

Community Forum

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Meeting notes for the meeting of the Community Forum**2 July 2015, 6pm****Cambridge Room, Canterbury Club, Christchurch**

Present:	Community Forum members: Richard Ballantyne, Betty Chapman, Weng Kei Chen, Gill Cox, Martin Evans, Wendy Gilchrist, Maria Godinet-Watts, Ruth Jones, Tom McBrearty, Lesley Murdoch, Jocelyn Pappriill, Faye Parfitt, John Peet, Patricia Siataga, Brian Viecei, Amanda Williams, Siong Sah (John) Wong, Darren Wright
Apologies:	Community Forum members: Rachel Vogan from 7pm. Trevor McIntyre Emma Twaddell
Absent:	Community Forum members: Leah Carr Phil Clearwater Deborah McCormick
Chair:	Darren Wright
In Attendance:	Hon Gerry Brownlee, Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery (fourth item only) Hon Nicky Wagner, Associate Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Caroline Hart, Director, Built and Natural Policy, CERA (first item only) Melizza Morales-Hoyos, Project Design Lead, CERA (second item only) Lizzy Pearson, Manager, Planning, CERA (second item only) s9(2)(a), Graduate Advisor, Planning, CERA (second item only) Chrissie Williams, Principal Strategy Advisor, Environment Canterbury (third item only) Jill Atkinson, Director, Strategy and Programmes, Environment Canterbury (third item only) Peter Skelton, Commissioner, Environment Canterbury (third item only) Suzanne Doig, Acting Deputy Chief Executive, Strategy and Recovery Policy, CERA Sheridan Smith, Director, Ministerial and Executive Services, CERA Mike Shatford, Private Secretary, Canterbury Earthquake Recovery (fourth item only) s9(2)(a), Advisor, CERA s9(2)(a), Graduate Advisor, CERA

Agenda

Update on Residential Red Zone Offer Recovery Plan

Caroline Hart – CERA

Discussion:

Conflict of Interest:

Darren Wright has noted his conflict of interest regarding Residential Red Zone issues.

1. The Forum was updated by Caroline Hart of CERA on the Draft Residential Red Zone Offer Recovery Plan. The Draft Recovery Plan features the preliminary views of the Acting Chief Executive of CERA regarding Crown offers for vacant, uninsured and commercial/industrial properties in the Residential Red Zone. Caroline noted that public consultation for the Draft Recovery Plan ends 9 July 2015.
2. The Forum heard that the submissions received so far in the consultation process have indicated a strong consistency of themes, namely; fairness, reasonableness, consistency, and promptness.
3. Caroline explained that once the consultation period has ended, feedback will then be provided to the Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery (the Minister). She noted that it is the Minister's decision to decide on a final offer. Once Ministerial approval has been granted, the Acting Chief Executive of CERA will be able to make the approved offers under the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Act 2011.

Briefing on Streets and Spaces Design Guide

Lizzy Pearson, Melizza Morales-Hoyos, Will Dorset – CERA

Discussion:

4. s9(2)(a) gave the Forum an overview on the Streets and Spaces Design Guide, with an accompanying presentation. He explained that the guide is not a statutory guidance document, but has been created to support the delivery and design of streetscape and public space projects in the central city. He noted that the Guide will be available to view on the CERA website next week. The presentation is at Attachment A.
5. The name of the document has changed since it was last presented to the Forum, formerly known as the Public Realm Network Plan. The new title, Streets and Spaces Design Guide, is easier for the general public to understand.
6. The Guide is led by CERA, in conjunction with the Christchurch City Council (the Council) and Matapopore (representing Ngāi Tahu / Ngāi Tūāhuriri). The Guide brings together other Council produced and endorsed documents. Will also noted that various businesses, resident associations, and user groups have been engaged with to develop the Guide.
7. The next presenter, Melizza Morales-Hoyos, explained that the guide is a comprehensive technical reference document. She also noted that it supports the delivery of the Christchurch Central Recovery Plan, and that the document allows design to have a relationship across public spaces.

