

## 4 Marsden Point

### Description and geomorphology

The Marsden Point site is located at the north end of Bream Bay, approximately 20 km south of Whangarei.

The site is situated between the North Port reclamation around Marsden Point down to the Ruakaka township at the southern extent. The Marsden Point site includes a north facing shoreline located inside the harbour entrance which is approximately 1.6 km long and an east facing open coast shoreline that is approximately 5 km long.

The harbour shoreline is a sandy beach dune system. The dunes are relatively low lying and well vegetated with spinifex and pingao. The sandy beach comprises fine sand fronted by intertidal flats which range in width between 30 m and 200 m out to the entrance channel.

The open coast section of the site has a sandy beach comprising fine sand. The beach has a minimal berm width of approximately 5 m above the high tide line. The site has a dune system that is relatively high with crest elevations of between RL 5 to 13 m along the open coast. The dune elevations increase toward the north. The dune face is generally over steep with recent erosion scarps located at the northern end of the open coast shoreline. Dune vegetation exists along the dune crest (spinifex). The lower half of the dune face is re-building with limited vegetation present.

### Local considerations

The offshore ebb tide delta has a significant control on the shoreline position adjacent to the entrance to the Whangarei Harbour. Large variations in shoreline position have occurred over the last 60 years in this area of up to 80 m. Changes to the ebb tide delta may result in relatively rapid changes to shoreline position in this area, which may vary from historic trends.

There are no erosion protection structures at this site. The site is bounded at the north western end by the North Port reclamation, which shelters the shoreline from the westerly direction in this area. Two stormwater outlets



*Site Photograph A (south)*



*Site Photograph B (centre)*



*Site Photograph C (north)*

exist on the open coast shoreline, which have a relatively minor effect on the shoreline position.

### Coastal Erosion Hazard Assessment

The site is split into seven cells based on differences in dune height and geomorphology. All cells are characterised as nonconsolidated beach type. Adopted component values are presented within Table 4-1. The short-term

erosion component increases to the south. The long-term shoreline trends are accretionary in the north within the harbour, becoming highly erosional along cells B and C on the open coast, likely due to changes in the ebb tidal delta and channels, and becoming stable to the south.

Histograms of individual components and resultant CEHZ distances using a Monte Carlo technique are shown in Figure 4-1 to Figure 4-7. Coastal Erosion Hazard Zone widths are presented within Table 4-2 to 4-4 and Figure 4-8. CEHZ1 values range from 10 to 75 m. CEHZ2

values range from 25 m within the harbour mouth to 174 m. CEHZ3 values range from 31 to 199 m. Large open coast values are due to the long-term erosion trends at Cells B and C and also the very flat offshore profile associated with the ebb tidal delta which results in large recession distances with sea level rise. CEHZ's have been mapped in agreement with the calculated values.

Figure 4-9 shows the available historic shorelines for Marsden Point.

Table 4-1 Component values for Erosion Hazard Assessment

Site		4. Marsden Point						
Cell		4A	4AA	4B	4C	4D	4E	4F
Cell centre (NZTM)	E	1735472	1735472	1735472	1734590	1733854	1733041	1733041
	N	6033104	6033104	6033104	6031419	6030598	6029315	6029315
Chainage, m (from N/W)		0-1280	1280-1850	1850-2670	2670-4020	4020-4900	4900-6350	6350-7160
Morphology		Estuary Bank	Dune	Dune	Dune	Dune	Dune	Dune
Short-term (m)	Min	5	5	5	10	10	10	10
	Mode	10	10	10	20	20	20	20
	Max	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
Dune/Cliff elevation (m above toe or scarp)	Min	1.5	1.5	3.0	7.0	4.7	5.2	5.9
	Mode	3.3	4.3	4.4	8.9	6.8	7.2	7.2
	Max	5.3	5.3	7.0	13.0	10.2	9.9	8.8
Stable angle (deg)	Min	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
	Mode	32	32	32	32	32	32	32
	Max	34	34	34	34	34	34	34
Long-term (m) -ve erosion +ve accretion	Min	0.5	0.4	-0.6	-0.15	0.25	0	0.2
	Mode	0.3	0.1	-0.8	-0.45	0.15	-0.1	0
	Max	0	-0.5	-1	-0.6	0	-0.2	-0.1
Closure slope (beaches)	Min	0.045	0.045	0.045	0.045	0.045	0.045	0.045
	Mode	0.045	0.019	0.019	0.019	0.019	0.019	0.019
	Max	0.045	0.008	0.008	0.008	0.008	0.008	0.008
SLR 2080 (m)	RCP 2.6	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16
	RCP 4.5	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21
	RCP 8.5M	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.33
	RCP 8.5H+	0.51	0.51	0.51	0.51	0.51	0.51	0.51
SLR 2130 (m)	RCP 2.6	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28
	RCP 4.5	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42
	RCP 8.5M	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85
	RCP 8.5H+	1.17	1.17	1.17	1.17	1.17	1.17	1.17

