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Additional Item: Authority for Decisions on Canterbury Land: Green Zones

Portfolio: Canterbury Earthquake Recovery

On 11 July 2011, Cabinet:

- 1 **noted** the classification of four Canterbury land damage zones announced on 23 June 2011:
 - 1.1 in the Green Zones, there are no significant issues which prevent rebuilding in these areas, based on current knowledge of seismic activity;
 - 1.2 for the Orange Zones, further work is required to determine if land repair is practical and if the areas are suitable for rebuilding on in the short to medium term;
 - 1.3 in the Red Zones, rebuilding may not occur in the short-to-medium term because the land is damaged beyond practical and timely repair, most buildings are generally rebuilt, these areas are at high risk of further damage to land and buildings from low-levels of shaking (e.g. aftershocks), flooding or spring tides; and infrastructure needs to be rebuilt;
 - 1.4 the White Zones include the Port Hills – the earthquakes on 13 June 2011 caused further extensive damage, which needs mapping and assessment (which is under way);
- 2 **authorised** the Minister of Finance and Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery (Joint Ministers) to have Power to Act until 31 October 2011 to take decisions on areas of Canterbury land which can further be designated as Green Zone;
- 3 **withheld under section 9(2)(f)(vi) and 9(2) (g)(i) of the Official Information Act.**

- 4 **noted** that decisions on any areas of Orange and White Zones to be reassigned to Red Zones will be sought from Cabinet because of the significance of such decisions for the landowners, the fiscal implications, and potential risks that may be created for the government and the economy.

Secretary of the Cabinet

Reference: Paper tabled by the Minister for Canterbury
Earthquake Recovery, *Authority for Decisions on Canterbury Land: Green Zones*

Released by the Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery