



# Greymouth



## Want to get involved?

The involvement of the public is one of the most unique and valuable parts of this exercise. Very few countries have the privilege of exercising among their own population.

If you would like to play a role we are always looking for people to add to the realism by playing ordinary citizens of Becara. You are welcome to talk to the soldiers – don't be shy.

Greymouth is the heart of the "badlands." The people of Greymouth are "Wessos" who have been influenced by radical ethnic politics. The Westportian People's Party (WPP) – a new extremist political party - has grown in strength. A pro-Wesso militia group - the Westportian Freedom Army (WFA) – has emerged to force change for the Wesso people.

If you would like to play a 'Wesso' and you do speak to a soldier please try to convey the following messages:

- You feel the Becaran Government is ignoring your needs.
- You strongly support the Westportian People's Party and the Westportian Freedom Army (who you see as freedom fighters).
- You'd rather the New Zealanders & their allies weren't getting involved and want them to leave.

We want the exercise players to have to win you over & gain your trust.  
Be suspicious and reluctant to share information with them.

## What might I see?

Most of the activity in Greymouth is expected to take place from:

**Early October - late November.**

- The Grey District is the heart of SK17.
- In October you will see our "bad guys" setting themselves up. They will establish bases & defensive positions on the outskirts of Greymouth.
- From mid to late November, we expect large numbers of soldiers and armoured vehicles to occupy areas around Greymouth and nearby townships.
- The soldiers will be armed and may occupy some key points nearby or set up checkpoints.
- A variety of international aircraft are likely to be flying in the area in November.
- Some navy vessels may conduct helicopter operations off the coast.
- Some mid-scale fighting may occur in the areas inland - but only in pre-determined areas - and only under the supervision of exercise control staff. This may involve blank firing and explosions.

## Need Help? Got a question?

If you have any questions about the exercise, please feel free to ask any of our exercise control staff. You can identify them by the Southern Katipo logo (right) on their arm.

Alternatively, you can call our Public Affairs number 021 487 980