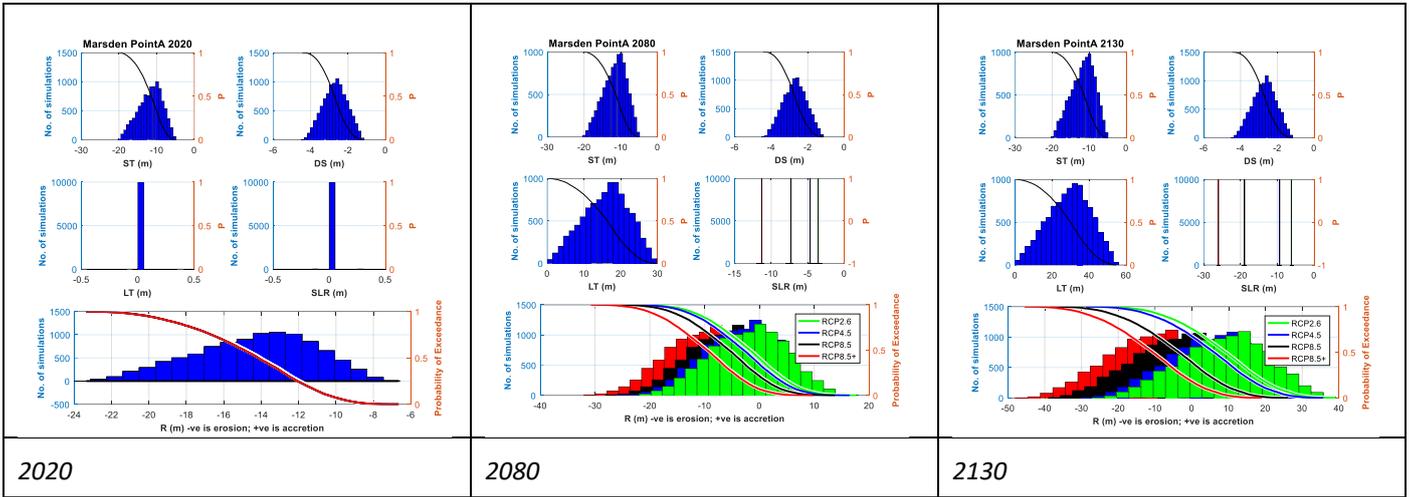


Figure 4-1 Histograms of parameter samples and the resultant shoreline distances for 2020, 2080 and 2130 timeframes for cell 4A

