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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Thursday, 15 December 2011 2:19 a.m.  
To: canterbury  
Subject: Confusion of status of buildings safe to occupy

Dear sir

After the September 4th earthquake but prior to the February 22nd earthquake, I wrote to my local mp and also sent a copy into government about the need for a more coordinated system of recording the status of buildings around the city. I had suggested a bar coding type system linked into the address and also the council number of the property so that as information was updated on computers the barcode could be scanned to quickly show an updated status. This system could also be linked for householders a bit like a courier tracking system so that home owners could see how far through their claims etc were. I saw so many ripped and faded stickers on buildings it was sometimes hard to establish which colour was which. Even I as a lay person felt that the enormous task of coordinating so many elements of buildings inspections earthquakes engineers eqc and insurers must have been daunting but a simple bar coding system where a building could be scanned to see the last update and status may have helped to cut down on confusion over the up to date status of buildings. Alas nothing was considered or investigated or instigated before the February 22nd earthquake.

I just wanted to let you know that there were people out there who wanted to try and help in some small way and it seemed these extraordinary events required a different approach to try and coordinate the enormous amounts of information.

Thank you

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Sent from my iPad