



Canterbury Earthquakes Royal Commission

Te Komihana Rūwhenua a te Karauna

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Dear Martin

603, 605-613 Colombo Street

Further to the writer's telephone conversation with you today.

As discussed, the Royal Commission is currently examining the failure of a number of buildings in the CBD which caused fatalities, including the building at 605-613 Colombo Street (the Building).

I understand that you had some involvement with this Building, on behalf of two of the owners, the Yee brothers.

Could you please provide the Commission with a written outline of all of your involvement with this Building, including the following matters:

1. Your full name, qualifications and years of experience.
2. The nature of your instructions and the assessment/inspections that you carried out, including copies of any reports/drawings/photographs.
3. Any conclusions you came to in relation to the Building.
4. Details of the meeting you attended with Matthew Bushnell and Christchurch City Council officers in relation to the Building, including what the Council was told about the conclusions you had come to in relation to the Building in relation to its structural integrity and safety and the Council's response. (I understand that this meeting also involved another building on the other side of Colombo St and that it will be necessary to cover details of this as it was discussed at the same meeting). Whether (and if so, to what extent) the need for safety barricades was discussed.
5. Any actions that were taken as a result of the meeting.
6. Any views you formed in relation to the outcome of that meeting, given the safety concerns over the Building and any views you formed as to what

actions needed to have been taken in relation to the Building to ensure public safety.

601/601A Colombo Street

I also understand that you were involved, on behalf of the owners, in relation to the building at 601/601A Colombo Street (the Building).

Could you please provide a similar outline in relation to that Building, including copies of any reports/drawings/photographs.

Could you also please outline any conclusions you reached in relation to the structural integrity of that building and any concerns you had in relation to the same or the issue of barricades in front of the building.

The above information is requested pursuant to the Royal Commission's powers of investigation under s 4C Commissions of Inquiry Act 1908.

I understand that you are travelling overseas next week and may have difficulty responding to this letter in the next two weeks however I would appreciate if you could reply as soon as you are able to.

I **attach** a list of the buildings, in this category which the Commission is inquiring into. Please advise if you (or anyone in your firm) were involved with any of these other buildings as a similar outline of involvement will be required.

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours faithfully



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