

UNDER

THE COMMISSIONS OF INQUIRY ACT 1908

IN THE MATTER OF

**ROYAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO
BUILDING FAILURE CAUSED BY
CANTERBURY EARTHQUAKES**

**KOMIHANA A TE KARAUNA HEI TIROTIRO I
NGA WHARE I HORO I NGA RUWHENUA O
WAITAHA**

AND IN THE MATTER OF

THE CTV BUILDING COLLAPSE

**STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE OF EUAN GUTTERIDGE
IN RELATION TO THE CTV BUILDING**

DATE OF HEARING: COMMENCING 25 JUNE 2012

**STATEMENT OF EUAN GUTTERIDGE
IN RELATION TO THE CTV BUILDING**

1. My name is Euan David Gutteridge and I reside in Christchurch. I am currently employed by Beca Carter Hollings & Ferner Ltd as a Senior Project Manager.
2. I was employed as a Senior Process Engineer with Sinclair Knight Merz Ltd (SKM) whose offices were at 321 Manchester Street. I was standing on Madras Street when I saw the CTV Building (the Building) collapse on 22 February 2011.
3. I have prepared a plan of the intersection of Madras and Cashel Streets (the Plan). This is attached and marked "A". Blackwell Motors, the Church, Coffee Supreme and the IRD building have not been drawn to scale and their placement is approximate only. My approximate location is marked as "1" on this plan.

