
GNS Science will transition to the Earth Sciences Institute on 1 July 2025

GNS Science (GNS) and the National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research (NIWA) are joining to form the New Zealand Institute for Earth Science. It will be known as the Earth Sciences Institute (ESI).

The Earth Sciences Institute (ESI) aims to drive New Zealand's economic growth and wellbeing through increasing returns from the use of New Zealand's natural resources and environments, enhancing energy security, building resilience to natural hazards and increasing prosperity in a changing climate.

There is much to do to transition to the ESI and we are working at pace, committed to designing and building a strong new organisation to successfully take us forward.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

As we develop, we will continue to operate from our usual facilities and expect our relationships, contracts and commitments to continue as planned.

The legal effect of the merger is that any contract you may currently have with GNS will simply be transferred to the Earth Sciences Institute on 1 July 2025. There is no requirement for any assignment, consent, permission or the execution of any new contracts.

All GNS accounts, invoices and records should continue to be treated separately from any NIWA activity as, while we are joining together as the Earth Science Institute on 1 July, it will be some time before we can bring our people and systems together. For more specific customer and supplier information, click [here](#).

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR GNS AND NIWA

GNS and NIWA have a strong history of collaboration. In combining strengths, our science will be enhanced, our operational efficiency improved, and we will dramatically increase the scale, connectivity and impact of New Zealand's scientific capabilities to undertake earth, water and atmospheric science.

The new organisation will foster better connectivity between itself and key players in the science system, such as PROs, universities and independent research organisations. Improved connectivity will increase collaboration and innovation, and enable more effective sharing of knowledge, data, and research outcomes. The ESI will provide a platform for joint research initiatives, interdisciplinary projects, and the development of cutting-edge solutions and technologies.

We are excited about our future and looking forward to launching our new Earth Sciences brand!

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