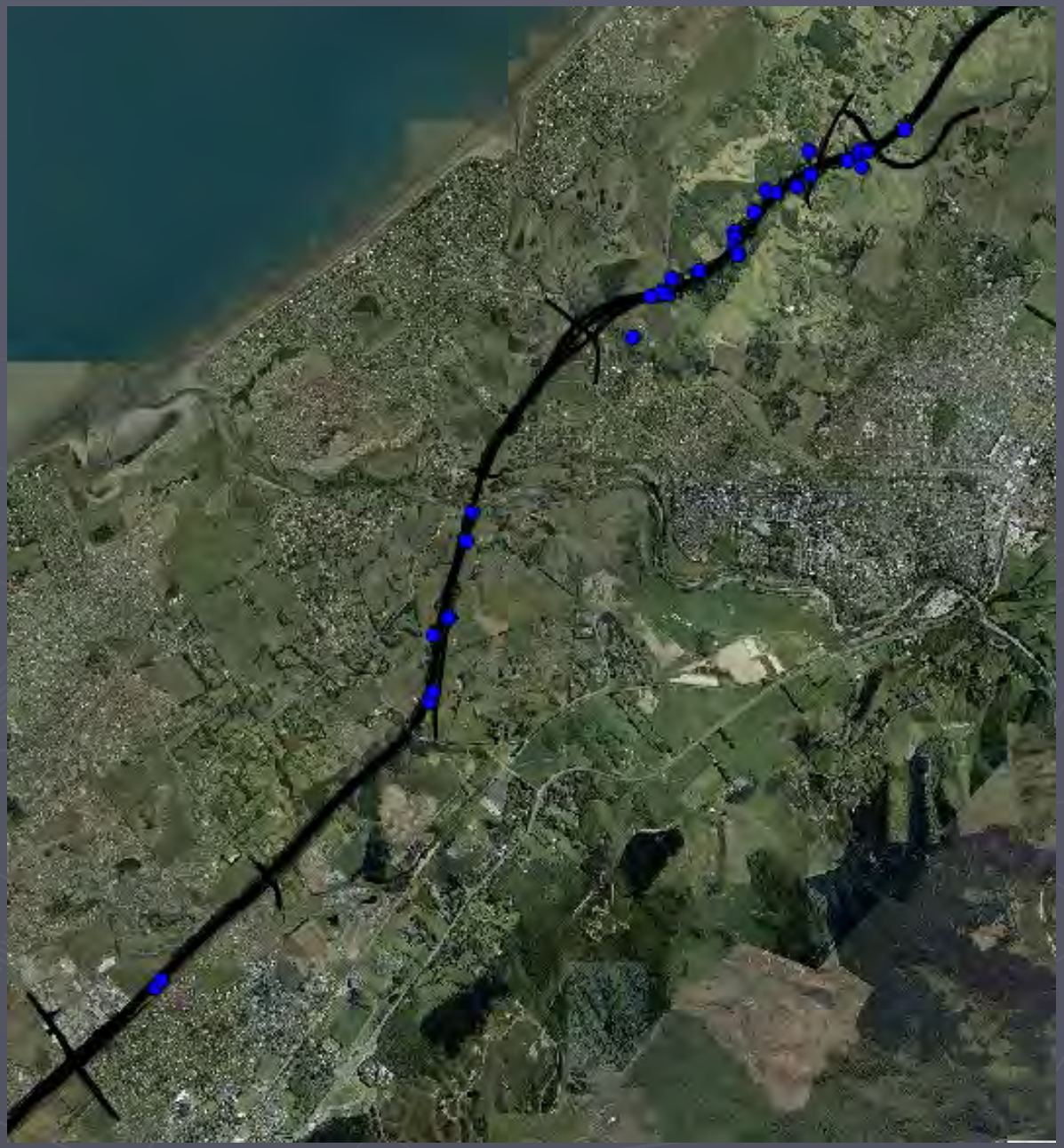
M2PP - The *second* Kapiti Expressway

- What did we do?
- Why did we do it?