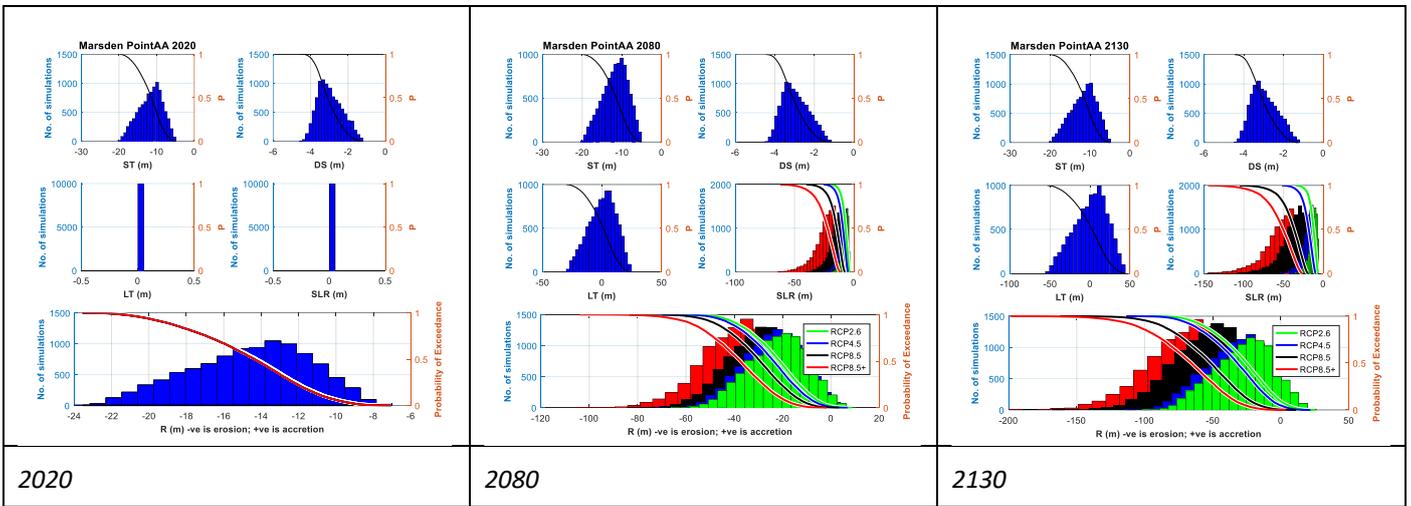


Figure 4-2 Histograms of parameter samples and the resultant shoreline distances for 2020, 2080 and 2130 timeframes for cell 4AA

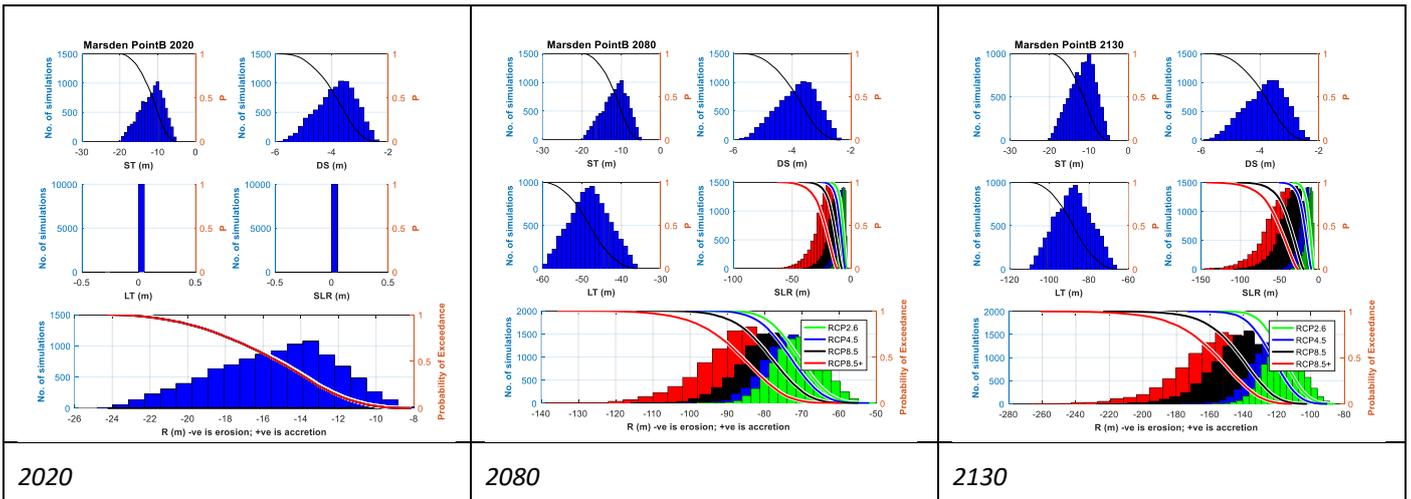


Figure 4-3 Histograms of parameter samples and the resultant shoreline distances for 2020, 2080 and 2130 timeframes for cell 4B

