

STATEMENT OF BEVERLEY FRANCIS BROOMHALL

1. My full name is Beverley Francis Broomhall. I live in Christchurch.
2. At the time of the 22 February 2011 earthquake I was at work in the Trocadero Bakery in Cashel Mall where I worked as a cake decorator. I had worked for the Trocadero Bakery for three years prior to that.
3. I worked the day shift on the top floor which a bakehouse and preparation room. I worked with Shane Tomlin and Jay (I do not know his surname).

4 September 2010 Earthquake

4. After the first earthquake on 4 September 2010 I rang Christine, the office lady to find out how the Trocadero Bakery building had come through the earthquake. To my surprise she said that there was no damage to the building. She also told me that Antony Gough, the landlord, had had the building earthquakes strengthened the previous year. I had no memory of this occurring.
5. I was told that the building next to the TS shop, the 123 shop, was somehow leaning onto our building. I remember being told that in September.
6. At that time we were off work for a week after the September earthquake.
7. I don't have a clear memory but the 123 shop must have been green or yellow slickered after the first quake because the shop was open for business after the September earthquake.

Boxing Day 2010

8. After the aftershocks on Boxing Day, I was very wary of the 123 Shop building next door.
9. I remember Jan Smith commenting about cracks in the west wall adjoining our building. She thought that wall looked dangerous. She would see it each

day as she walked to work from the Bridge of Remembrance end of Cashel Mall.

10. I was concerned about the parapet and the east wall adjoining our building. I used to walk into Cashel Mall from the other end, from the Bus Exchange, so that was the end of the building that I saw each morning.
11. From time to time I used sit out in the mall with my colleagues and say to each other "how did that building get a green sticker" meaning the 123 shop building.

22 February 2011

12. When the earthquake hit on 22 February 2011 I was in the prep room and had just finished making lamingtons. Shane Tomlin was in the bakehouse with Jay. I remember I yelled out to them "I'm coming in now" and then the shaking started. I thought "oh no not another one" and then realised it was a big one. I was at the entrance of the bakery which joins the prep room into the bakehouse.
13. I remember looking up and saw all this dirty horrible dust and muck coming at me from the bakehouse. It was difficult to breathe.
14. Jay was yelling "Shane where are you, Shane where are you" at the top of his voice. Then there was this almighty crash. I looked up and I could see the sky.
15. Jay was yelling out to me asking me where I was. I had thought of jumping out of the window which was next to the changing room because I was so scared. Jay found me in the prep room and insisted that we go down the stairwell and into the shop to get out. I had thought the stairwell could have been destroyed but it was still there so we went down the stairs in the dark to the shop.
16. I remember helping the lady who worked in the TS shop next door as she couldn't walk. I had a small cut on my left shin but no other injuries. I left Cashel Mall by heading in the direction of the Bridge of Remembrance.

17. The last time that I saw Shane Tomlin would have been five minutes before the earthquake struck.

Signed: *B. Broomhall*
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