8. Melizza commented that although the Guide is a technical document, it uses “friendly” and accessible language for the general reader. However, a more comprehensive technical guide is currently being reviewed by the Council.
9. The Forum asked if any aspects of the guide are enforceable. The presenters explained that it is a guidance document to ensure design coordination, but is not an enforceable document.
10. The Forum asked if the technical document will give guidance to designers on what can and cannot be done, particularly in regard to Christchurch weather conditions. The CERA presenters explained that the document does not set out the use of spaces, but the design of the spaces.
11. The Forum noted that New Zealand can have a harsh climate, and Christchurch is particularly vulnerable to the effects of easterly and southerly winds. Accordingly, developments in central Christchurch must be designed with these conditions in mind, and currently we are behind international practice in this area.
12. The Forum commented that Ngāi Tahu / Ngāi Tūāhuriri has been involved in the development of the Guide, and inquired how their values had been incorporated. Melizza noted that in Chapter 2 of the Guide they have provided specific points. Furthermore, she reported that they will be engaged in further design processes.
13. The Forum pointed out that access for all people to the central city is critical, and that the definition of “accessible” needs to be carefully considered when communicated in documents of this nature.

Decisions taken:

- The Forum agreed that it may be necessary to invite the presenters back for further discussion and questions once they have had time to digest the document.

Update on progress with the Land Use Recovery Plan review

Peter Skelton, Chrissie Williams – Environment Canterbury

Discussion:

14. Environment Canterbury (ECan) last provided an update to the Forum on the Land Use Recovery Plan (LURP) Review in January. Chrissie Williams noted that the LURP Review’s initial consultation period was between 30 April and 29 May 2015. During this time, 56 submissions / comments were received. Three of these submissions were from the local Councils, and various Community Boards were also involved in this consultation. The accompanying presentation is at Attachment B.
15. A further round of consultation on proposed LURP Review Recommendations will proceed in August 2015.
16. The Ecan presenters noted that if changes to the LURP do occur, they must be for the purpose of recovery. Furthermore, before the next round of

consultation it will be important to work out where the LURP fits in with CERA's newly released Draft Transition Recovery Plan. This will need to be worked out before a final draft LURP review is presented to the Minister.

17. The Forum asked how many submissions received during the LURP review consultation process were from the community. ECan officials replied approximately five. It was noted by the presenters and the Forum that it has proved hard to engage with the community regarding the LURP, as it can be difficult for people to understand. Furthermore, so much other consultation has occurred on issues throughout greater Christchurch, that the community may be becoming exhausted with such processes. Peter Skelton noted that it is important to remember the LURP was widely consulted on in the beginning, and that he would not expect wide community views on the LURP, as it is not that sort of document. The Forum noted it is a robust document, and there has been a robust consultation process.
18. The Forum asked how the movement of people has been forecast and anticipated. ECan officials replied that the Council has said there is no need to zone for more land. Furthermore, ECan have engaged contractors to get revised population estimates, as numbers will have changed since the 2013 Census. Evidence has shown there are enough sections for sale on the market, and it is important not to undermine this.
19. The presenters expressed that the LURP's intention is not to hollow out the centre of Christchurch, and that there is need for intensification in the central city. The Forum noted that Christchurch people are not particularly keen on intensification. However, ECan responded that levers will need to be developed to change this view, and that attitudes will change and evolve over time.
20. The ECan presenters thanked the Forum for always carefully considering the information that they present, and that the Forum's feedback is always welcome.

Minister's Update

Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery

Discussion:

21. The Minister informed the Forum that he was there to answer their questions. He noted it was a particularly important day, as significant announcements regarding Transition had been announced. He explained that the Draft Transition Recovery Plan was now available for public comment.
22. The Minister commented that once the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Act 2011 expires in April 2016, there will be another Act developed with some powers carried over.
23. The Minister noted that the Recovery Plan placed an emphasis on the regeneration of Christchurch, as opposed to recovery. He believes this is a

significant achievement and that this different word (“regeneration”) signals a different focus.