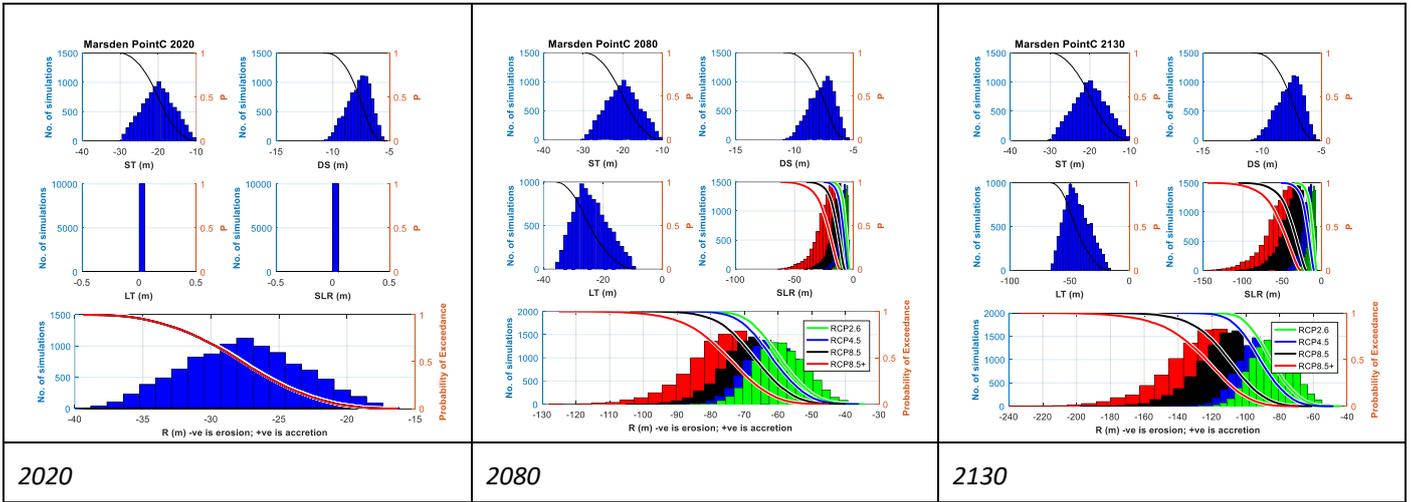


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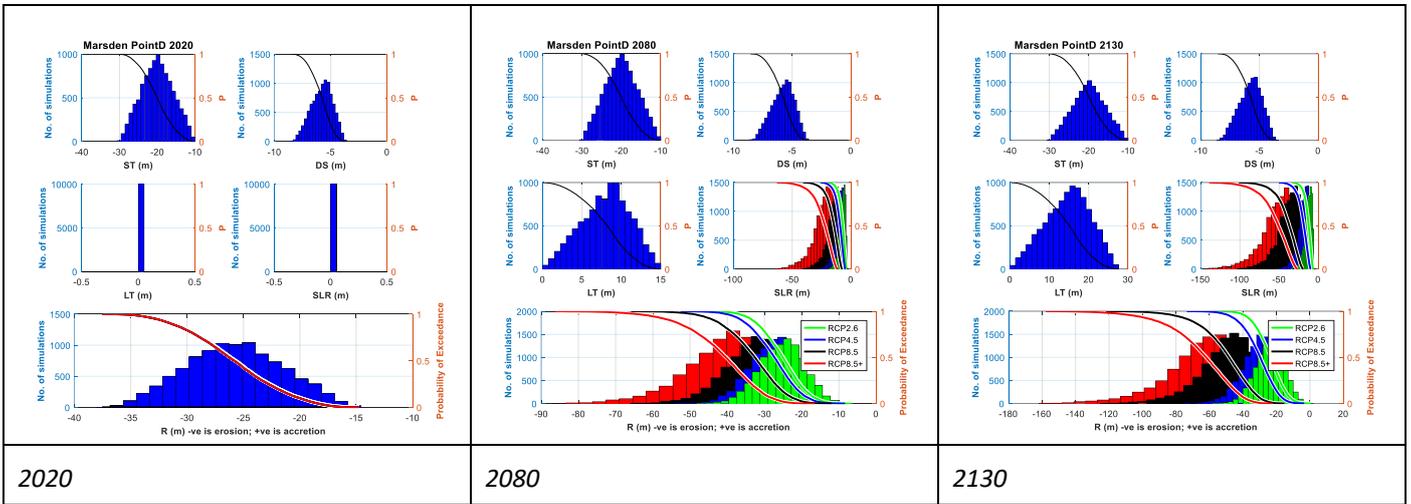


Figure 4-5 Histograms of parameter samples and the resultant shoreline distances