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# Executive Summary

This is a summary of the Qualitative Engineering Evaluation for the Groundsman's House building and is based on the Detailed Engineering Evaluation Procedure document issued by the Engineering Advisory Group on 19 July 2011, visual inspections, available structural documentation and summary calculations as appropriate.

<b>Building Details</b>	<b>Name</b>	Groundsman's House			
<b>Building Address</b>	Hagley Avenue			<b>No. of residential units</b>	1
<b>Soil Technical Category</b>	N/A	<b>Importance Level</b>	2	<b>Approximate Year Built</b>	1970
<b>Foot Print (m<sup>2</sup>)</b>	114	<b>Storeys above ground</b>	1	<b>Storeys below ground</b>	0
<b>Type of Construction</b>	Light timber truss roof with steel sheeting, timber framed walls with weatherboards externally and GIB internally, concrete perimeter walls on strip footings and concrete piles with a timber floor spanning between.				
<b>Qualitative Results Summary</b>					
<b>Building Occupied</b>	Y	The Groundsman's House is currently in use.			
<b>Suitable for Continued Occupancy</b>	Y	The Groundsman's House is suitable for continued occupation.			
<b>Key Damage Summary</b>	Y	Refer to summary of building damage Section 3.1 report body.			
<b>Critical Structural Weaknesses (CSW)</b>	N	No critical structural weaknesses were identified.			
<b>Levels Survey Results</b>	Y	Variations in floor levels were within the DBH's Guidelines, with falls of less than 1:200 or 0.5%			
<b>Building %NBS From Analysis</b>	>100%	Based on an analysis of bracing capacity and demand.			
<b>Qualitative Report Recommendations</b>					
<b>Geotechnical Survey Required</b>	N	Geotechnical survey not required due to lack of observed ground damage on site.			
<b>Proceed to L5 Quantitative DEE</b>	N	A quantitative DEE is not required for this structure.			
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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 General

On 20 August 2012 an Aurecon engineer visited the Groundsman's House to carry out a qualitative building damage assessment on behalf of Christchurch City Council. Detailed visual inspections were carried out to assess the damage caused by the earthquakes on 4 September 2010, 22 February 2011, 13 June 2011, 23 December 2011 and related aftershocks.

The scope of work included:

- Assessment of the nature and extent of the building damage.
- Visual assessment of the building strength particularly with respect to safety of occupants if the building is currently occupied.
- Assessment of requirements for detailed engineering evaluation including geotechnical investigation, level survey and any areas where linings and floor coverings need removal to expose structural damage.

This report outlines the results of our Qualitative Assessment of damage to the Groundsman's House and is based on the Detailed Engineering Evaluation Procedure document issued by the Structural Advisory Group on 19 July 2011, visual inspections, available structural documentation and summary calculations as appropriate.

## 2 Description of the Building

### 2.1 Building Age and Configuration

Built around 1970 the Groundsman's House is a single storey building. The building has a light timber truss roof with corrugated metal roof sheeting and GIB ceiling. The walls are GIB, lath and plaster lined internally, timber framed and externally clad with unreinforced masonry. The building appears to have concrete perimeter walls on strip footings and internal timber piles with timber beams, with joists and floor boards spanning in between. The approximate floor area of the building is 114 square metres. It is an importance level 2 structure in accordance with NZS 1170 Part 0:2002.

### 2.2 Building Structural Systems Vertical and Horizontal

The Groundsman's House is a simple structure. Its light corrugated metal roof is supported on timber trusses that transfer loads to timber studs in the walls. Lateral loads are resisted by lined timber framed walls in each direction. The walls and ceiling are lined with gypsum, lath and plaster.

### 2.3 Reference Building Type

The Groundsman's House is a basic dwelling type structure typical of its age and style. We assume it was not subjected to specific engineering design; rather it was constructed to a reliable formula known to achieve the performance and aesthetic objectives of the time it was built.



## 2.4 Building Foundation System and Soil Conditions

We assumed the Groundsman's House, as discussed above, has concrete perimeter walls on strip foundations and internal piles. The land and surrounds of Groundsman's House are zoned N/A which means that no mapping of the land with respect to technical categories has been done. There are no signs in the vicinity of Groundsman's House of liquefaction bulges, boils or subsidence.

## 2.5 Available Structural Documentation and Inspection Priorities

No drawings were available for the Groundsman's House. Inspection priorities related to a review of potential damage to foundations and consideration of wall bracing adequacy. The generic building type for the Groundsman's House is 1970s timber framed dwelling and this type of structure has performed well during the Canterbury Earthquakes.

## 2.6 Available Survey Information

A floor level survey was undertaken to establish the level of unevenness across the floors. The results of the survey are presented in Appendix A. All of the levels were taken on top of the existing floor coverings which may have introduced some margin of error.

