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THE COMMISSIONS OF INQUIRY ACT 1908

IN THE MATTER OF

ROYAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO BUILDING FAILURE CAUSED BY CANTERBURY EARTHQUAKES

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STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE OF STEPHEN JAMES MCCARTHY IN RELATION TO 7 RICCARTON ROAD

DATE OF HEARING: WEEK BEGINNING 12 DECEMBER 2011

INTRODUCTION

- My name is Stephen James McCarthy. I am the Environmental Policy and Approvals Manager of the Christchurch City Council. I have worked for the Council since 1 May 2006. During the State of Emergency following the earthquake of 4 September 2010, I was one of the Building Evaluation Managers in the Christchurch City Emergency Operations Centre.
- I have 36 years of experience working for local government, including 16 years in building control. I have a Degree in Applied Science and a Post Graduate Diploma in Management from Massey University and a Royal Society Diploma in Environmental Health from Wellington Polytechnic.
- I have been asked to provide evidence to the Royal Commission relating to specific aspects of the Council's involvement with 7 Riccarton Road before and after the earthquake of 4 September 2010 and the Boxing Day aftershock.

DOCUMENTS PROVIDED TO THE ROYAL COMMISSION

- 4. The documents relating to this building that have been provided to the Royal Commission are:
 - (a) the Building Permit/Building Consent file for 7 Riccarton Road; and
 - (b) post earthquake files.

SCOPE OF EVIDENCE

- 5. My evidence will address the following matters:
 - (a) The Civil Defence Emergency Management Response in relation to the building after the 4 September 2010 earthquake.
 - (b) Council involvement with the building subsequent to the lifting of the state of emergency on 16 September 2010.

- (c) Whether 7 Riccarton Road was assessed as 'earthquake-prone' for the purposes of section 122 of the Building Act 2004.
- (d) The effect of any strengthening undertaken.
- (e) The application of the Council's earthquake prone policies of 2006 and 2010 to the building.

EVENTS BETWEEN 4 SEPTEMBER 2010 EARTHQUAKE AND 22 FEBRUARY 2011 EARTHQUAKE

- On 6 September 2010, a Level 1 rapid assessment was carried out and the building received a green placard (Annexure "A").
- A Level 2 rapid assessment was undertaken on 7 September 2010 by David Elliott, a structural engineer from Aurecon (Annexure "B"). Following aftershocks, a further Level 2 rapid assessment was undertaken by Mr Elliott on 9 September 2010 (Annexure "C").
- 8. It appears that Mr Elliott was acting on instructions from the tenant when he undertook the inspections on 7 and 9 September 2010 following aftershocks. The 7 September assessment concluded that while the building was in a poor state of repair prior to the earthquake, the building was currently stable. The follow-up assessment on 9 September 2010 stated that there was no change from the previous assessment.
- 9. The Level 2 assessment forms completed by Mr Elliott, and dated 7 and 9 September 2010, do not appear to have become part of the record during the civil defence emergency building evaluation process as they do not have additional administrative details completed on the forms. For example, at the bottom of the form, there are no prupi/property details entered, and the "inspection id(for office use only)" has not been completed.
- 10. The Council's records indicate that on 8 September 2010 a telephone call was received from Mr Morris North. The record of the telephone call states "brick and concrete façade badley [sic] cracked, caller concerned it could fall down on pedestrians. Structural engineer says with another significant tremor it could come down. Will require another council check since yesterday's check which

was given a green notice status" (Annexure "D").

