

Petition to The House of Representatives Regarding Defective Home Repairs

Whereas: The Canterbury Earthquakes caused extensive damage to homes in Christchurch and wider Canterbury.

The Earthquake Commission and also private insurance companies (including Southern Response) commissioned and managed those repairs, many of which were repairs to structural elements of the homes.

Territorial authorities granted building consents and exemptions from those consents in respect of some of those repairs.

Many of the repairs were defective and failed to meet the standards of strength and durability as required by the Building Code.

This raises matters of great public importance. In particular:

- The safety and durability of homes in Christchurch;
- The compliance with statutory obligations of the Earthquake Commission;
- The compliance with policy standards by insurance companies;
- The effective use of the consenting process by territorial authorities to ensure that significant building work meets all standards in the Building Code including safety and durability;

Therefore: the undersigned **Petition** the House of Representative of the Parliament of New Zealand:

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- **Identify the causes of the defective repairs;**
- **Recommend steps to prevent such defective repairs being carried out in future;**
and
- **Provide such advice to the Earthquake Commission, private insurers and territorial authorities to ensure that in future the risk of defective repairs is substantially reduced.**

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