

STATEMENT OF MARC HOBSON

MARKC HOBSON states:

I reside in Christchurch and work for Classique Furniture. I have worked there for some 7½ years.

After the earthquake struck on 22 February 2011, I came out of the building looking for workmates. I discovered that the wall on the eastern side of the building had collapsed and that my workmate, Stephen Cochrane, was underneath it.

Stephen was very unlucky because if he had run out a couple of seconds either side he would have made it.

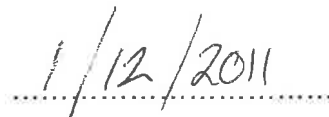
The block wall appeared to be in one piece. I recall a couple of the rows of blocks were on the roof of the neighbour's property.

Prior to 22nd February none of the people who worked there really gave any thought to the wall and there was no talk about it.

There may have been some talk after the September earthquake to the effect that the wall must have been reinforced because it had not fallen over. We were surprised after the February earthquake to see the wall only had the 2 reinforcement rods.



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