- 11. Following more aftershocks, on 11 September 2010 a further Level 1 rapid assessment was carried out and the building received a yellow placard. The assessment form noted that there was a "large crack in front façade and parapet. Engineer to inspect and advise" (Annexure "E"). I attach a photo of the yellow placard affixed to the building (Annexure "F").
- 12. I understand that Mr Elliott's rapid assessment forms were not provided to the Council until 15 September 2010. The assessment forms were included with a report that is incorrectly dated 6 September 2010, in an email from Georgina Mac Rae, at St Christopher's Church, to Philip Hector on 15 September 2010 (Annexure "G"). The report considered the building "occupiable". However it recommended strengthening the building (Page 1).
- 13. In order to change the placard on the building, a CPEng certification was required to certify that the danger had been removed. The report did not contain a CPEng certification, and therefore the report was insufficient to change the placard on the building.
- 14. I understand that the tenant, Mr North, contacted the Council on 15 September 2010 and Philip Hector, Senior Building Consent Officer in the Building Recovery Office, informed him that Aurecon needed to carry out a Level 2 assessment before the placard could be changed from yellow to green (Annexure "H"). This position was recorded in email correspondence between Mr North and Mr Hector on 15 and 16 September 2010 (Annexure "I").
- On 4 October 2010, the Building Evaluation Transition Team (**BETT**) emailed Mr Elliott advising that the building required CPEng certification that it was not dangerous in terms of the Building Act (**Annexure "J"**).
- On 19 October 2010, an assessment was carried out by the BETT. Due to cracking in the parapet, the yellow placard was confirmed (Annexure "K"). The assessment recommended the parapet be checked by an engineer. The assessment form was signed by Mr Ross Kain. An Enforcement Team Notices Coversheet completed by Mr Kain on the same date states "bookshop closed. Letter to owner for confirmation of Engineer inspection. Any remedial work

required to be carried out asap. NTF – weakened and cracked walls to be made good and strengthened. Building consent required and will need CPEng certification" (Annexure "L").

- On 26 October 2010, the Council's BETT emailed Mr Elliott outlining the further actions required to change the building's status from yellow to green (Annexure "M"), noting that a CPEng certification was required. The form of certification at this stage involved a new Council form to be completed by a chartered professional engineer rather than a Level 2 assessment form.
- 18. On 5 November 2010, the Council received a CPEng certification from Mr Elliott of Aurecon dated 3 November 2010 (Annexure "N" and "O"). The CPEng certification had been altered as Mr Elliott was unwilling to sign off securing work that had not been undertaken. Mr Elliott noted (in his email of 26 October 2010) that, at his last inspection, the building had not sustained any significant structural damage that required repairs prior to occupation. The CPEng certification noted that the condition of the building was not considered to be worse than prior to the earthquake.
- 19. There appears to have been a discussion, referred to in the email of 5 November 2010, between Mr Elliott and Laura Bronner from the BETT, regarding whether an amended CPEng certificate would be accepted by the Council. The Council staff involved appear to have accepted the altered form and relied on the engineer's certification given in the altered form (Annexure "P").
- On 8 November 2010, the Council advised Mr Elliott and Mr Morris by email that the building was considered safe for occupancy and that any placard on the building could be removed (Annexure "Q").
- 21. It does not appear from Council records that a rapid assessment inspection was carried out on the building following the Boxing Day aftershock. The Council's records do not show any further inspections until the Level 1 rapid assessment carried out on 25 February 2011 (Annexure "R").

APPLICATION OF RELEVANT LEGISLATION AND THE COUNCIL'S EARTHQUAKE PRONE POLICY

- 22. The building was considered to be a possible earthquake prone building in terms of the definition in Section 66 of the Building Act 1991.
- As it appears that no earthquake strengthening was carried out on the building, it would have continued to be regarded as a possible earthquake prone building on the introduction of the Building Act 2004, and for the purposes of the Council's Earthquake Prone Buildings Policy 2006.
- 24. After the commencement of the Earthquake Prone Buildings Policy 2006, if a building consent application for a significant alteration had been received the building application would have been dealt with in accordance with the Policy (see in particular section 1.7). However, no such building consent application was received.

DATED

8 December 2011

Stephen James McCarth

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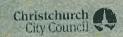
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RESTRICTED USE

NO ENTRY EXCEPT ON ESSENTIAL BUSINESS

WARNING

This building has been damaged and its structural safety is questionable. Enter only at own risk, Subsequent aftershocks or other events may result in increased damage and danger, changing this assessment. Re-inspection may be required. The damage observed from external inspection is as described below:

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Facility/ Tenancy Name and Address

This facility was inspected pursuant to the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002

Inspector ID:

Acting under the authority of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Controller:

Date: 1/09/10

Time: 10/5

Contact for information: ph. (03) 941 8999

OF

TXT: 021 02069179 with following details: Address, Placard colour, contact name, contact phone number

Do Not Remove this Placard. Placed on Behalf of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Controller Under the Authority of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002

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Griffiths, Esther

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From:

the above info. Baker, Emily on behalf of BuildingRecoveryOffige

Sent:

Friday, 24 September 2010 10:29 am

To:

Griffiths, Esther

Subject:

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Attachments: DOC150910.pdf

Level 1

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From: Georgina at St Christophers Church [mailto:office@stchristophers.org.nz]

Sent: Wednesday, 15 September 2010 12:56 pm

To: Hector, Philip

Subject:

From Morris North re 7 Riccarton rOAD

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6 September 2010

Morris North St Christopher's Church 244 Avonhead Road Christchurch 8042

Dear Morris

Christchurch Earthquake – 7th September 2010. Structural Assessment of the Building at 7 Riccarton Road – Initial Aurecon Report

In light of the recent magnitude 7.1 earthquake emanating from Darfield on Saturday 4th September, we have received a call from you for assistance. Our role in this review is that of structural engineering advisor, to review and confirm the initial safety status, based on our observations of the building.

Phase One - Initial Safety Assessments

We confirm that on 7th September 2010 and again on 9th September 2010, Aurecon Structural Engineering staff attended your property and conducted an initial structural assessment of your building.

Observations - General

Negligible Damage

We generally found your building to have negligible observable structural damage and would consider it as "Occupiable" for its continuing use as a commercial premise. We would recommend that all endeavours be undertaken by yourselves to clean the building and remove any items that may pose health and safety risks. Please refer to phase two below which we recommend to provide certainty to yourselves and your insurers.

Observations - Structural Integrity Observations

- Brick cracking cracks in bricks over windows and in the north façade.
- The building is over 100 years old and has not been well maintained. Some damage observed may have been existing before the event.

Next steps

We understand St Christopher's lease the building long-term, we recommend strengthening of the building is carried out and would be happy to advise the owners in this regard.

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Page 1 of 2

Cheyne, Judith

From: Philip Hector [philip.hector@xtra.co.nz]

Sent: Friday, 9 September 2011 12:55 pm

To: Cheyne, Judith Subject: 7 Riccarton Road

From: Hector, Philip

Sent: Thu 16/09/2010 8:28 a.m.

To: Morris North

Subject: RE: 7 Riccarton Road -Inspection by Aurecon

Hi Morris

You need to go back to the structural engineers who provided the report and ask them to do a Level 2 assessment. They should know what is involved with such and assessment. Aurecom as CPEng engineers will know what needs to be done to facilitate the change of the placard.

Regards Philip

----Original Message-----

From: Morris North [mailto:morris@netaccess.co.nz] Sent: Wednesday, 15 September 2010 9:54 pm

To: Hector, Philip

Subject: Re: 7 Riccarton Road -Inspection by Aurecon

Thanks Philip,

Can you please give me a run-down on what procedures we need to adopt to make the building more secure e.g. Can we discuss with you or do we get a structural engineers recommendation for approval by yourselves etc?

Thanks
Morris North
Ph 3585 505
Hector, Philip wrote:
> Hi Morris
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> Regards

> Philip Hector

> Senior Building Consent Officer

> Building Recovery Office

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> ----Original Message-----

> From: Morris North [mailto:morris@netaccess.co.nz]

> Sent: Wednesday, 15 September 2010 4:10 pm

> To: Hector, Philip

> Subject: 7 Riccarton Road -Inspection by Aurecon

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> Hullo Philip

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CDRescue

From:

CDRescue

Sent:

Monday, 4 October 2010 11:03 am

To: Subject: 'Elliotd@ap.aurecongroup.com' RE: 7 Riccarton Road

Attachments:

CPEng Certification Requirements.doc

Hi Elliot,

On the basis of the report that we received for 7 Riccarton Road, the building requires certification from a CPEng stating that the building is not dangerous as defined by the Building Act of 2004 in section 121. Please see the attachment for clarification on this act.

Regards,

Building Evaluation Transition Team Ph 03 941 5486



CPEng Certification Requiremen... Before Council will accept that the building is satisfactory for occupancy and/or cordons removed, It will be necessary for you to obtain certification from your Chartered Professional Engineer practicing in structural engineering that:-

- * the building is not dangerous in terms of Section 121 (1) of the Building Act (attached)
- * the building is not a risk to adjacent buildings and public assessable areas such as roads, footpaths and other areas that the public generally has access to.
 - * the building is structurally adequate for normal occupancy.