for 2020, 2080 and 2130 timeframes for cell 4D

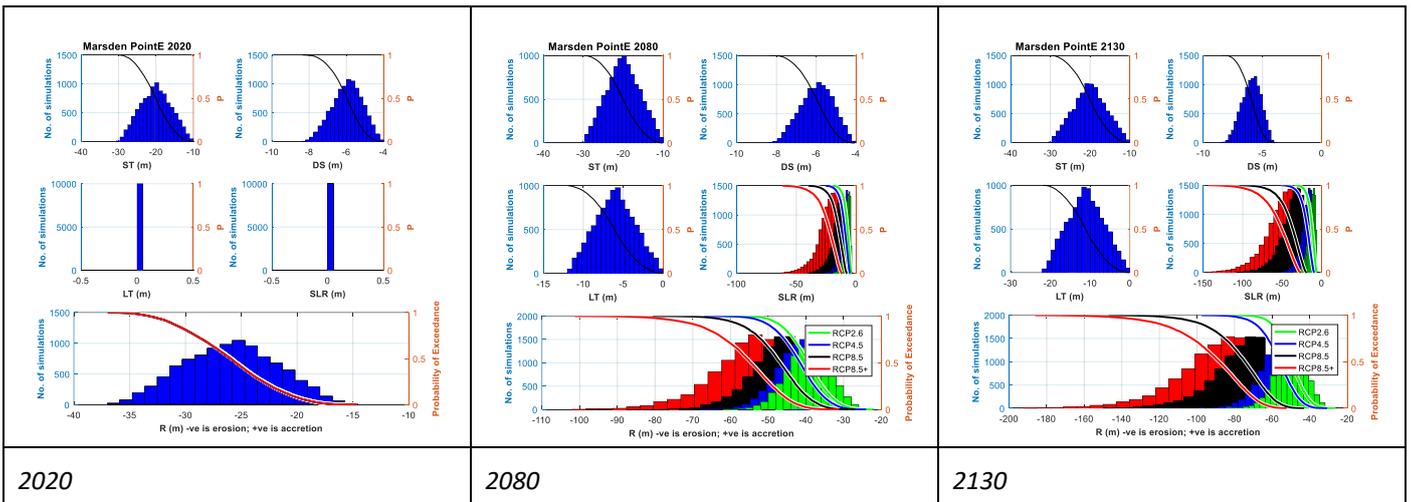


Figure 4-6 Histograms of parameter samples and the resultant shoreline distances for 2020, 2080 and 2130 timeframes for cell 4E

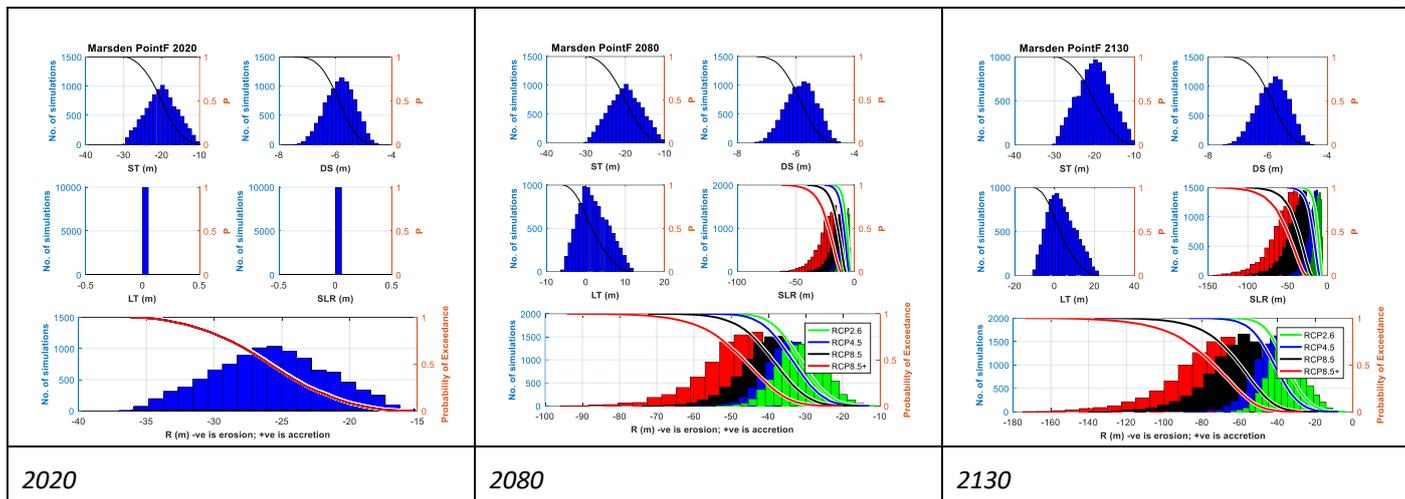


Figure 4-7 Histograms of parameter samples and the resultant shoreline distances for 2020, 2080 and 2130 timeframes for cell 4F

Table 4-2 Coastal Erosion Hazard Zone Widths for 2020

Site	4. Marsden Point									
	A	AA	B	C	D	E	F			
Min	-7	-7	-8	-16	-15	-15	-15			
99%	-8	-9	-10	-19	-17	-17	-17			
95%	-10	-10	-11	-21	-19	-19	-19			
90%	-10	-11	-12	-22	-20	-20	-20			
80%	-12	-12	-13	-24	-22	-22	-22			
70%	-12	-13	-13	-25	-23	-24	-24			
66%	-13	-13	-14	-26	-24	-24	-24			
60%	-13	-13	-14	-27	-25	-25	-25			
50%	-14	-14	-15	-28	-26	-26	-26			
40%	-15	-15	-16	-29	-27	-27	-27			
33%	-16	-16	-17	-30	-28	-28	-28			
30%	-16	-16	-17	-30	-28	-28	-28			
20%	-17	-18	-18	-31	-30	-30	-30			
10%	-19	-19	-20	-33	-31	-31	-31			
5%	-20	-20	-21	-35	-33	-33	-33			
1%	-22	-22	-23	-37	-35	-35	-35			
Max	-23	-24	-25	-40	-37	-37	-37			