Pre-construction investigations

- Investigated “high probability” areas, on basis of predictive model
- Prior to expressway construction
- Machine & hand excavated
- Investigated 30 sites



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Monitoring phase

- During construction phase
- Working on remainder of route
- “Quick and dirty” when compared to previous pre-construction investigations
- Currently have revealed, recorded and investigated just over 190 new sites

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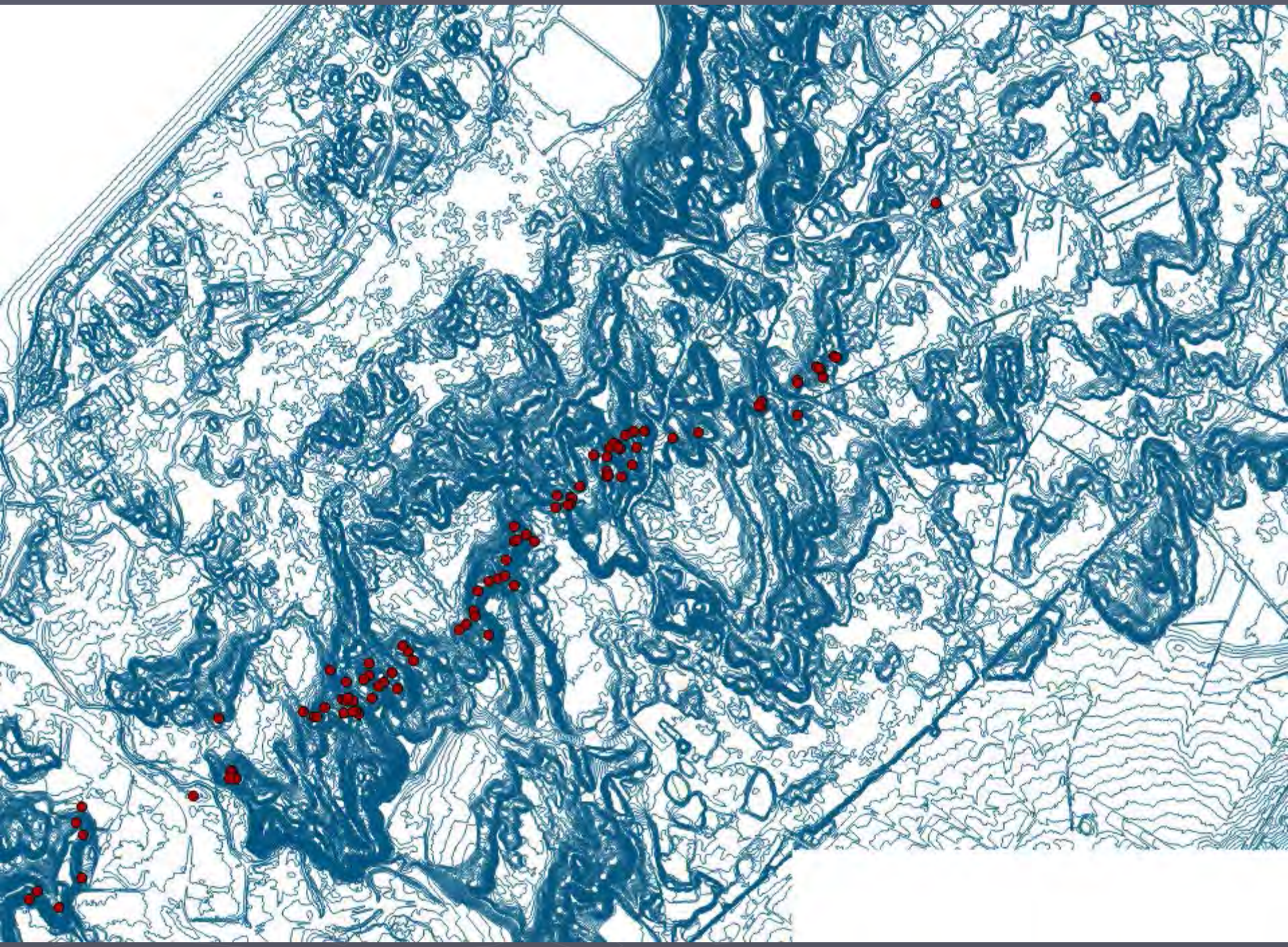

