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Sir John Hansen  
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Dear Sir John,

Further to my letter of 24 August, we acknowledge that this issue should have been progressed at a date further from the expiry of the Canterbury Earthquake (Building Act) Order 2010 Order.

The councils had been managing the issues relating to dangerous buildings since the September earthquake and after discussion it was considered that it would be better for this authority to remain with local councils. Local councils were supportive of this direction. CERA remain as the authority for the CBD.

The earthquakes of 22 February and 13 June brought to light new matters that had not previously been issues for Canterbury (most notably the land hazard issues associated with rockfalls and cliff collapse). We felt that it was important that the issues from these events be incorporated into any new Order in Council that would replace the 2010 Order in Council.

As the powers in the proposed Order in Council in respect of dangerous buildings and dangerous building situations will be implemented by councils, we also felt that it was important for the affected councils (Christchurch City Council, Waimakariri District Council and Selwyn District Council) to be directly involved in both the development of the policy for a new Order in Council and to provide comment during the drafting stages to improve the workability of the proposed legislation and ensure completeness.

In future, we will seek to ensure that the timing of any further draft Orders in Council are presented to the Review Panel well before expiry dates. Although there is a Reserves Order in Council which may similarly arrive with the Panel close to expiry.

Yours sincerely,

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