The Department of Building and Housing (DBH) published the "Revised Guidance on Repairing and Rebuilding Houses Affected by the Canterbury Earthquake Sequence" in November 2011, which recommends some form of re-levelling or rebuilding of the floor

1. If the slope is greater than 0.5% for any two points more than 2m apart, or
2. If the variation in level over the floor plan is greater than 50mm, or
3. If there is significant cracking of the floor.

It is important to note that these figures are recommendations and are only intended to be applied to residential buildings. However, they provide useful guidance in determining acceptable floor level variations.

The floor levels for the Groundsman's House were found to be within the recommended tolerances although the slope approaches 0.5% in several locations and it has a maximum variation in floor levels of 46mm.

# 3 Structural Investigation

## 3.1 Summary of Building Damage

The Groundsman's House is currently in use and was occupied at the time the damage assessment was carried out.

The Groundsman's House has performed well but has suffered minor damage to the external cladding. The masonry has fine step cracking in the mortar around windows however, as the bricks are used only for architectural purposes, the damage does not influence the lateral force resisting system.

## 3.2 Record of Intrusive Investigation

The extent of damage was relatively minor and therefore, an intrusive investigation was neither warranted nor undertaken for the Groundsman's House.

### 3.3 Damage Discussion

There was only minor damage observed to the Groundsman's House as a result of seismic actions. This damage does not affect the lateral force resisting system. Buildings of this nature are flexible and have high inherent ductility and as such have performed well in the Canterbury earthquake sequence.

## 4 Building Review Summary

### 4.1 Building Review Statement

As noted above no intrusive investigations were carried out for the Groundsman's House. Due to the generic nature of the building a significant amount of information can be inferred from an external and internal inspection.

### 4.2 Critical Structural Weaknesses

No critical structural weaknesses were identified as part of the building qualitative assessment.

## 5 Building Strength (Refer to Appendix C for background information)

### 5.1 General

The Groundsman's House is, as discussed above, a typical example of a generic 1970's structure built from timber. It is a type of building that, due to its light weight, flexibility and natural ductility, has typically performed well. The Groundsman's House is not an exception to this. It has performed well and there is only minor damage to the building related to the recent earthquakes.

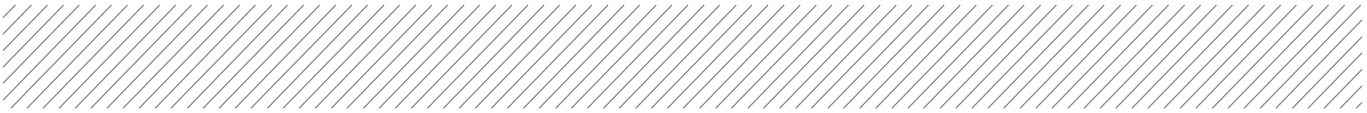
### 5.2 Initial %NBS Assessment

It is assumed the Groundsman's House has not been subject to specific engineering design and the initial evaluation procedure or IEP is not an appropriate method of assessment for this building. Nevertheless an estimate of lateral load capacity can be made by adopting assumed values for strengths of existing materials and calculating the capacity of existing walls.

Selected assessment seismic parameters are tabulated in the Table 1 on the next page.

Table 1: Parameters used in the Seismic Assessment

Seismic Parameter	Quantity	Comment/Reference
Site Soil Class	D	NZS 1170.5:2004, Clause 3.1.3, Deep or Soft Soil
Site Hazard Factor, Z	0.30	DBH Info Sheet on Seismicity Changes (Effective 19 May 2011)
Return period Factor, $R_u$	1.00	NZS 1170.5:2004, Table 3.5
Ductility Factor in Transverse Direction, $\mu$	2.00	GIB lined lightweight timber framed walls
Ductility Factor in Longitudinal Direction, $\mu$	2.00	GIB lined lightweight timber framed walls



The seismic demand for the Groundsman's House has been calculated based on the current code requirements. The capacity of the existing walls in the building was calculated from assumed strengths of existing materials and the number and length of walls present for both the north–south and east–west directions. Our approach has been to follow the current published GIB board bracing guidelines. The seismic demand was then compared with the building capacity in these directions. The building was found to have a sufficient number and length of walls in both the north–south and east–west directions to achieve a capacity greater than 100% NBS.

### 5.3 Results Discussion

Basic analysis shows that the Groundsman's House is capable of achieving seismic performance in line with the current code requirements. The results from the assessment of the Groundsman's House show that the building performed well due to its low seismic demand and good seismic resistance.

## 6 Conclusions and Recommendations

As there is no clear evidence of any liquefaction or ground movement in the vicinity of the Groundsman's House **a geotechnical investigation is currently not considered necessary.**

The building is currently occupied and in use and in our opinion the Groundsman's House **is considered suitable for continued occupation.**





## 7 Explanatory Statement

The inspections of the building discussed in this report have been undertaken to assess structural earthquake damage. No analysis has been undertaken to assess the strength of the building or to determine whether or not it complies with the relevant building codes, except to the extent that Aurecon expressly indicates otherwise in the report. Aurecon has not made any assessment of structural stability or building safety in connection with future aftershocks or earthquakes – which have the potential to damage the building and to jeopardise the safety of those either inside or adjacent to the building, except to the extent that Aurecon expressly indicates otherwise in the report.

