

**Submission to the Canterbury Earthquakes the Royal Commission
by CDEMG/ Auckland Council.**

“The severity of the damage by the recent earthquakes to Canterbury buildings and infrastructure, and the consequent casualties and loss of life, was largely unexpected. In the light of this fact, we believe that not enough is understood of the earthquake risk throughout New Zealand. We therefore request that the government initiate a programme of research to understand more fully earthquake hazard and associated risk throughout the nation.”

This submission was endorsed by Auckland Council / Civil Defence and Emergency Management Group in the committee meeting held at 2pm on Wednesday 28th September.

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