The certification should be accompanied with a structural engineering assessment that includes what damage has occurred to the building, what repairs if any that have been made, the basis of ascertaining the building is not dangerous in terms of the Building Act and photos of the building that show the general structural condition of the building.

121 Meaning of dangerous building

- (1) A building is dangerous for the purposes of this Act if.—
- (a) in the ordinary course of events (excluding the occurrence of an earthquake), the building is likely to cause—
- (i) injury or death (whether by collapse or otherwise) to any persons in it or to persons on other property; or
- (ii) damage to other property; or
- (b) in the event of fire, injury or death to any persons in the building or to persons on other property is likely because of fire hazard or the occupancy of the building; or
- (c) there is a risk that the building could collapse or otherwise cause injury or death to any person in the building as a result of an earthquake that generates shaking that is less than a moderate earthquake*; or
- (d) there is a risk that other property could collapse or otherwise cause injury or death to any person in the building; or
- (e) a territorial authority has not been able to undertake an inspection to determine whether—
- (i) the building is dangerous under paragraph (a); and
- (ii) the territorial authority or the chief executive, as the case may be, is required to exercise powers under section 124 or 129 as modified by this order.

This Section shows how the Canterbury Earthquake (Building Act) Order 2010 (**Order**) interacts with this Section of the Building Act 2004 (**Act**).

The modifications made to the Section by the Order are in red.

^{*} A moderate earthquake is defined in Section 7 of the Building (Specified Systems, Change the use, and Earthquake-prone Building) Regulations 2005.

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From:

Bronner, Laura on behalf of CDRescue

Sent:

Tuesday, 26 October 2010 12:50 pm

To:

elliottd@ap.aurecongroup.com

Subject:

RE: 7 Riccarton Road

Attachments: Christchurch City Council Building Evaluation Team - Certification Commercial.pdf

Hi David,

Please see the attached document regarding the CPEng Certification the Council requires to change a building's status from red/yellow to green. If you could return page 4 to us at your earliest convenience it would be greatly appreciated.

Regards, Laura Bronner Building Evaluation Transition Team Ph 941 8868



Christchurch City Council

Resumption of occupancy and use of earthquake-damaged buildings Section 1: Buildings included in the scope of s122 of the Building Act 2004

Purpose

Christchurch City Council is aware that many owners of buildings damaged in the recent earthquakes are keen to resume occupation and use as soon as possible. The following procedures have been specifically developed to allow that.

Earthquake-prone building status

The red or yellow safety notices may be taken to mean that the buildings are dangerous according to the Building Act as amended by Order in Council on 16 September 2010. (These notices remain in force until at least 3 November 2010 and may be renewed beyond that date.)

All buildings issued with red or yellow safety notices that have suffered structural damage will also be regarded by the Council as potentially earthquake-prone under s122 of the Building Act 2004. As such they will be subject to the Christchurch City Council Policy on Earthquake-prone buildings 2010.

Options for owners to resume occupancy and use

The conditions for removal of red and yellow safety notices given below are based on two main options for owners:

1. Option 1:

- a. Interim securing to bring the building back to pre-earthquake condition, followed by:
- b. Strengthening (or other improvement in structural performance) to at least the standard required by the *Christchurch City Council Earthquake-prone, Dangerous and Insanitary Buildings Policy 2010 (CCC EPB Policy)* by 4 September 2013.

Note: Interim securing work is not regarded as an alteration in terms of s112 of the Building Act 2004 and will not require a building consent.

2. Option 2:

a. Strengthening (or other improvement in structural performance) to at least the standard required by the CCC EPB Policy.

Note: An owner may elect to demolish the building or strengthen/ improve the structural performance beyond the minimum requirements.

Conditions for removal of safety notices and resumption of occupancy and use

The following conditions apply to the removal of red and yellow safety notices that were placed on buildings following the 4 September 2010 earthquake.