This report is necessarily limited by the restricted ability to carry out inspections due to potential structural instabilities/safety considerations, and the time available to carry out such inspections. The report does not address defects that are not reasonably discoverable on visual inspection, including defects in inaccessible places and latent defects. Where site inspections were made, they were restricted to external inspections and, where practicable, limited internal visual inspections.

While this report may assist the client in assessing whether the building should be repaired, strengthened, or replaced that decision is the sole responsibility of the client.

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# Appendices

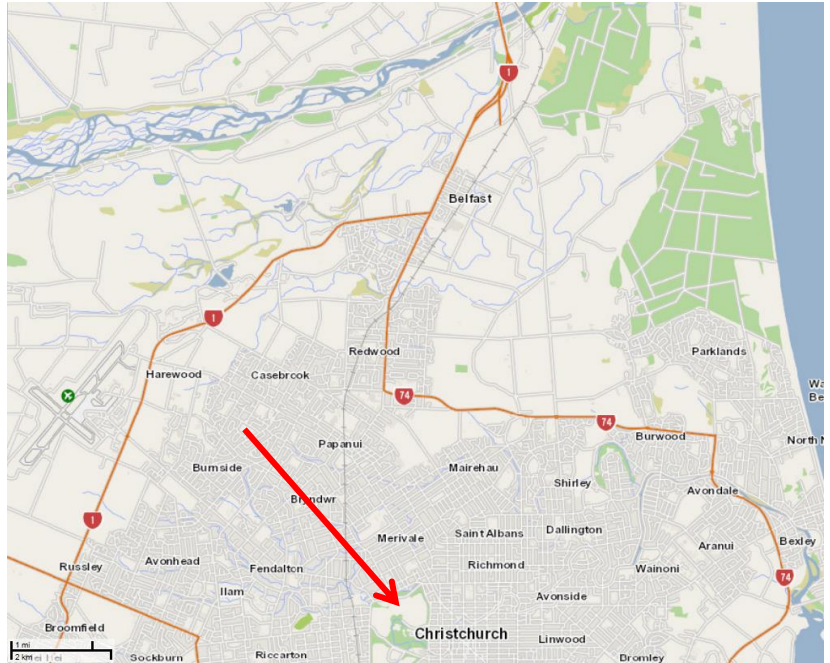


# Appendix A

## Site Location, Photos and Levels Survey

20 August 2012 – Groundsman's House Site Photographs

- 1) Location of Groundsman's House.



- 2) Aerial photograph of Groundsman's House.



3) Southern elevation of the building.



4) Northern elevation of the building.



5) Western elevation of the building.



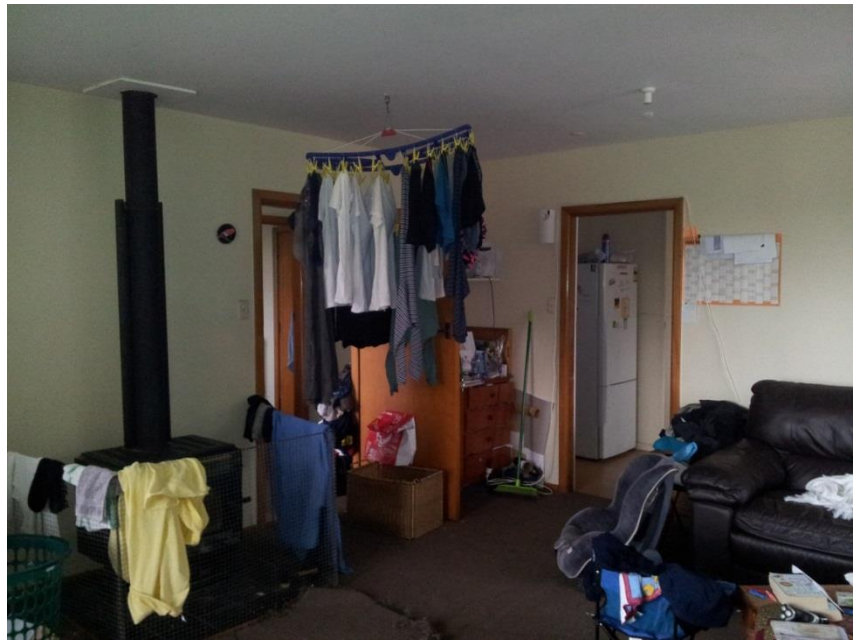
6) Eastern elevation of the building.



7) Cracking to external masonry cladding.