24. The Forum asked what the future of the Community Forum beyond April 2016 will be. The Minister replied that he has never rejected a suggestion from the Forum (or thereabouts), and that he always gets a good sense if things are on the right track through the Forum’s advice. The Minister also noted that Court judgements have referred to views expressed by the Forum. Ultimately, the Minister believes that there will be a continuing need and role for the Forum, but this will have to be discussed further.
25. The Minister briefly spoke about the Convention Centre and that the best value for money must be achieved from the development.
26. The Minister commented on the challenges of the Metro Sports Facility, and his desire for it to be an exceptional and affordable development.
27. The Forum noted the success of facilities such as the Avantidome in Cambridge, which illustrate that if such a facility is built then people will flock to use it.
28. The Forum noted that consultation has not yet happened on Residential Red Zone Future Use. The Minister pointed out that a consultation process is not appropriate to commence until it is worked out what can or can’t be moved in the Residential Red Zone in terms of infrastructure.
29. The Forum discussed the Local Alcohol Policy, and noted they have previously submitted to the Council about this and continue to monitor the situation.
30. The Forum said they were pleased to see plans for the East Frame underway. The Minister noted it will take eight years to complete these plans and that the Government has retained the Inland Revenue Department building, as it is repairable. The Forum noted that it would be great to see community projects located in this sort of building, as people are increasingly unable to afford city rents.
31. The Forum discussed the Council’s ability to meet the cost of the rebuild and rates burden with the Minister.
32. The Forum asked the Minister if Christchurch would be getting a stadium of international standard. He commented that it continues to be a complex subject. He reported that he has previously sent CERA officials to look at various stadiums internationally, and assess the designs and cost effectiveness of these developments. He noted that every stadium in New Zealand, with the exception of Eden Park, is under financial pressure in New Zealand. He recognised that the cost of creating large stadiums can quickly escalate, and that these costs will create financial pressure on the city.
33. The Forum asked the Minister if there would be a continuing Ministerial role for Canterbury earthquake recovery. He replied that this would be the Prime Minister’s decision, and that when a new Act is created it will describe where reporting points are.
34. The Minister noted psychosocial recovery figures and statistics need to be

carefully presented, and the context of these figures clearly shown. The Forum agreed with the Minister's comments. He further communicated that it is important that an environment is created where health and assistance services are led by the Ministry of Health, and that various initiatives continue under this leadership. The Forum expressed their view that it is important local people lead the psychosocial recovery of Christchurch, and that it is not Wellington based.

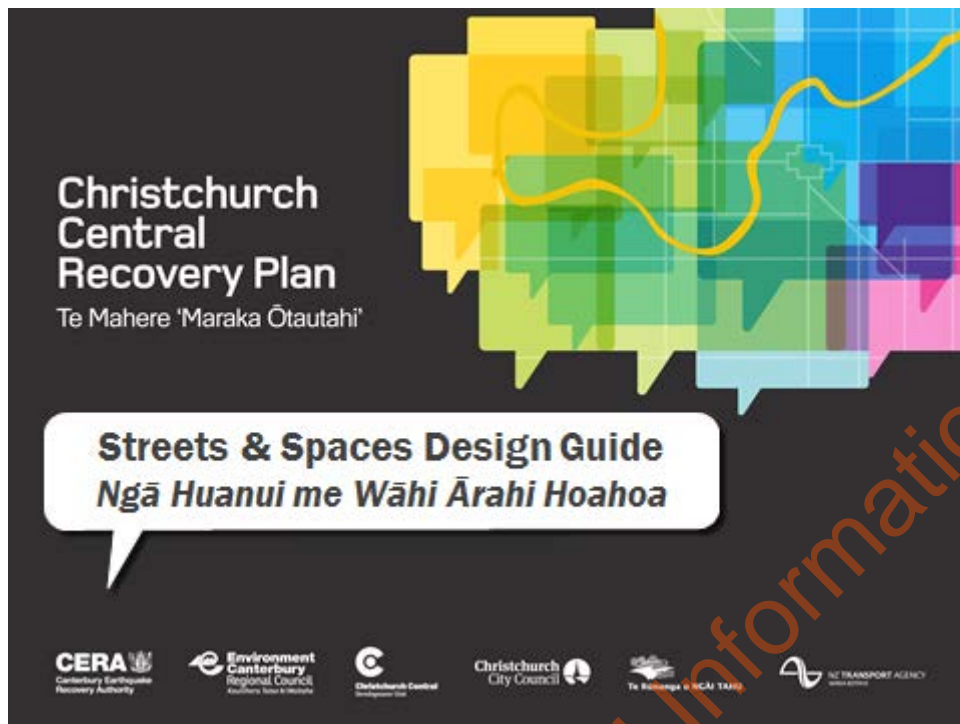
35. The Forum asked what impact a newly created Act will have on the Earthquake Commission Act. The Minister said that despite criticism of EQC, he believed it has been extremely successful as a first loss insurer. He noted that overseas disasters of a similar nature to the Christchurch earthquakes often contribute to a significant drop in house values. This has not been seen in the Christchurch context because of the repair work which EQC has carried out, which has been a unique initiative. He also recognised the importance of EQC's early geotechnical work following the Canterbury earthquakes.

