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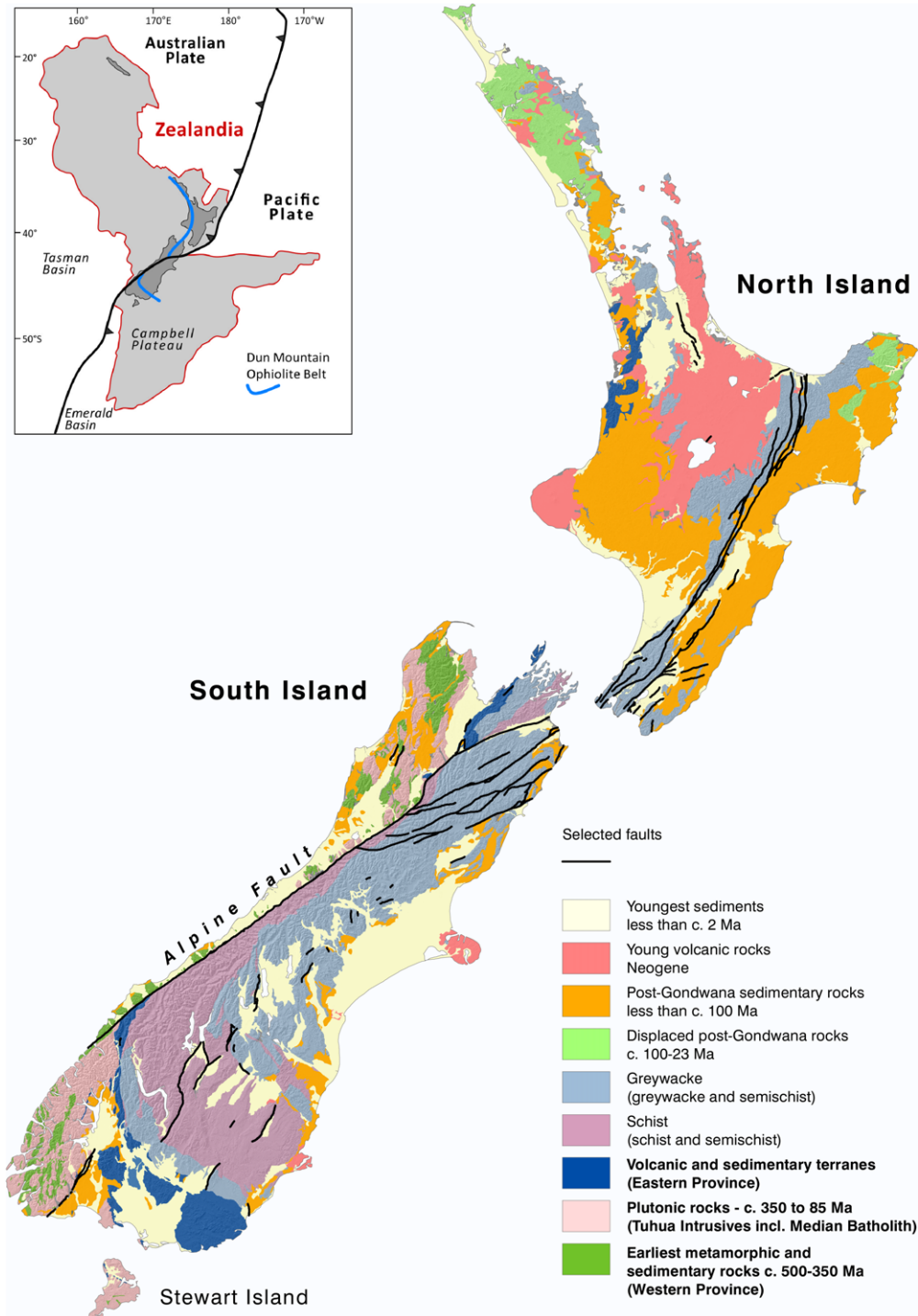
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## Preface

This memoir was initiated by an opportunity for Alastair Robertson to carry out geological fieldwork in the South Island while on study leave from the University of Edinburgh (initially in 2013). It soon became apparent that the resulting field-based information would benefit from publication in a Memoir format. The resulting volume includes contributions from a broad spectrum of those currently carrying out geological research on the Late Paleozoic–Early Mesozoic geology of the region.

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Simplified geological map of New Zealand showing the main lithological assemblages, their ages and selected major faults. This volume focuses on the lithological assemblages of South Island that are indicated in bold (lower three categories in key). Inset: New Zealand in relation to the continent of Zealandia. Note the extent and continuity of the Dun Mountain ophiolite belt.