Table 4-3 Coastal Erosion Hazard Zone Widths Projected for 2080

Site		4. Marsden Point																															
Cell		4A				4AA				4B				4C				4D				4E				4F							
RCP scenario		2.6	4.6	8.5	8.5+	2.6	4.6	8.5	8.5+	2.6	4.6	8.5	8.5+	2.6	4.6	8.5	8.5+	2.6	4.6	8.5	8.5+	2.6	4.6	8.5	8.5+	2.6	4.6	8.5	8.5+	2.6	4.6	8.5	8.5+
Probability of CEHZ (m) Exceedance	Min	18	16	14	10	8	7	3	-2	51	-52	-55	-59	34	36	-40	-45	-7	-8	12	-17	23	24	27	-31	12	13	16	-20				
	99%	12	11	8	4	2	0	-4	-10	57	-59	-62	-68	42	43	-48	-53	13	14	18	-23	28	29	33	-38	17	19	23	-28				
	95%	9	8	5	1	-4	-6	10	-16	60	-62	-66	-72	47	48	-53	-59	16	18	22	-27	30	32	36	-42	21	23	27	-33				
	90%	7	6	3	-1	-7	-9	14	-20	63	-65	-69	-75	49	51	-56	-62	18	20	24	-30	32	34	38	-44	23	25	30	-36				
	80%	4	3	0	-4	11	13	18	-26	65	-67	-72	-78	53	55	-59	-66	20	22	27	-33	35	37	41	-48	26	28	33	-39				
	70%	2	1	-2	-6	15	17	22	-30	67	-69	-74	-81	55	57	-62	-69	22	24	29	-36	36	39	43	-50	28	30	35	-42				
	66%	1	0	-3	-7	16	19	24	-32	68	-70	-75	-82	56	58	-63	-71	23	25	30	-37	37	39	44	-51	29	31	36	-43				
	60%	0	-1	-4	-8	18	20	26	-34	69	-71	-76	-84	57	60	-65	-72	24	26	31	-38	38	40	45	-52	30	32	37	-44				
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	40%	-4	-5	-8	-12	25	27	33	-41	73	-75	-80	-89	61	64	-69	-78	27	29	35	-43	41	43	49	-57	33	35	41	-49				
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CEHZ1	-10				-24				-75				-63				-30				-44				-36								

Table 4-4 Coastal Erosion Hazard Zone Widths Projected 2130

Site		4. Marsden Point																															
Cell		4A				4AA				4B				4C				4D				4E				4F							
RCP scenario		2.6	4.6	8.5	8.5+	2.6	4.6	8.5	8.5+	2.6	4.6	8.5	8.5+	2.6	4.6	8.5	8.5+	2.6	4.6	8.5	8.5+	2.6	4.6	8.5	8.5+	2.6	4.6	8.5	8.5+	2.6	4.6	8.5	8.5+
Probability of CEHZ (m) Exceedance	Min	39	36	26	19	25	22	11	4	-86	-90	102	111	-44	-48	-61	-69	0	-3	-15	-22	-	-	-	-	27	31	-43	-52	-4	-8	-18	-26
	99%	33	29	20	13	14	9	-5	-15	-93	-98	111	120	-57	-62	-75	-84	-7	11	-23	-31	34	38	-50	-59	14	19	-31	-40				
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	1%	18	21	31	-38	77	-85	118	146	141	153	192	223	111	121	160	190	45	57	-97	128	69	82	123	155	57	69	109	141				
	Max	26	29	38	-45	98	114	162	199	157	173	224	261	127	143	194	233	58	74	122	158	83	98	147	186	71	87	137	174				
	CEHZ2	-25				-98				-174				-143				-80				-106				-92							
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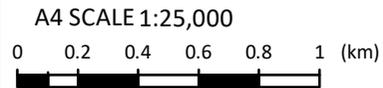
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Notes: Dashed CEHZ indicates greater uncertainty around stream mouths and backshore topography. Northland 0.4m Rural Aerial Photos (2014-2016).



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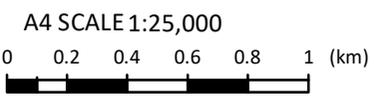
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**Historic Shorelines**

- 2014/01/13
- 2013/12/06
- 1998/04/29
- 1985/12/13
- 1961/03/17
- 1950/09/13
- 1942/05/28

Notes: Dashed CEHZ indicates greater uncertainty around stream mouths and backshore topography. Northland 0.4m Rural Aerial Photos (2014-2016).



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