36. The Minister remarked that a unified approach to transport is required in the greater Christchurch region. The Forum agreed that a whole of Canterbury perspective is needed, and that these issues go beyond public transport.

37. The Forum congratulated the Minister on the day's brave and positive announcement.

Decisions taken:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Forum to look at the Christchurch City Council's proposed Local Alcohol Policy.
Meeting closed:	8.10pm
Next meeting:	16 July 2015

Attachment A
CERA Streets and Spaces Design Guide presentation



Street & Spaces Design Guide *Ngā Huanui me Wāhi Ārahi Hoahoa*

2nd July 2015

Outline

1. Key facts about the Guide
2. Overview of the Guide's content
3. Next steps

Key facts about the Guide



- ✓ Formerly known as the *Public Realm Network Plan*
- ✓ Developed by CCDU, CCC and Ngāi Tahu/Ngāi Tūāhuriri
- ✓ Endorsed by CCC and CERA's Associate Minister (Nikki Wagner)
- ✓ Engaged with businesses and resident associations and user groups

Key facts about the Guide



What is it?

- ✓ A comprehensive **technical reference** document
- ✓ Guides the design and delivery of streetscape and public space projects in the central city
- ✓ Supports the delivery of Christchurch Central Recovery Plan

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Key facts about the Guide



in scope

Design guidance for streetscape and public space projects in the **central city**

- The street network
- The anchor projects

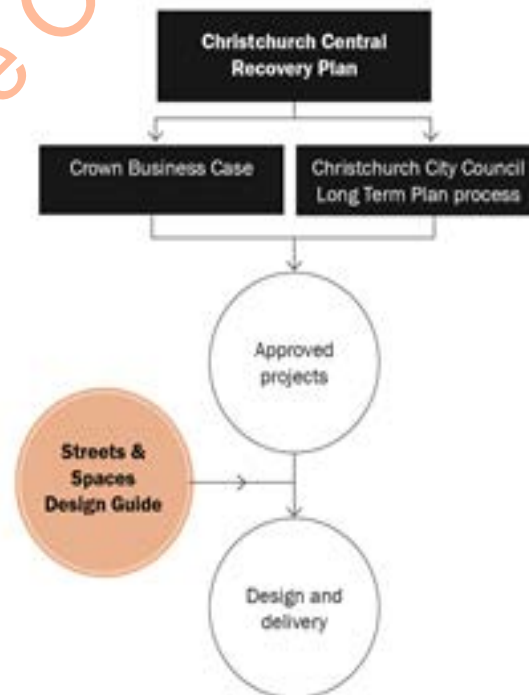
out of scope

Not intended to:

- Seek funding
- Define a delivery programme
- Provide design approval
- Revisit Accessible City

Key facts about the Guide

How does it fit?



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Key facts about the Guide



Benefits:

- Coordinated delivery
- Cost-effective approach
- Multidisciplinary perspective



Key facts about the Guide



Application to date: 1st phase transport projects



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2. The Guide's content



Chapters

1. Introduction
2. Strategic approach
3. Design criteria
4. Gathering places
5. Streets
6. Anchor projects
7. Implementation

Chapter 1. Introduction

Vision and guiding themes



Vision

"By 2025 central Christchurch streets and public places will be greener, easier to move around and full of people enjoying a vibrant city life."