22 February

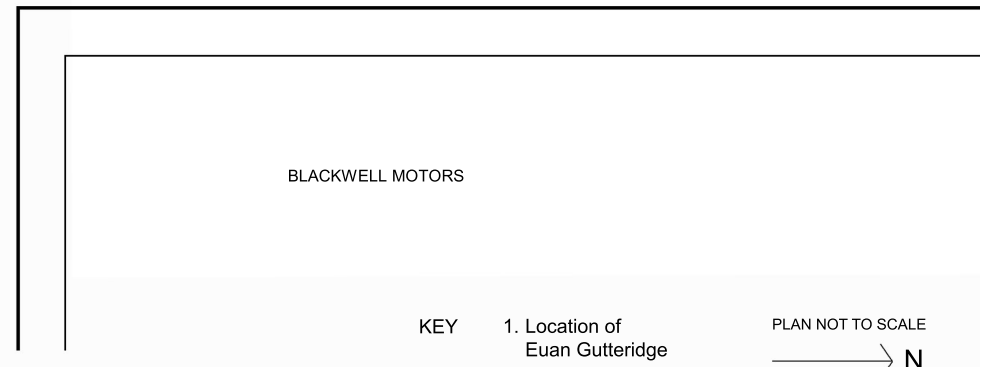
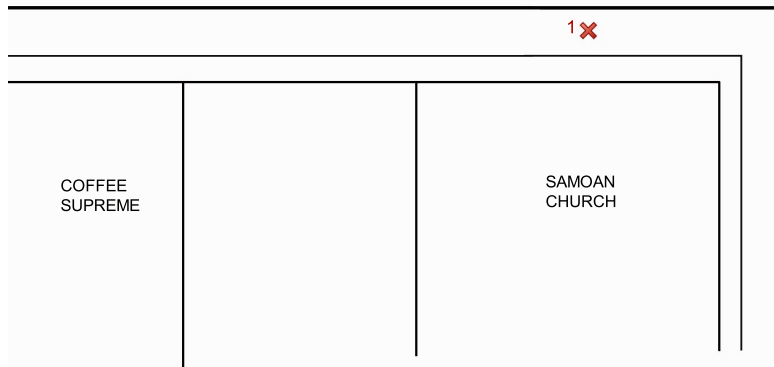
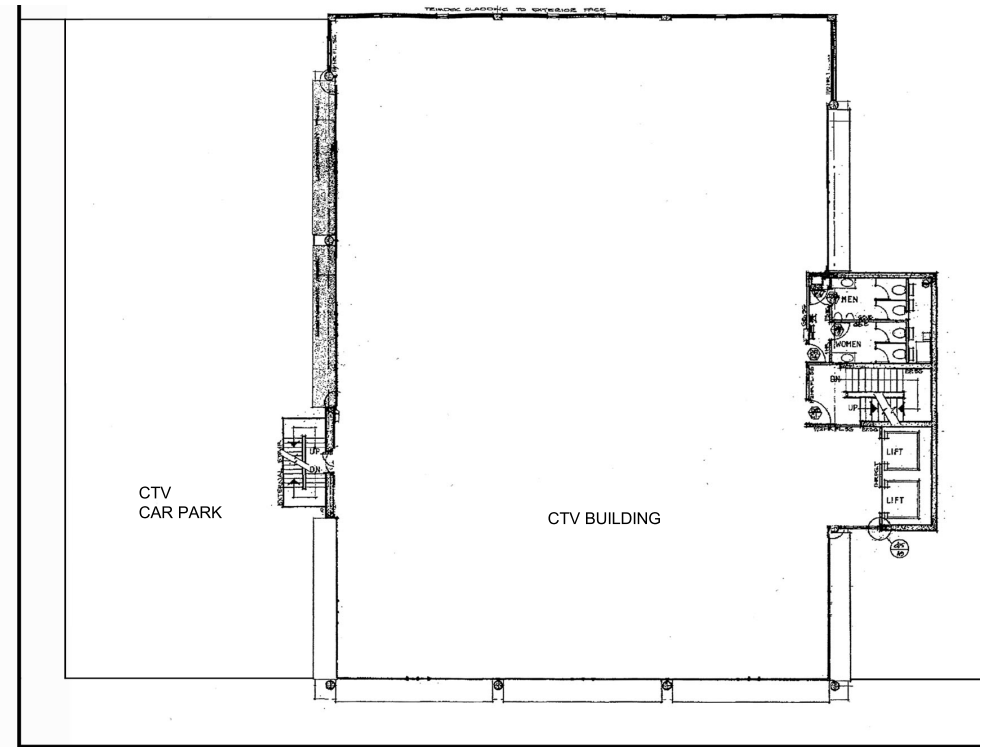
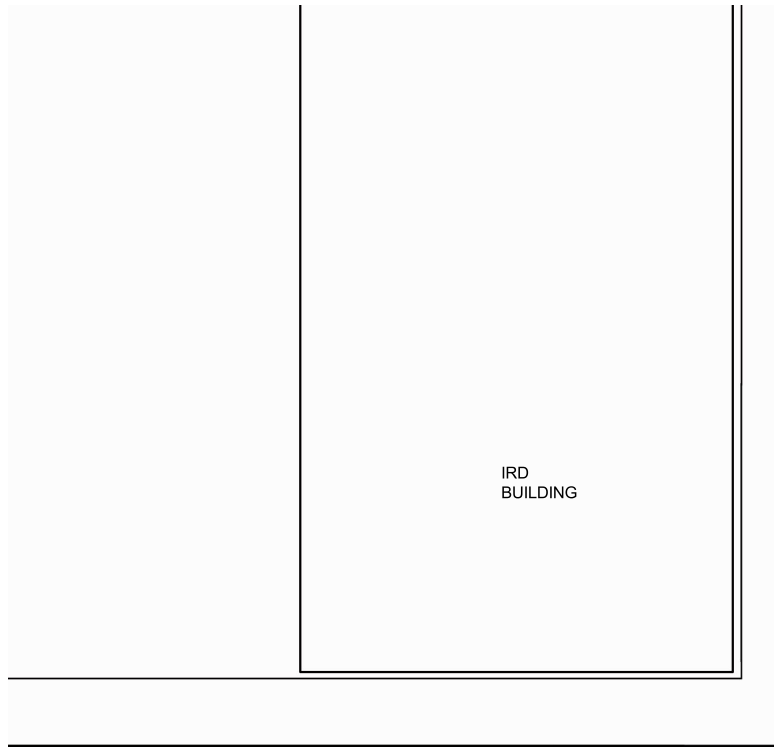
4. I had just left Coffee Supreme and was heading northwards on the east side of Madras Street. I was walking about half way along the Samoan Church, approaching the intersection of Cashel and Madras Streets, when the earthquake struck.
5. I could hear the scaffolding on the Church collapsing. I immediately realised the severity of the earthquake and tried to reach a nearby pole to hold on to. I was facing north and had an unobstructed view of the CTV Building.
6. I could see the Building shaking and twisting considerably back and forth in both an east-west and north-south direction. It was as if the Building was twisting around the north-west corner of the building.
7. It was probably around 10 seconds from the onset of the earthquake that the building collapsed.

8. Almost in unison the entire glass exterior shattered, all the external cladding fell off and the entire building disintegrated into a pile of rubble. There was nothing left that resembled a building.
9. From what I recall, the collapse appeared to begin on the southeast corner, and about two or three floors up, and rapidly worked its way back from there.
10. I recall seeing some pillars, from within the south-east corner of the building and about two or three floors up, falling outwards as the entire building collapsed on itself. There was nothing to support the floors above so the entire building collapsed.

Signed: 

EUAN GUTTERIDGE

Date: 21 May 2012



CASHIEL STREET

MADRAS STREET

KEY 1. Location of Euan Gutteridge

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