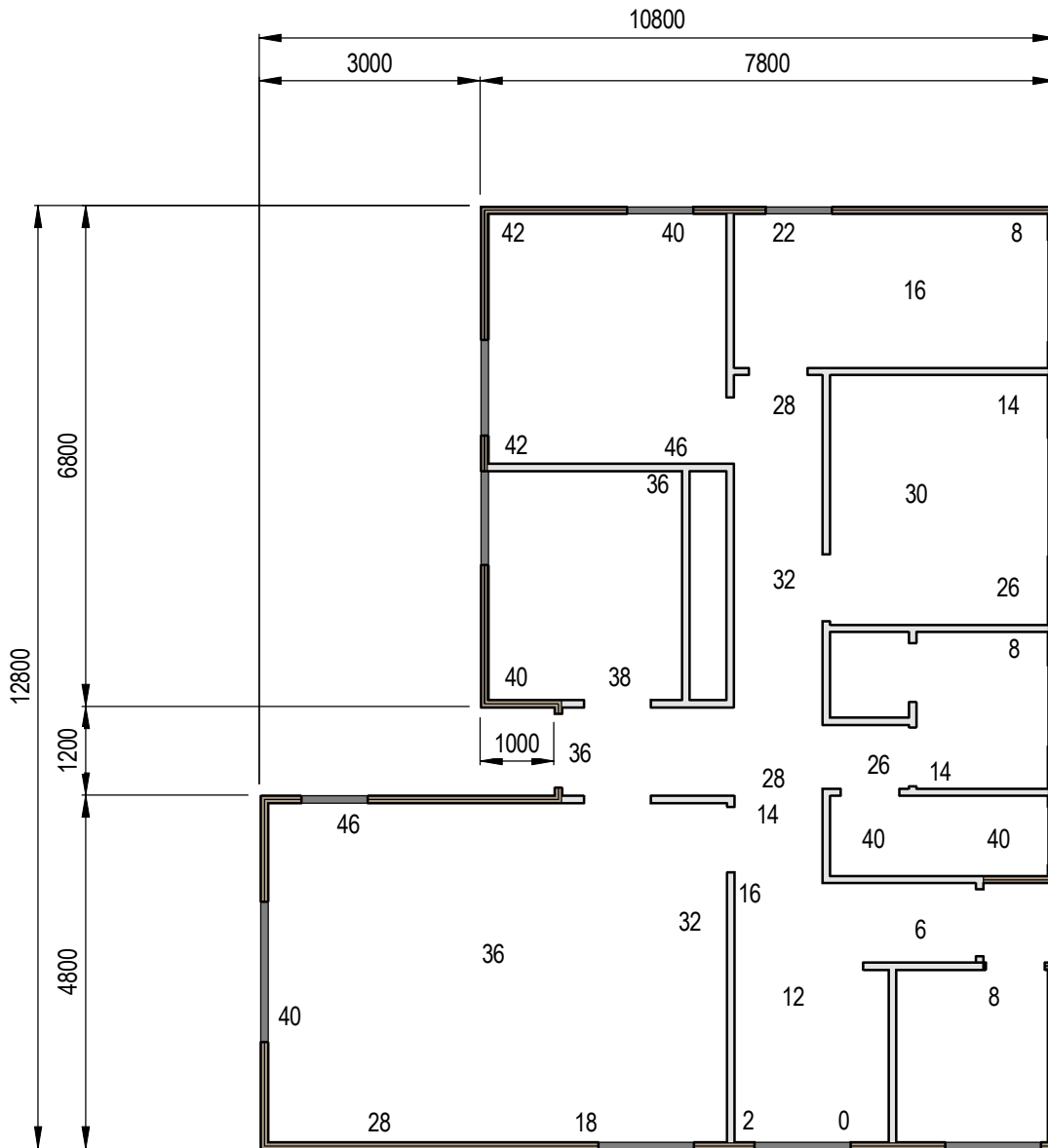


8) Building internal view.





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# FLOOR LEVELS PLAN

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FLOOR LEVELS PLAN

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# Appendix B

## References

1. Department of Building and Housing (DBH), "Revised Guidance on Repairing and Rebuilding Houses Affected by the Canterbury Earthquake Sequence", November 2011
2. New Zealand Society for Earthquake Engineering (NZSEE), "Assessment and Improvement of the Structural Performance of Buildings in Earthquakes", April 2012
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7. Standards New Zealand, "NZS 3404 Part 1, Steel Structures Standard", 1997
8. Standards New Zealand, "NZS 3606, Timber Structures Standard", 1993
9. Standards New Zealand, "NZS 3604, Timber Framed Structures", 2011
10. Standards New Zealand, "NZS 4229, Concrete Masonry Buildings Not Requiring Specific Engineering Design", 1999
11. Standards New Zealand, "NZS 4230, Design of Reinforced Concrete Masonry Structures", 2004



# Appendix C

## Strength Assessment Explanation

### New building standard (NBS)

New building standard (NBS) is the term used with reference to the earthquake standard that would apply to a new building of similar type and use if the building was designed to meet the latest design Codes of Practice. If the strength of a building is less than this level, then its strength is expressed as a percentage of NBS.