- 1. Buildings with Green Safety Notices
 - a. No action required. Notice may be removed or stay at discretion of owner.
 - b. Buildings with green safety notices which were identified as earthquake-prone or potentially earthquake-prone before 4 September 2010 will retain that status and will be subject to the requirements of the CCC EPB Policy.
- 2. Buildings with or Yellow Safety Notices
 - a. Resumption of occupancy and use of buildings with red or yellow safety notices will be permitted only after Council approval is obtained in writing.
 - b. Such approval will be given when the following conditions are met:

Option 1:

- Structural integrity and performance. Where the integrity of the building (or part
 of the building) was materially affected by the Darfield earthquake or any
 aftershocks, interim securing measures must be taken to restore the structural
 integrity and expected structural performance of the building to at least the
 condition that existed prior to the earthquake of 4 September 2010.
- Potentially dangerous features. Potentially dangerous features on the building such as unreinforced masonry chimneys, parapets and walls must be removed or the features secured so that their integrity and level of structural performance is consistent with that generally achieved in other parts of the building, and so reduces the danger to people's safety and of damage to other property.
- Threat from nearby buildings. Where there is a threat to a building or its
 occupants as a result of potentially dangerous features such as unreinforced
 masonry chimneys, parapets and walls on other buildings: Either:
 - The potentially dangerous features on all other buildings must be removed or the features secured so that their integrity and level of structural performance is consistent with that generally achieved in other parts of the building, and so reduces the danger to people's safety and of damage to other property.

Or:

 Protective measures must be installed on the subject building that protect its occupants in the event of collapse of the potentially dangerous features on any other building.

Option 2:

 The structural performance of the building must be improved to at least the standard required by the CCC EPB Policy. (This is as nearly as is reasonably practicable to 67% of new building standard.)

- Threat from nearby buildings. Threats from neighbouring buildings shall be treated in a similar manner as for option 1.
- c. A Chartered Professional Engineer with appropriate qualifications and experience in the structural design of buildings for earthquake must sign and submit the attached statement.
- d. Until receipt and acceptance by Christchurch City Council of the signed statement the building will be classed as dangerous in terms of s121 of the Building Act 2004. If no action is taken on a building within a reasonable time, Council will exercise its powers under s126 of the Building Act 2004 to remove the danger.
- e. Every building that is within the scope of s122 of the Building Act 2004 and was issued with a yellow or red safety notice during the state of emergency or subsequently will be regarded as potentially earthquake-prone. As such it will be subject to the CCC EPB policy unless it can be shown that it is not likely to collapse and cause death, injury etc in a moderate earthquake. (Normal criteria in section 122 defining an earthquake-prone building applies.)

Note:

In framing these conditions the Council has interpreted ss 121(1)(c) and (d) of the Building Act 2004 to mean that when the conditions for removal of the red and yellow safety notices are met, the risks "that the building could collapse or otherwise cause injury or death to any person in the building as a result of an earthquake that generates shaking that is less than a moderate earthquake" or "that other property could collapse or otherwise cause injury or death to any person in the building" are tolerable in the context of other risks.

Note to structural engineers:

Judging by the impact on buildings in Christchurch city, the earthquake of 4 September 2010 is believed to be equivalent to no more than a moderate earthquake. Furthermore, survival without collapse cannot be taken as conclusive proof that a building will survive other earthquakes with similar overall levels of ground shaking. Factors such as directionality and duration of strong shaking need to be taken into account. Christchurch City Council believes that strengthening to as nearly as is reasonably practicable to that of a new building is the best course of action. Achievement of as nearly as is reasonably practicable to 67% of a new building standard will be accepted for strengthening / structural improvement of earthquake-prone buildings.

Statement by	Chartered Professional Engineer in respect of the building at:					
(Building Addr	ess)					
(Business Nam	e if applicable)					
	xperience in the structural design of buildings for earthquake actions.					
	gaged to provide advice to the owner on the interim securing / strengthening of the above ing the earthquake of 4 September 2010.					
	all the measures taken to secure or strengthen the building (the work) which were carried and contact address of contractor).					
I have inspecte	d the work on completion and am satisfied on reasonable grounds that:					
pe ea th	ructural integrity and performance. Where the structural integrity and/or structural erformance of the building (or part of the building) was materially affected by the Darfield rthquake or any aftershocks to date, interim securing measures have been taken to restore e structural integrity and performance of the building to at least the condition that existed for to the earthquake of 4 September 2010.					
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c. Th	reat from nearby buildings. (Delete one if not applicable)					
•	Protective measures installed on the subject building are sufficient in nature and extent to protect its occupants in the event of collapse of potentially dangerous features on adjacent or nearby buildings.					
•	I have identified <i>all</i> potentially dangerous features such as unreinforced masonry chimneys, parapets and walls <i>on all adjacent or nearby buildings</i> that have potentially dangerous features which threaten the subject building or its occupants.					
	Buildings which I have identified in the above category are: i					
•	I have advised the owner of the subject building that approval for resumption of occupancy and use will be subject to Council approval to remove the red or yellow safety notices from the buildings listed above.					

