



Best Practice Award: Strategic Planning and Guidance

Recipient: Christchurch City Council For: Draft Central City Recovery Plan

In response to the catastrophic earthquake of 22nd February 2011 and as mandated by the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Act 2011, the Christchurch City Council developed a draft Central City Recovery Plan in the space of some nine months which details a vision and future form for the central city.

Whilst noting that the Recovery Plan was a draft and that the ultimate decision on its future lay with the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority and its Minister, the Awards Panel considered that the Plan was worthy of the Strategic Planning and Guidance Best Practice Award on the basis of the processes followed, the timeframe within which the Plan was prepared, the quality of the documents presentation and ultimately its unique nature in New Zealand planning.

The Awards Panel acknowledged the challenging post disaster circumstances under which the Recovery Plan was prepared, with its short timeframe, significant public interest, and uncertainty over the changing physical, economic and legislative environments. The Christchurch City Council is to be commended for its work in preparing the draft Central City Recovery Plan.

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Central City Plan
Draft Central City Recovery Plan
For Ministerial Approval
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