



#NoNaturalDisasters

# Our view on meteorites and the #NoNaturalDisasters campaign...

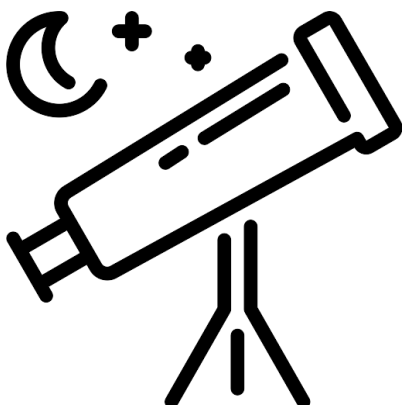
One of the most common push-backs to our campaign is “What about meteorite strikes?”

**This is usually raised to try to prove that some disasters are in fact, natural.**



A meteorite striking earth will obviously cause disruption. However, the severity of the strike & its impact on society will depend on a number of factors (as we saw Chelyabinsk, Russia in 2013). Whilst the astonishing rarity of these events means it difficult to predict their location, impact & response, humanity has recognised the risk & is taking strides to reduce it.

We need to remember that the same unpredictability and lack of mitigable action would have been associated with much more common hazards in the past.



The development of systems such as *Sentry: Earth Impact Monitoring* & equipment like the *Large Synoptic Survey Telescope* will mean one day these events, like hurricanes, floods & tornados will be preventable & predictable.