Bronner, Laura

From:

David Elliott [ElliottD@ap.aurecongroup.com]

Sent:

Friday, 5 November 2010 4:59 pm

To:

CDRescue

Subject:

Fw: 7 Riccarton Road

Attachments: Christchurch City Council Building Evaluation Team - Certification Commercial.pdf; SC451

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Hi Laura,

Further to our conversation. Please find attached the signed form.

regards

David

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---- Forwarded by David Elliott/Connell Wagner on 05/11/2010 04:57 p.m. -----

To "CDRescue" <CDRescue@ccc.govt.nz>

David Elliott/Connell Wagner

26/10/2010 04:09 p.m.

Subject RE: 7 Riccarton Road Link

Project N/A (This message is private and is not for a project)

Laura,

Thanks for the email.

My reading of the attached document is that I am signing off securing work that has been carried out to the building.

However, no securing work has been carried out to this building. The building had not (at my last inspection) sustained any significant structural damage that required repairs prior to occupation.

Is this form relevant for me to be completing.

Many thanks

David

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"CDRescue" <CDRescue@ccc.govt.nz>
Sent by: "Bronner, Laura" <Laura.Bronner@ccc.govt.nz>

Subject RE: 7 Riccarton Road Project Not assigned ...

26/10/2010 12:50 p.m.

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Statement by Chartered Professional Engineer in respect of the building at:
(Building Address)
(Business Name if applicable)
I, DAVID ELLIOTT (name), am a Chartered Professional Engineer (No
building following the earthquake of 4 September 2010. I am aware of all the measures taken to secure or strengthen the building (the work) which were carried out by (Name and contact address of contractor).— None Under Laken
I have inspected the work on completion and am satisfied on reasonable grounds that:
a. Structural integrity and performance. Where the structural integrity and/or structural performance of the building (or part of the building) was materially affected by the Darfield earthquake or any aftershocks to date, interim securing measures have been taken to restore the structural integrity and performance of the building to at least the condition that existed prior to the earthquake of 4 September 2010.— The condition is not considered.
b. Potentially dangerous features. Potentially dangerous features on the building such as unreinforced masonry chimneys, parapets and walls have been removed or secured so that their integrity and level of structural performance is consistent with that generally achieved in other parts of the building, and so reduces the danger to people's safety and of damage to other property. The condition is not considered to the EQ. C. Threat from nearby buildings. (Delete one if not applicable)
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Buildings which I have identified in the above category are: i. ii. iii.
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Signed Chartered Professional Engineer
Date 3.11.2010



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ENFORCEMENT TEAM UPDATED INFORMATION / REPORT COVERSHEET

Address: 7 Riccarton Ro	W
Building Evaluation Transition Team - Actions	
Structural Engineers Report Received	(Yesy No
CPEng certified or authorised per list	Yes No
CCC Structural Engineer reviewed Report	Yes / No
CCC Engineer Inspection Required	Yes (No
AGREE with information supplied	Yes / No
DISAGREES or REQUIRES more information	Yes / No
Recommendations - Certification accepted as per email Oftached. Building can now be changed to green	Yes / No
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Property Owner / Engineer advised by : Phone / Email	√es/No
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Hard Copy taken for BETT team	Yes / No
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Scanned into Shared drive	Yes No
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Reviewed Classification	Yes / No
Attached to Enforcement File	Yes / No
Completed by (print name:	

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Bronner, Laura

From: Sent:

Bronner, Laura on behalf of CDRescue

To:

Monday, 8 November 2010 3:48 pm 'elliottd@ap.aurecongroup.com'; 'Morris@netaccess.co.nz'

Subject:

RE: Call-back please.

Hi David and Morris,

Thank you for sending the certification. Please be advised that the building is now considered safe for occupancy. You may remove any placard that is posted on the building.

Best of Luck,

Laura Bronner **Building Recovery** Christchurch City Council Ph 941 8868

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