

**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 NGĀ  
WHARE I HORO I NGĀ RŪWHENUA O WAITAHA**

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**MEMORANDUM OF COUNSEL FOR CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL REGARDING  
BUILDING MANAGEMENT AFTER EARTHQUAKES**

**DATE OF HEARING: COMMENCING 3 SEPTEMBER 2012**

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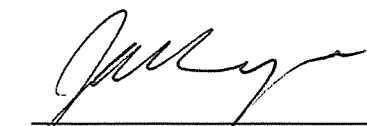
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**MAY IT PLEASE THE COMMISSION**

1. This memorandum is filed in advance of the hearing to take place on 3-4 September 2012 relating to Building Management after Earthquakes.
2. The Council has lodged the following reports with the Commission:
  - Report into Building Safety Evaluation Processes in the Central Business District following the 4 September 2010 earthquake (ENG.CCC.0002F.1-196);
  - A Post 22 February Report (lodged with the Commission today).
3. In addition, the Council has lodged two submissions relating to post earthquake assessment and management of buildings:
  - Submissions on the Process of and Authority for Building Assessment After Earthquakes, and Related Issues (ENG.CCC.0049.1);
  - Submissions on the Royal Commission Discussion Paper: Building Management after Earthquakes (ENG.CCC.0051.1).
4. Council representatives (Peter Mitchell and Stephen McCarthy) will attend the hearing and will be available to take part in the panel discussion. They will, where appropriate, deal with the matters raised in the submissions and reports listed above. It is not intended to make specific legal submissions on the topics raised by the Commission for consideration, unless otherwise requested.
5. The Council had indicated previously that it proposed to call evidence on some specific topics. It has now decided not to do so.

**Dated: 31 August 2012**



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