

Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Review Panel

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Dear Ministers

Canterbury Earthquake (Rating) Order 2012

On 25 May 2012 the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Review Panel (the Review Panel) considered the draft Canterbury Earthquake (Rating) Order 2012.

As required under section 73(3) of the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Act 2011, please find attached the Review Panel's report on the draft Order including our recommendation.

Yours sincerely



The Honourable Sir John Hansen
Convenor, Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Review Panel

cc Chief Executives Department of Internal Affairs and Land Information New Zealand.

Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Review Panel

IN THE MATTER

of the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Act 2011

AND

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of the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Review Panel appointed under s72(1) of the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Act 2011 to provide advice on Orders in Council that may be required for the purposes of the Act

THE REVIEW PANEL

The Honourable Sir John Hansen (Convenor)
Right Honourable Dame Jenny Shipley
Murray Sherwin
Anake Goodall

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE REVIEW PANEL

CANTERBURY EARTHQUAKE (RATING) ORDER 2012

1. On 25 May 2012 the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Review Panel (the Review Panel) considered the draft Canterbury Earthquake (Rating) Order 2012 (version PCO 16435/1.4).
2. The Review Panel considered the letter from Marilyn Little of the Department of Internal Affairs dated 24 May 2012.
3. The Review Panel noted that the draft Order modifies the rating powers of Christchurch City Council (the Council) to enable rates to be assessed following building, demolition or subdivision during the course of the year, rather than only at the start of the next financial year as at present.

4. The Review Panel notes the Council need for rates relief and flexibility to help address any funding shortfall that may exist. The Review Panel do not have a view on sources of funding to support that shortfall and that this is a matter for the City Council to resolve in consultation with their rate payers as part of their annual plan.
5. The Review Panel is of the view that the draft Order is necessary, expedient and meets the purposes of the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Act 2011.

Recommendation

1. The Review Panel recommends to the Minister of Local Government, the Minister for Land Information and the Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery that the Canterbury Earthquake (Rating) Order 2012 (version PCO 16435/1.4) be made without change.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. W. Hansen', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Date 28 May 2012

The Honourable Sir John Hansen
Convenor, Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Review Panel