### Earthquake Prone Buildings

A building can be considered to be earthquake prone if its strength is less than one third of the strength to which an equivalent new building would be designed, that is, less than 33%NBS (as defined by the New Zealand Building Act). If the building strength exceeds 33%NBS but is less than 67%NBS the building is considered at risk.

### Christchurch City Council Earthquake Prone Building Policy 2010

The Christchurch City Council (CCC) already had in place an Earthquake Prone Building Policy (EPB Policy) requiring all earthquake-prone buildings to be strengthened within a timeframe varying from 15 to 30 years. The level to which the buildings were required to be strengthened was 33%NBS.

As a result of the 4 September 2010 Canterbury earthquake the CCC raised the level that a building was required to be strengthened to from 33% to 67% NBS but qualified this as a target level and noted that the actual strengthening level for each building will be determined in conjunction with the owners on a building-by-building basis. Factors that will be taken into account by the Council in determining the strengthening level include the cost of strengthening, the use to which the building is put, the level of danger posed by the building, and the extent of damage and repair involved.

Irrespective of strengthening level, the threshold level that triggers a requirement to strengthen is 33%NBS.

As part of any building consent application fire and disabled access provisions will need to be assessed.

### Christchurch Seismicity

The level of seismicity within the current New Zealand loading code (AS/NZS 1170) is related to the seismic zone factor. The zone factor varies depending on the location of the building within NZ. Prior to the 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2011 earthquake the zone factor for Christchurch was 0.22. Following the earthquake the seismic zone factor (level of seismicity) in the Christchurch and surrounding areas has been increased to 0.3. This is a 36% increase.

For this assessment, the building's earthquake resistance is compared with the current New Zealand Building Code requirements for a new building constructed on the site. This is expressed as a percentage of new building standard (%NBS). The new building standard load requirements have been determined in accordance with the current earthquake loading standard (NZS 1170.5:2004 Structural design actions - Earthquake actions - New Zealand).

The likely capacity of this building has been derived in accordance with the New Zealand Society for Earthquake Engineering (NZSEE) guidelines 'Assessment and Improvement of the Structural Performance of Buildings in Earthquakes' (AISPBE), 2006. These guidelines provide an Initial Evaluation Procedure that assesses a buildings capacity based on a comparison of loading codes from when the building was designed

and currently. It is a quick high-level procedure that can be used when undertaking a Qualitative analysis of a building. The guidelines also provide guidance on calculating a modified Ultimate Limit State capacity of the building which is much more accurate and can be used when undertaking a qualitative analysis.

The New Zealand Society for Earthquake Engineering has proposed a way for classifying earthquake risk for existing buildings in terms of %NBS and this is shown in Figure C1 below.

Description	Grade	Risk	%NBS	Existing Building Structural Performance	Improvement of Structural Performance	
					Legal Requirement	NZSEE Recommendation
Low Risk Building	A or B	Low	Above 67	Acceptable (improvement may be desirable)	The Building Act sets no required level of structural improvement (unless change in use) This is for each TA to decide. Improvement is not limited to 34%NBS.	100%NBS desirable. Improvement should achieve at least 67%NBS
Moderate Risk Building	B or C	Moderate	34 to 66	Acceptable legally. Improvement recommended		Not recommended. Acceptable only in exceptional circumstances
High Risk Building	D or E	High	33 or lower	Unacceptable (Improvement	Unacceptable	Unacceptable

Figure C1: NZSEE Risk Classifications Extracted from table 2.2 of the NZSEE 2006 AISPBE Guidelines

Table C1 below compares the percentage NBS to the relative risk of the building failing in a seismic event with a 10% probability of exceedance in 50 years (i.e. 0.2% in the next year). It is noted that the current seismic risk in Christchurch results in a 6% probability of exceedance in the next year.

Table C1: Relative Risk of Building Failure In A

Percentage of New Building Standard (%NBS)	Relative Risk (Approximate)
>100	<1 time
80-100	1-2 times
67-80	2-5 times
33-67	5-10 times
20-33	10-25 times
<20	>25 times

# Appendix D

## Background and Legal Framework

### Background

This report is a Qualitative Assessment of the building structure, and is based on the Detailed Engineering Evaluation Procedure document (draft) issued by the Structural Advisory Group on 19 July 2011.

A qualitative assessment involves inspections of the building and a desktop review of existing structural and geotechnical information, including existing drawings and calculations, if available.

The purpose of the assessment is to determine the likely building performance and damage patterns, to identify any potential critical structural weaknesses or collapse hazards, and to make an initial assessment of the likely building strength in terms of percentage of new building standard (%NBS).

At the time of this report, no intrusive site investigation, detailed analysis, or modelling of the building structure had been carried out. Construction drawings were made available, and these have been considered in our evaluation of the building. The building description below is based on a review of the drawings and our visual inspections.