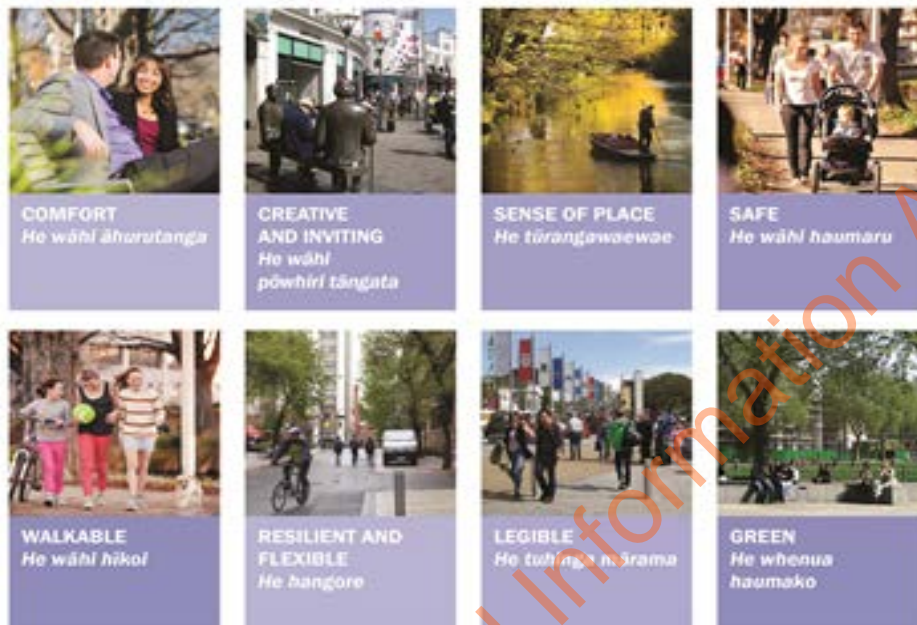
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*Mō tātou, a mā ka uri, a mauri āke nei.
[For us, and our children after us.]*



Chapter 1. Introduction

Design principles



Chapter 2. Strategic approach



- Focus on people
- Capitalise on existing infrastructure
- Strengthen the city's green infrastructure
- Support the implementation of *Accessible City*
- Embrace Ngāi Tahu values

Chapter 3. Design criteria



Comfort

He wāhi āhurutanga



Design public places and streets with high standards of pedestrian comfort and convenience.

- Shelter
- Seating
- Lighting
- Barrier free universal design
- Facilities

Chapter 4. Gathering places



Chapter 5. Streets

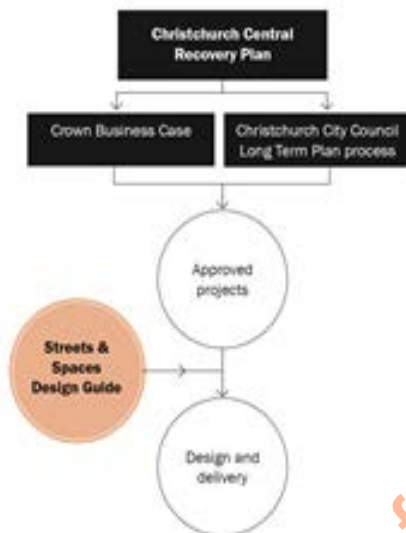


Chapter 6. Anchor projects



- Context
- Description or design objectives
- Relationship with other public spaces

Chapter 7. Implementation



Attachment B
Ecan Land Use Recovery Plan Review Consultation presentation

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Land Use Recovery Plan

Te Mahere Whakahaumanu Tāone

Review Consultation



 Environment
Canterbury
Regional Council
Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri

Working in partnership with
CEPA
Christchurch
City Council

 Waimakariri
District Council

 Selwyn
District Council

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Land Use Recovery Plan Review

- Requirement in section 5.4 of the LURP for Environment Canterbury to undertake a review in collaboration with strategic partners in 2015
 - “all aspects of the LURP will be reviewed, and in particular the package of measures that promote infill and intensification”
 - “must obtain the views of greater Christchurch communities generally”
 - “identify whether it is necessary to amend or add to the LURP to enable recovery”