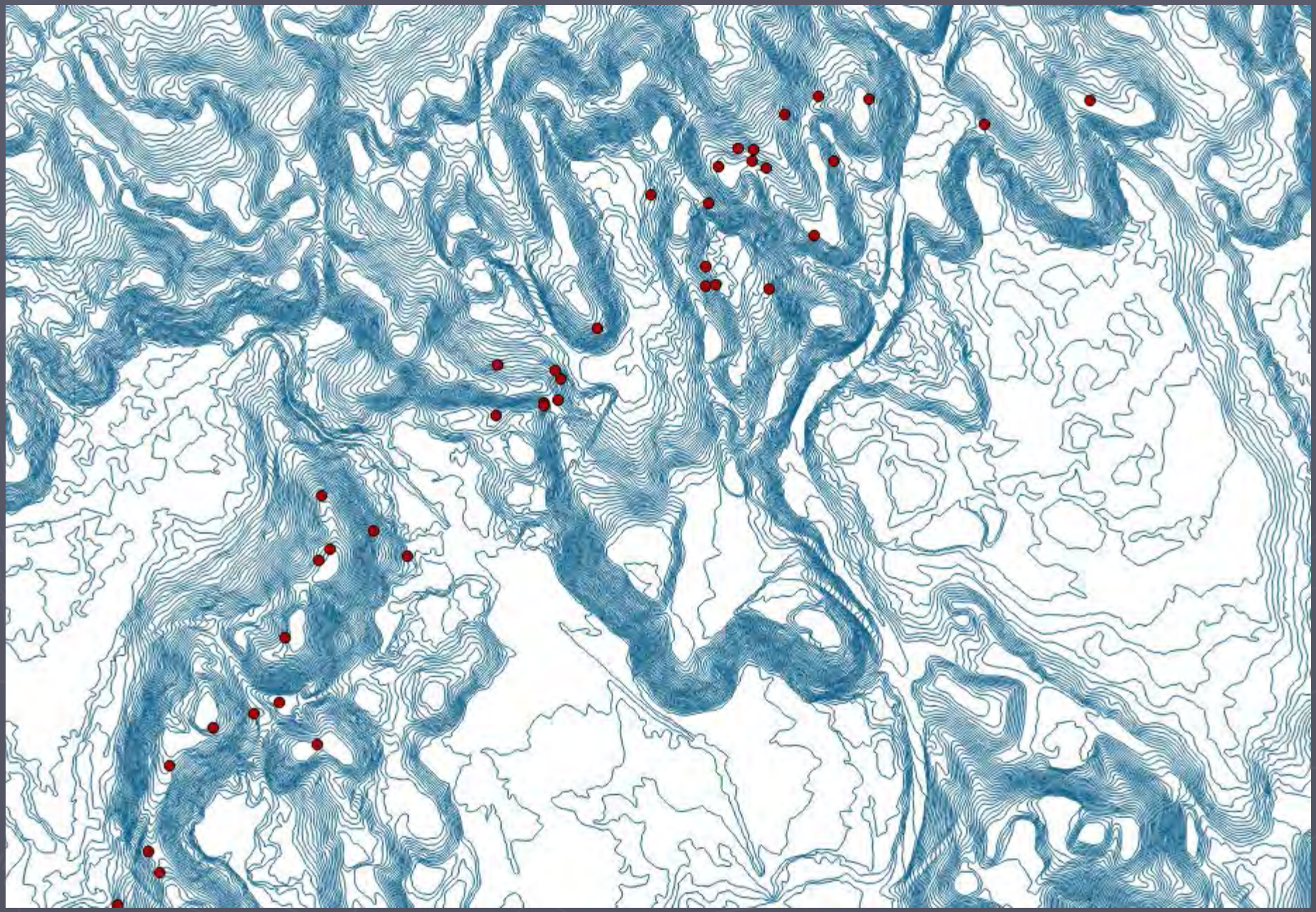

Faunal Analysis

NOTICE
LIFE JACKETS MUST BE WORN BEYOND THIS POINT
ACCESS ROAD
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10mm
20
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So what have I found….?

- Vast majority of sites are midden
- Also several ovens
- One burial
- Middens predominantly shell, also fishbone
- Strong locational relationship to high dunes, beside former wetlands
- No sites in wetlands

What haven't I found?

- No earthworks sites - pa, pits, terraces
- No gardens
- No permanent settlements

So…..what does it all mean?

…..and what's the point??

- The coastal dunes appear to be the "fish and meat" aisle of the supermarket
- Not gardening because they didn't need to
- Transitory population, exploiting resources
- Wetlands playing bigger part in subsistence economy than apparent
- Wetlands are primary factor determining site location – could you paddle your waka there?
- Prior expressway, made of water
- Small things tell big stories!!