### Compliance

This section contains a brief summary of the requirements of the various statutes and authorities that control activities in relation to buildings in Christchurch at present.

### Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority (CERA)

CERA was established on 28 March 2011 to take control of the recovery of Christchurch using powers established by the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Act enacted on 18 April 2011. This act gives the Chief Executive Officer of CERA wide powers in relation to building safety, demolition and repair. Two relevant sections are:

#### **Section 38 – Works**

This section outlines a process in which the chief executive can give notice that a building is to be demolished and if the owner does not carry out the demolition, the chief executive can commission the demolition and recover the costs from the owner or by placing a charge on the owners' land.

#### **Section 51 – Requiring Structural Survey**

This section enables the chief executive to require a building owner, insurer or mortgagee carry out a full structural survey before the building is re-occupied.

We understand that CERA will require a detailed engineering evaluation to be carried out for all buildings (other than those exempt from the Earthquake Prone Building definition in the Building Act). It is anticipated that CERA will adopt the Detailed Engineering Evaluation Procedure document (draft) issued by the Structural Advisory Group on 19 July 2011. This document sets out a methodology for both qualitative and quantitative assessments.

The qualitative assessment is a desk-top and site inspection assessment. It is based on a thorough visual inspection of the building coupled with a review of available documentation such as drawings and

specifications. The qualitative assessment involves analytical calculation of the buildings strength and may require non-destructive or destructive material testing, geotechnical testing and intrusive investigation.

It is anticipated that factors determining the extent of evaluation and strengthening level required will include:

- The importance level and occupancy of the building
- The placard status and amount of damage
- The age and structural type of the building
- Consideration of any critical structural weaknesses
- The extent of any earthquake damage

## Building Act

Several sections of the Building Act are relevant when considering structural requirements:

### Section 112 – Alterations

This section requires that an existing building complies with the relevant sections of the Building Code to at least the extent that it did prior to any alteration. This effectively means that a building cannot be weakened as a result of an alteration (including partial demolition).

### Section 115 – Change of Use

This section requires that the territorial authority (in this case Christchurch City Council (CCC)) be satisfied that the building with a new use complies with the relevant sections of the Building Code 'as near as is reasonably practicable'. Regarding seismic capacity 'as near as reasonably practicable' has previously been interpreted by CCC as achieving a minimum of 67%NBS however where practical achieving 100%NBS is desirable. The New Zealand Society for Earthquake Engineering (NZSEE) recommend a minimum of 67%NBS.

### Section 121 – Dangerous Buildings

The definition of dangerous building in the Act was extended by the Canterbury Earthquake (Building Act) Order 2010, and it now defines a building as dangerous if:

- in the ordinary course of events (excluding the occurrence of an earthquake), the building is likely to cause injury or death or damage to other property; or
- in the event of fire, injury or death to any persons in the building or on other property is likely because of fire hazard or the occupancy of the building; or
- there is a risk that the building could collapse or otherwise cause injury or death as a result of earthquake shaking that is less than a 'moderate earthquake' (refer to Section 122 below); or
- there is a risk that that other property could collapse or otherwise cause injury or death; or
- a territorial authority has not been able to undertake an inspection to determine whether the building is dangerous.

### Section 122 – Earthquake Prone Buildings

This section defines a building as earthquake prone if its ultimate capacity would be exceeded in a 'moderate earthquake' and it would be likely to collapse causing injury or death, or damage to other property. A moderate earthquake is defined by the building regulations as one that would generate ground shaking 33% of the shaking used to design an equivalent new building.

## Section 124 – Powers of Territorial Authorities

This section gives the territorial authority the power to require strengthening work within specified timeframes or to close and prevent occupancy to any building defined as dangerous or earthquake prone.

## Section 131 – Earthquake Prone Building Policy

This section requires the territorial authority to adopt a specific policy for earthquake prone, dangerous and insanitary buildings.

## Christchurch City Council Policy

Christchurch City Council adopted their Earthquake Prone, Dangerous and Insanitary Building Policy in 2006. This policy was amended immediately following the Darfield Earthquake of the 4th September 2010.

The 2010 amendment includes the following:

- A process for identifying, categorising and prioritising Earthquake Prone Buildings, commencing on 1 July 2012;
- A strengthening target level of 67% of a new building for buildings that are Earthquake Prone;
- A timeframe of 15-30 years for Earthquake Prone Buildings to be strengthened; and,
- Repair works for buildings damaged by earthquakes will be required to comply with the above.

The council has stated their willingness to consider retrofit proposals on a case by case basis, considering the economic impact of such a retrofit.

We anticipate that any building with a capacity of less than 33%NBS (including consideration of critical structural weaknesses) will need to be strengthened to a target of 67%NBS of new building standard as recommended by the Policy.