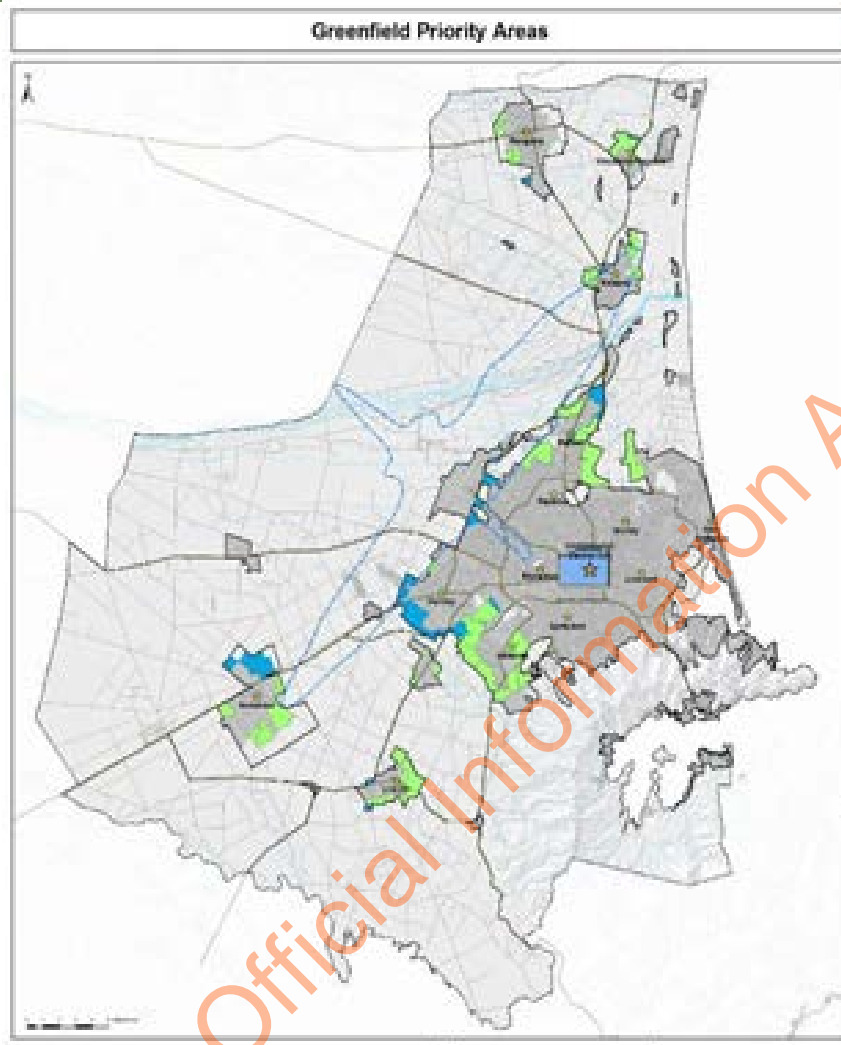
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Land Use Recovery Plan : Summary

- **LURP gazetted in December 2013**
 - focuses on metropolitan greater Christchurch
 - provides direction for residential and business development to support recovery over the next 10-15 years
 - identifies 50 actions to coordinate and advance decision making - a number have amended the statutory plans of respective Councils
 - contains 15 outcomes under four themes
 - direction and coordination
 - communities and housing
 - business
 - transport

Land Use Recovery Plan : Summary

- **LURP Actions include:**
 - Chapter 6 to the Regional Policy Statement
 - rezoning of greenfield priority areas for residential and business uses
 - immediate measures to promote infill and intensification
 - aligning infrastructure provision with land use
 - other amendments to planning provisions to enable recovery
 - measures to be enabled through the Christchurch Replacement District Plan



Land Use Recovery Plan Review Monitoring

- LURP Monitoring Report completed in March 2015
- Provides a progress summary and indicators to measure the extent to which the 15 outcomes and 50 actions in the LURP are being achieved
- Informs review of the LURP



Land Use Recovery Plan Review : Consultation

- Initial consultation period 30 April to 29 May
- **Environment Canterbury website** - www.ecan.govt.nz/LURP
- **Wider Community**
 - Public Notice in The Press 29 April
 - article in May 'Future Christchurch' newsletter
- **Wider Stakeholders**
 - seminar for members of professional bodies
 - briefing CCC Development Forum
 - briefing to Canterbury Sustainable Homes Working Party.

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Kaurihera Tokai ki Waiotaha

Land Use Recovery Plan Review : Comments received

- 56 submissions/comments received

Issue	Number
Development outside greenfield priority areas – Residential	25
Development outside greenfield priority areas – Business	6
Development outside greenfield priority areas – Other	4
Council comments	3
Housing	2
Lincoln Innovation Hub	1
Christchurch Airport Noise Contour	3
Infrastructure	4
Reverse sensitivity issues	3
General and other Comments	5

Land Use Recovery Plan Review Assessment

Suggesting minimal amendments to the LURP:

- There is sufficient greenfield land identified in the LURP for residential and business development to meet demand for the next 5-10 years.
- Any amendments to the LURP need to be necessary for earthquake recovery and meet the purposes of the CER Act
- The Christchurch Replacement District Plan will provide further planning certainty - in particular for intensification
- It seems more appropriate that further actions to advance the LURP outcomes be through existing statutory mechanisms, rather than expedited through recovery legislation
- It is likely the LURP will have statutory effect after April 2016. Further recommendations may be required to take that into account.

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