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New Zealand is hit by a Richter Scale 8+ earthquake as Alpine fault slips. Massive death toll and widespread disruption to infrastructure.

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Price of oil / oil-based products increases 3-5 fold over a period of several months due to escalating instabilities in oil-producing regions.

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Insecurity elsewhere in the world drives NZers home in droves

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An outbreak of livestock foot-and-mouth disease in Australia doubles NZ meat export demand overnight

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Prices of imported food, plastics and travel are high because of oil supply interruptions by conflicts in the Middle-East

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Auckland's drinking water becomes severely polluted.

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Climate change causes unbearably hot summers that close many institutions (February and early March)

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Water quality declines rapidly due to pressure on farming to increase yields. NZ's natural capital becomes seriously degraded.



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Tsunami wreaks havoc on the east coast of the North Island. All available budgets are diverted for relief and reconstruction

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Carbon credits market booms. Credit for NZ's biodiversity becomes a much sought after trading commodity globally. Results in major shift in primary production.

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Resource taxation globally penalises international air travel and exports with high embodied energy.

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Global pandemic (e.g. SARS II) kills 10% of working population each year for several years

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New Zealand has to dramatically increase its refugee quota for climate change refugees

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Third world countries debts are cancelled, with provisions to aid sustainable development

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Carbon tax on all non-essential air travel (i.e. tourism) severely reduces NZ tourism income

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Some Treaty of Waitangi issues remain unresolved.

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Earthquake effectively cuts New Zealand off from Wellington. All available budgets are diverted for relief and reconstruction.

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Long-distance travel for European outbound tourism becomes politically unacceptable (there).

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Two governments run New Zealand. One for Maori and one for everyone else

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Iran uses nuclear weapons against the USA, Middle East chaos and USA financial collapse ensues

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Fish stocks are severely depleted due to over-fishing, plus impact on their foodchain due to acidity levels rising in the oceans (consequence of climate change)

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International agreements make tobacco and alcohol illegal drugs



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Highly lethal influenza variant causes 20% mortality globally.

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The mineral oil Peak hit years ago but now GE biofuels are found to be toxic

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Exports requiring high energy and water use are disadvantaged by resource taxes

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Tourist numbers are greatly reduced by costly fuel and carbon taxes

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Nuclear fall-out reaches NZ on the prevailing winds

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An increase in degenerative diseases leads to fall in the average life expectancy

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Energy shortages force many institutions to close for 3 days a week in winter months

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Internet (or equivalent) wiped out indefinitely by irreparable global virus attack



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