If strengthening works are undertaken, a building consent will be required. A requirement of the consent will require upgrade of the building to comply 'as near as is reasonably practicable' with:

- The accessibility requirements of the Building Code.
- The fire requirements of the Building Code. This is likely to require a fire report to be submitted with the building consent application.

## Building Code

The building code outlines performance standards for buildings and the Building Act requires that all new buildings comply with this code. Compliance Documents published by The Department of Building and Housing can be used to demonstrate compliance with the Building Code.

After the February Earthquake, on 19 May 2011, Compliance Document B1: Structure was amended to include increased seismic design requirements for Canterbury as follows:

- Hazard Factor increased from 0.22 to 0.3 (36% increase in the basic seismic design load)
- Serviceability Return Period Factor increased from 0.25 to 0.33 (80% increase in the serviceability design loads when combined with the Hazard Factor increase)

The increase in the above factors has resulted in a reduction in the level of compliance of an existing building relative to a new building despite the capacity of the existing building not changing.

# Appendix E

## Standard Reporting Spread Sheet

Detailed Engineering Evaluation Summary Data

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<b>Site</b>		Max retaining height (m): <input type="text"/>
Site slope: <input type="text" value="flat"/>	Soil type: <input type="text" value="mixed"/>	Soil Profile (if available): <input type="text"/>
Site Class (to NZS1170.5): <input type="text" value="D"/>	Proximity to waterway (m, if <100m): <input type="text"/>	If Ground improvement on site, describe: <input type="text"/>
Proximity to cliff top (m, if < 100m): <input type="text"/>	Proximity to cliff base (m, if <100m): <input type="text"/>	Approx site elevation (m): <input type="text" value="5.00"/>

<b>Building</b>		No. of storeys above ground: <input type="text" value="1"/>	single storey = 1	Ground floor elevation (Absolute) (m): <input type="text" value="5.30"/>
Ground floor split? <input type="text" value="no"/>	Storeys below ground: <input type="text" value="0"/>	Foundation type: <input type="text" value="other (describe)"/>	if Foundation type is other, describe: <input type="text" value="concrete foundation wall with timber piles"/>	Ground floor elevation above ground (m): <input type="text" value="0.30"/>
Building height (m): <input type="text" value="3.00"/>	Floor footprint area (approx): <input type="text" value="114"/>	Age of Building (years): <input type="text" value="40"/>	height from ground to level of uppermost seismic mass (for IEP only) (m): <input type="text" value="3"/>	Date of design: <input type="text" value="1965-1976"/>
Strengthening present? <input type="text" value="no"/>	Use (ground floor): <input type="text" value="other (specify)"/>	Use (upper floors): <input type="text"/>	Use notes (if required): <input type="text" value="house"/>	Importance level (to NZS1170.5): <input type="text" value="IL2"/>
				Brief strengthening description: <input type="text"/>

<b>Gravity Structure</b>		Gravity System: <input type="text" value="frame system"/>	rafter type, purlin type and cladding: <input type="text" value="timber purlins and rafters, colour steel roof"/>
Roof: <input type="text" value="timber framed"/>	Floors: <input type="text" value="timber"/>	Beams: <input type="text" value="none"/>	joist depth and spacing (mm): <input type="text"/>
Columns: <input type="text" value="timber"/>	Walls: <input type="text" value="partially filled concrete masonry"/>		overall depth x width (mm x mm): <input type="text"/>
			typical dimensions (mm x mm): <input type="text" value="100x50"/>
			thickness (mm): <input type="text" value="190"/>

<b>Lateral load resisting structure</b>		Lateral system along: <input type="text" value="lightweight timber framed walls"/>	<b>Note: Define along and across in detailed report!</b>	note typical wall length (m): <input type="text"/>
Ductility assumed, $\mu$ :	Period along: <input type="text" value="0.40"/>	Total deflection (ULS) (mm): <input type="text" value="40"/>	estimate or calculation? <input type="text" value="estimated"/>	
maximum interstorey deflection (ULS) (mm): <input type="text" value="40"/>			estimate or calculation? <input type="text" value="estimated"/>	
			estimate or calculation? <input type="text" value="estimated"/>	

Lateral system across:

Ductility assumed,  $\mu$ :

Period across:

Total deflection (ULS) (mm):

maximum interstorey deflection (ULS) (mm):

0.00

note typical wall length (m)

estimate or calculation?

estimate or calculation?

estimate or calculation?

