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**Submission on the PGC Building formally the Christchurch Drainage Board
at 233 Cambridge Terrace.**

My recollections are as follows:

- I worked in this building from when it was built and first occupied in 1966 until 1990.
- The building was designed by Pascoe and Linton and built by Calder Construction.
- A complete set of building plans and alterations up until the time the building was sold to PGC was kept by the Drainage Board and are now in microfilm form and kept with all of the Christchurch drainage plans by the Christchurch City Council.
- The 1st to 3rd floors were open plan with non structural timber and plaster board partitions with windows above. These were altered from time to time to cope with staff changes. The 4th floor was non structural metal framing with a type of gib board cladding. All ceilings were timber framing with plaster board ceilings.
- In the early years of the building I can recall plaster spalling off some of the exterior columns and repairs were carried out. When the building was purchased by PGC there were major alterations carried out. Changes I have noticed where that the panels between the columns around the exterior of the building were removed, the steel window frames were replaced with aluminium window

frames, the two exterior emergency doors on each face of the building to the building balconies on the 2nd to 4th floors seemed to have been removed.

- I noticed from photographs that the steel encased columns at the ground floor did not collapse.
- The staff in the building experienced some earthquakes during the period of occupation but did not notice anything untoward or any damage to the building.
- When anything required repairing these repairs were carried out immediately.
- The land on which the building was constructed seemed to be solid as there was no subsidence of any kind around the building perimeter or in the car park area while occupied by the Drainage Board.

Finally, I would be available to answer any questions.

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