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**Canterbury Earthquakes Royal Commission**  
**Te Komihana Rūwhenua a te Karauna**

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Dear Sir

Further to the writer's recent telephone conversation with you, I outline below a number of queries in relation to buildings the Royal Commission will be conducting hearings into in the week of 12 December 2011 and would appreciate you obtaining responses:

**382 Colombo Street**

On 4/2/11 Mark Ryburn conducted an engineer's re-inspection of this building (Engineers Re-inspection of Damaged Buildings form **enclosed**)

Could you please ask Mr Ryburn to provide the following information by **10 November 2011**, or earlier if possible:

1. Was this inspection a follow up because the Building Act notice served on the owners on 29 October 2010 had not been complied with.
2. Mr Ryburn commented on propping the canopy or extending the fencing to in front of the building.
  - (a) Does Mr Ryburn know what action, if any, was taken as a result of those comments by him? If so, please provide details.
3. Under paragraph 1.2 under details of building damage Mr Ryburn ticked damage to parapets that may pose a risk to the public and/or an adjacent property.
  - (a) Did Mr Ryburn give any consideration to any measures to protect against that risk? If so, please provide details.
  - (b) Did Mr Ryburn advise any of the neighbouring properties of the potential risk from this building? If so, please provide details.
  - (c) In terms of his role in inspecting the building on that day, were the matters in (a) and (b) above part of that role?
4. Whether the factors referred to in paragraph 6 above were relevant and if so, were taken into account.

### Hearings

As indicated, the Commission will be conducting hearings into the above buildings in the week of 12 December 2011:

- 593 and 595 Colombo St on Monday 12 December 2011 at 10am
- 601/601A Colombo St on Monday 12 December 2011 at 2.15pm
- 603; 605-613 Colombo St on Tuesday 13 December at 9.30am
- 382 Colombo St on Wednesday 14 December 2011 at 2.15pm.

It will be necessary for Messrs Campbell and Ryburn to give evidence in relation to their involvement with the particular buildings.

Please advise, as soon as possible, where summonses can be sent to for these people.

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours faithfully



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