

CANTERBURY EARTHQUAKE ROYAL COMMISSION

Further Statement of Marton David Sinclair in relation to Building at 601 – 601A Colombo Street, Christchurch

1. During verbal discussions, I think late in January 2011, Mr Dallison had mentioned that he needed a further report on the building. I undertook an inspection in late January 2011 in preparation for the report.
2. Mollett Street was securely cordoned off due to the unsafe state of the building. Access to the building upper level was by Mollett Street. My assessment was that the building was seriously damaged and not capable of economic repair. It was unsafe to enter and clearly needed demolition.
3. In my view it was not sensible to enter for an internal inspection when I was going to recommend demolition.
4. I did not note any separation of the façade of 601A from the remaining north wall during my inspection.
5. The Colombo Street barrier was still in place and was similar in location to the barrier used in front of many other buildings in central Christchurch.
6. My report was delayed as I was dealing with several other dangerous buildings especially 626 Colombo Street across the road.
7. I only became aware of the previous requests from the Council to inspect the building and provide a CPEng report when reading the documentation on the Royal Commission website for 601- 601A Colombo Street.

Marton Sinclair

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