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Success has many Fathers

"Success has many fathers" and the New Zealand Planning Institute (NZPI) is predicting that this truism will hold strong for the recently released Recovery Plan for Christchurch's rebuild. "Brave, exciting, bold and innovative" is just some of the terms being used to describe it.

And whilst the Plan and the funding mechanisms that will translate it into a reality may have its detractors, it is NZPI's view that the team who prepared the Plan should be congratulated on the completed 'vision' for the centre of NZ's second largest city.

In particular, NZPI is pleased to see that the Plan builds on the work of the "Share an idea campaign" initiated by CCC, and keeps faith with the communities call for a greener, more accessible city with a compact core. Also, ensuring a 'design panel' assesses resource consent applications will contribute to 'best practice' planning outcomes.

The Plan also provides the green light and stimulus for residents, businesses and investors within the City to move forward into a more certain future. This should confirm Christchurch's role as a significant driver of economic growth in New Zealand over the next five to ten years and beyond.

The planning profession will play a key role in implementing the Plan. We look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with CERA, CCC, the community and business to help realise its aspirations.

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