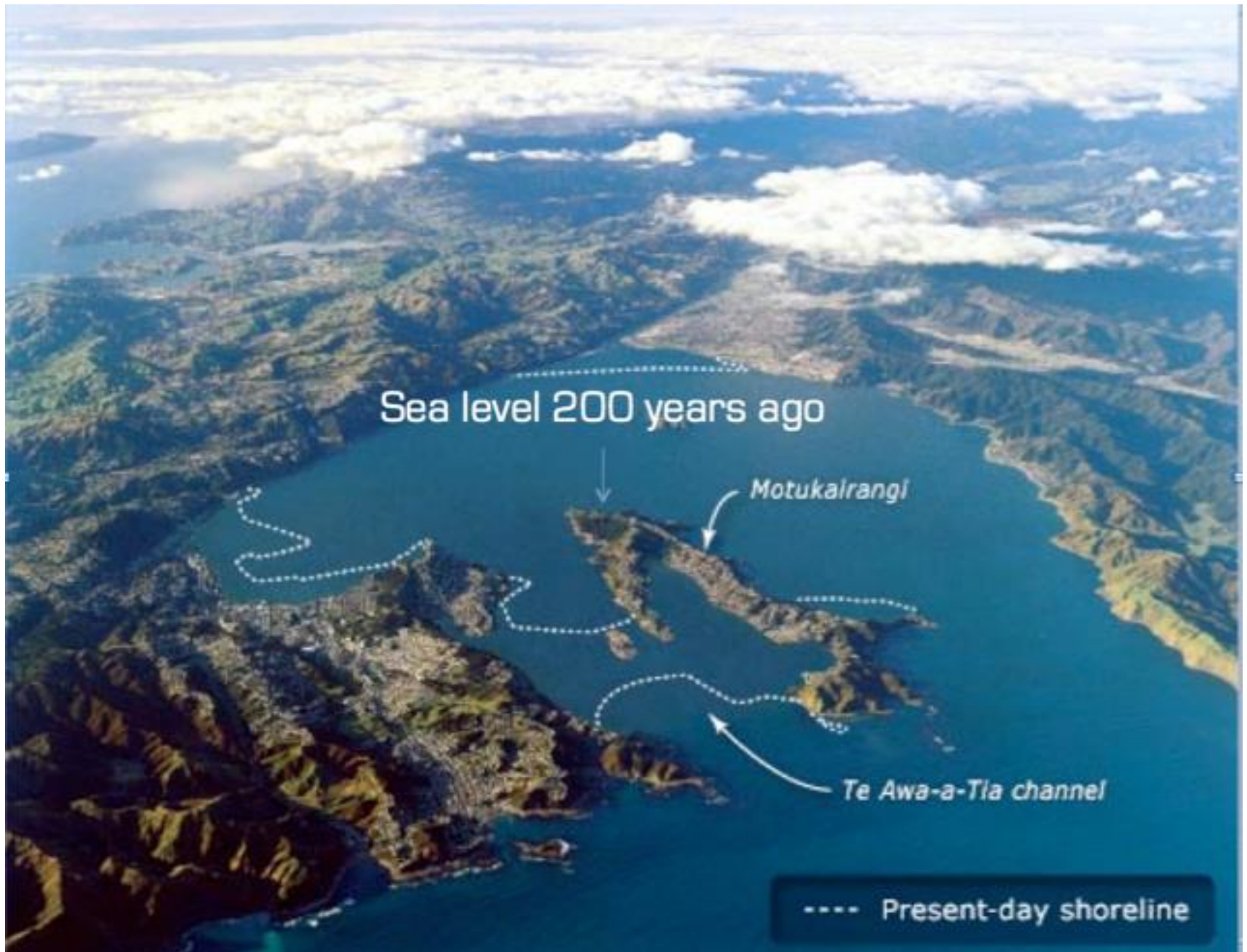






Global Surface Temperature Relative to 1880–1920 Mean





Sea level 200 years ago

Motukairangi

Te Awa-a-Tia channel

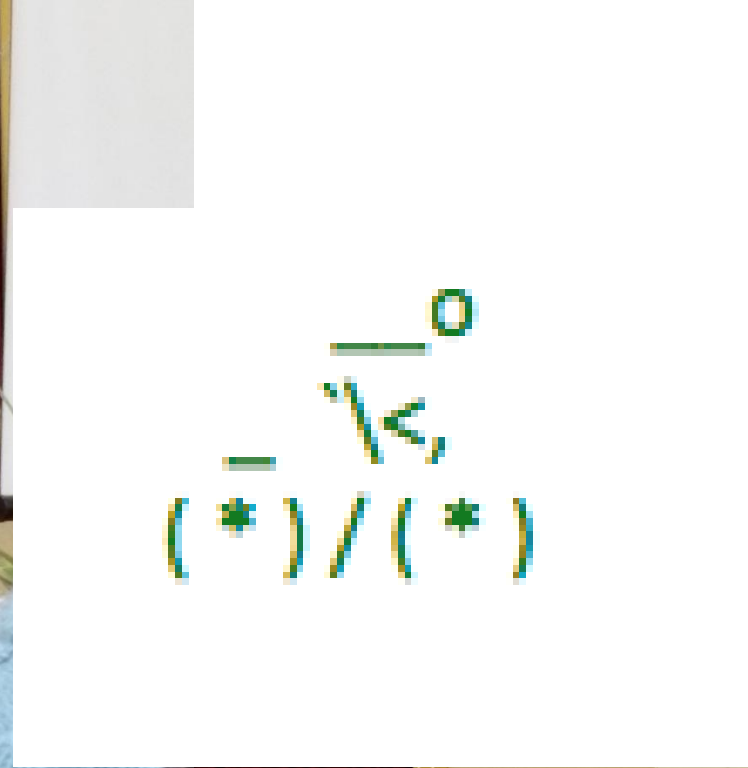
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Cooks Beach







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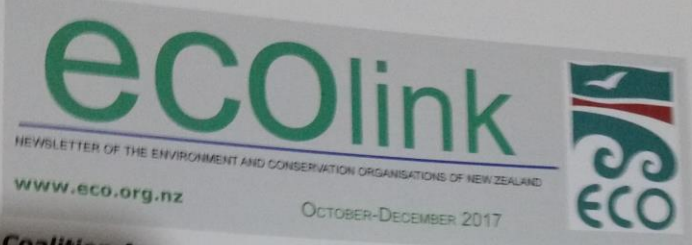
News from ECO:

Today is Walk to Work day!

By the time you read this you may already have arrived at your destination, whether work or some other place where your day's business takes you.

But you still have plenty of opportunities to get involved, get your walking shoes on and discover parts of your locality you may ordinarily miss.

[Check out Living Streets Aotearoa](#) to find out what's on near you today - events go until evening.



Coalition Agreements, Commitments and Funding

The Government coalition and support agreements between Labour, NZ First and the Greens had many new commitments on the environment. This was made clear in the Speech from the Throne, which opened the new Parliament after the election.

The specific commitments included a target of zero carbon emissions by 2050, a package of low carbon investment, support for restoration and protection of our waterways, and increased funding for the Department of Conservation to reduce the extinction risk for 3000 threatened plants and wildlife species. Many of these commitments require funding in the Government's budget cycle.

Government Budget and Spending plans
On 14 December, only a few weeks into the first term of the new government, the Treasury has "opened the books" and Finance Minister, Hon Grant Robertson has outlined some of the new Government's spending intentions and expected revenue sources. Since the government is still working on its spending priorities and is reviewing the previous government's spending commitments and contracts, it is too early to get a full



Season Greetings and Happy New Year

Will these karewa be happy when funding is allocated in next year's budget?

picture.

Outlook
Government revenues usually depend on the amount of economic activity and the tax take, prices on the international markets for New Zealand products and exchange rates. Exchange rates influence the value of exports and the costs of imports, tourism numbers and the price to potential overseas students of education here. Governments never really know for sure what revenues will be available.

Tax cut cancellations and social spending
One of the first moves by the Prime Minister and Finance Minister has been to cancel the tax cuts promised by the previous government. That has left room for the government to provide those on many kinds of benefits with a bit of extra support, including more money for families with babies and children, and for several weeks of subsidy to many for extra energy costs during the winter. A hugely increased rate of house construction is also planned.

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