

WILD CARD

Electro-magnetic pulse warfare (EMP) irreparably knocks out all electronic circuits, wiping out internet, telecommunications, cars and appliances

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Pulmonary type TB becomes rampant, highly contagious, unable to be treated or easily contained in long term

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Global pandemic (e.g. Sars III) kills 10% of working population each year for 5 years before being controlled

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Nuclear weapons used in the Northern Hemisphere, results in large movements of refugees to southern countries

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Worldwide famine as rust fungus affects rice and grain crops and reduces harvests, on an ongoing basis

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Global banking & stocks crisis, loss of confidence leads to massive inflation and a collapse in world trade.
Unemployment rises above 30%

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New Zealand is hit by a Richter Scale 8 + earthquake swarm as alpine fault slips. Large death toll and widespread disruption to key infrastructure

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Global Climate Change accelerates to tipping points, Greenland melts, sea-level now expected to rise 5 m within the next 50 years

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Global resource wars increase energy costs especially for liquid fuels. Actual continuity of supply becomes a major problem, with frequent interruptions

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Average temperatures rose 3°C (over 50 years) and weather now more extreme and variable, with intense cloud bursts and droughts

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New Zealand's population rises 2 million as returning NZ'ers and environmental refugees flood into the country. Ongoing net inflow there-after of 100,000 migrants/year

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NZ nanotechnology industry developed - retards aging, immediately extending life expectancy and childbearing years by 50%, prompts a baby boom

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Ohu or “land squatter” scheme resurrected in urban and rural areas, on a harvest right basis, to provide access to land for productive use, without a change in ownership

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Airships in use for tourism and door to door freight delivery. Unfortunately, only seasonal use is possible, as they are prone to storm damage

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Resurgent Maori pan-tribal authorities, using Treaty Claim settlement funds, develop joint ventures with the yachting industry and create a wind and solar power based merchant navy with a global reach

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Small scale, labour intensive biotechnology develops. The use of bacteria to extract minerals from land and seawater and clean up pollution becomes a major economic activity in NZ, with major export earnings

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NZ develops a large “commercial” military capability for peace keeping and mediation of conflicts. A training and research component attracts students from all over the world

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NZ develops specialized education programs (medical, biotech & appropriate technology) using virtual reality and high tech interactive systems. Attracts capital and skilled immigrants

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Cheap new technology allows setting up of satellite energy collection systems to provide low cost and clean energy back to earth

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Technology breakthroughs on recycling reduce building costs by 75% as well as 'disposing' of waste stream materials

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Offshore algae farming becomes economic, for bio-fuel production. Floating structures also double up as fish farms and sources of electricity from wind and wave generators

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Forest land-cover is increased to offset CO₂ tax obligations. At the same time wood becomes substitute for 'fossil' fuels and a source of chemicals

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