**Separations:**

north (mm):

east (mm):

south (mm):

west (mm):

leave blank if not relevant

**Non-structural elements**

Stairs:

Wall cladding:

Roof Cladding:

Glazing:

Ceilings:

Services(list):

describe (note cavity if exists)

describe

**Available documentation**

Architectural:

Structural:

Mechanical:

Electrical:

Geotech report:

original designer name/date

original designer name/date

original designer name/date

original designer name/date

original designer name/date

**Damage**

Site:  
(refer DEE Table 4-2)

Site performance:

Settlement:

Differential settlement:

Liquefaction:

Lateral Spread:

Differential lateral spread:

Ground cracks:

Damage to area:

Describe damage:

notes (if applicable):

notes (if applicable):

notes (if applicable):

notes (if applicable):

notes (if applicable):

notes (if applicable):

**Building:**

Current Placard Status:

Along

Damage ratio:

Describe (summary):

Describe how damage ratio arrived at:

Across

Damage ratio:

Describe (summary):

$$Damage\_Ratio = \frac{(\%NBS(before) - \%NBS(after))}{\%NBS(before)}$$

Diaphragms

Damage?:

Describe:

CSWs:

Damage?:

Describe:

Pounding:

Damage?:

Describe:

Non-structural:

Damage?:

Describe:



**Recommendations**

Level of repair/strengthening required:   
 Building Consent required:   
 Interim occupancy recommendations:

Describe:   
 Describe:   
 Describe:

Along      Assessed %NBS before e'quakes:       0% %NBS from IEP below      If IEP not used, please detail assessment methodology:   
             Assessed %NBS after e'quakes:

Across      Assessed %NBS before e'quakes:       0% %NBS from IEP below  
             Assessed %NBS after e'quakes:

**IEP**

**Use of this method is not mandatory - more detailed analysis may give a different answer, which would take precedence. Do not fill in fields if not using IEP.**

Period of design of building (from above): 1965-1976

$h_n$  from above: 3m

Seismic Zone, if designed between 1965 and 1992:

not required for this age of building   
 not required for this age of building

	along	across
Period (from above):	0.4	0.4
(%NBS) <sub>nom</sub> from Fig 3.3:	0.0%	0.0%

Note:1 for specifically design public buildings, to the code of the day: pre-1965 = 1.25; 1965-1976, Zone A =1.33; 1965-1976, Zone B = 1.2; all else 1.0

Note 2: for RC buildings designed between 1976-1984, use 1.2

Note 3: for buildngs designed prior to 1935 use 0.8, except in Wellington (1.0)

	1.00
	1.0
	1.0

	along	across
<b>Final (%NBS)<sub>nom</sub>:</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>

**2.2 Near Fault Scaling Factor**

Near Fault scaling factor, from NZS1170.5, cl 3.1.6:

	along	across
Near Fault scaling factor (1/N(T,D), <b>Factor A:</b>	1	1

**2.3 Hazard Scaling Factor**

Hazard factor Z for site from AS1170.5, Table 3.3:

$Z_{1992}$ , from NZS4203:1992   
 Hazard scaling factor, **Factor B:**

**2.4 Return Period Scaling Factor**

Building Importance level (from above):   
 Return Period Scaling factor from Table 3.1, **Factor C:**

**2.5 Ductility Scaling Factor**

	along	across
Assessed ductility (less than max in Table 3.2)	1.25	1.25
Ductility scaling factor: =1 from 1976 onwards; or = $k_\mu$ , if pre-1976, from Table 3.3:	1.14	1.14

Ductility Scaling Factor, **Factor D:**      

**2.6 Structural Performance Scaling Factor:**

Sp:      

Structural Performance Scaling Factor **Factor E:**      

**2.7 Baseline %NBS, (NBS%)<sub>b</sub> = (%NBS)<sub>nom</sub> x A x B x C x D x E**

%NBS<sub>b</sub>:      

Global Critical Structural Weaknesses: (refer to NZSEE IEP Table 3.4)

3.1. Plan Irregularity, factor A:

3.2. Vertical irregularity, Factor B:

3.3. Short columns, Factor C:

3.4. Pounding potential  
 Pounding effect D1, from Table to right   
 Height Difference effect D2, from Table to right

Therefore, Factor D:

3.5. Site Characteristics

Table for selection of D1	Severe	Significant	Insignificant/none
	0<sep<.005H	.005<sep<.01H	Sep>.01H
Separation			
Alignment of floors within 20% of H	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>1</b>
Alignment of floors not within 20% of H	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.8</b>

Table for Selection of D2	Severe	Significant	Insignificant/none
	0<sep<.005H	.005<sep<.01H	Sep>.01H
Separation			
Height difference > 4 storeys	0.4	0.7	1
Height difference 2 to 4 storeys	0.7	0.9	1
Height difference < 2 storeys	1	1	1

3.6. Other factors, Factor F For ≤ 3 storeys, max value =2.5, otherwise max valule =1.5, no minimum  
Rationale for choice of F factor, if not 1

	Along	Across
	1.0	1.0

Detail Critical Structural Weaknesses: (refer to DEE Procedure section 6)  
 List any:  Refer also section 6.3.1 of DEE for discussion of F factor modification for other critical structural weaknesses

3.7. Overall Performance Achievement ratio (PAR)

4.3 PAR x (%NBS)b: PAR x Baseline %NBS:

4.4 Percentage New Building Standard (%NBS), (before)



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