

# **The Canterbury Earthquakes:** The land damage and planning for the recovery process

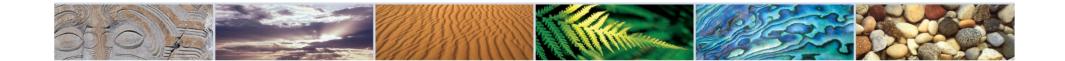
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### Part 1

# 4 September 2010 Magnitude 7.1 Earthquake

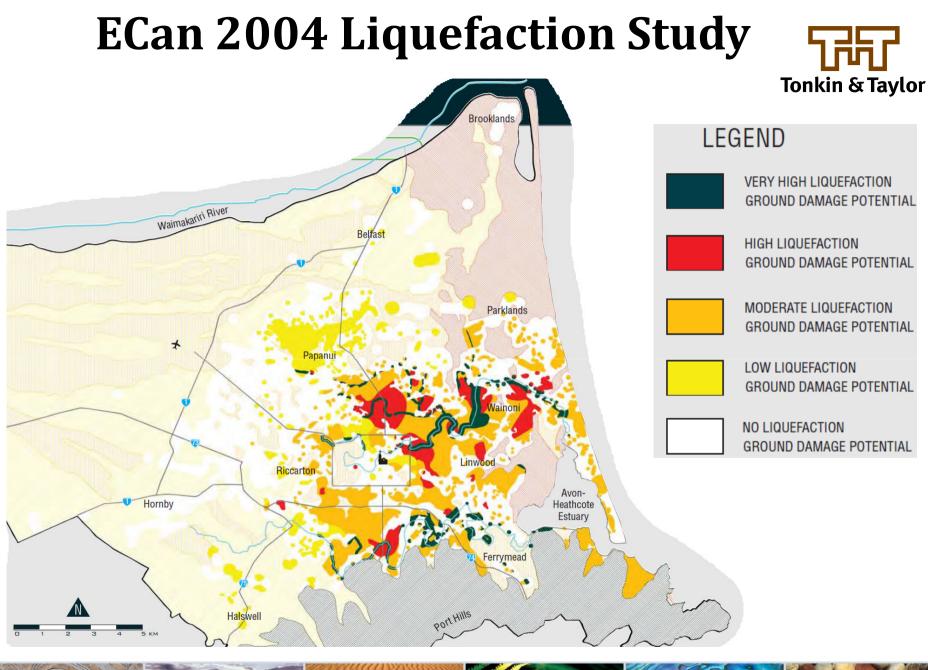


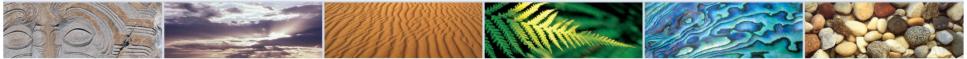
### September 2010 Earthquake



- Magnitude 7.1 earthquake occurred near Darfield, 40 kms west of Christchurch City at 4:36 am on 4 September 2010
- Tonkin & Taylor engaged by the Earthquake Commission (EQC)
- Identify the nature and cause of land damage associated with residential property
- The Sept 2010 earthquake caused extensive ground liquefaction, in localised areas of Canterbury.
- The liquefaction resulted in major and building damage.

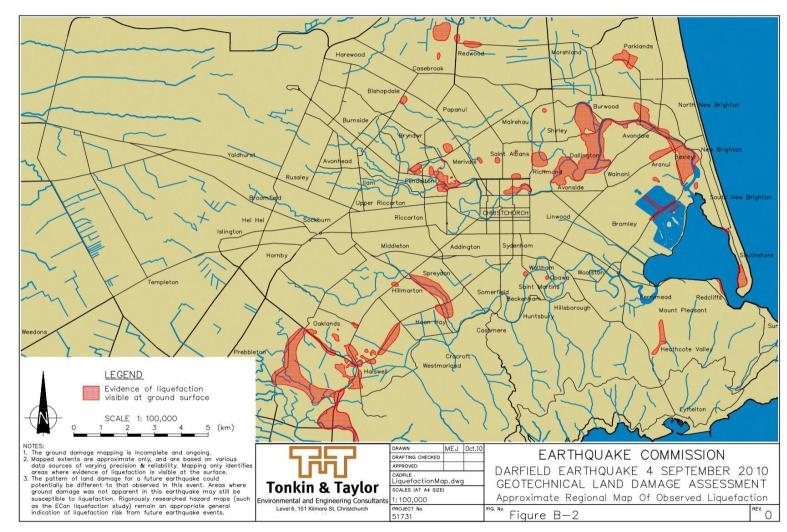






#### Ground Damage Observations October 2010

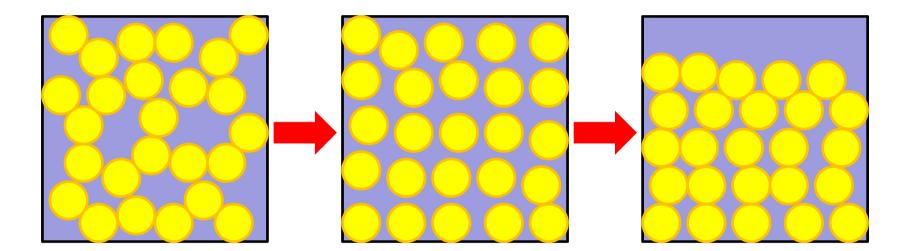








### Liquefaction mechanism



Before liquefaction During liquefaction After liquefaction





### Liquefaction damage

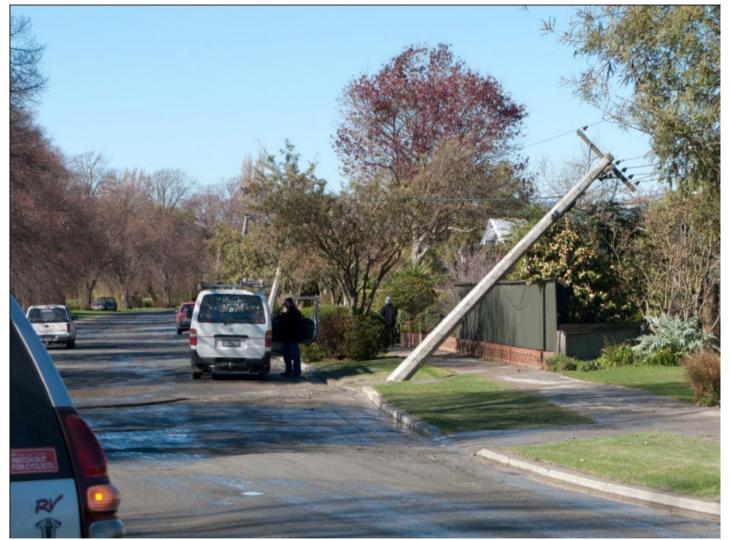
- Ejected sand and ground cracking
- Ground subsidence
- Settlement of large areas due to consolidation
- Flotation of buried services (i.e. water and wastewater)
- Failure of foundation bearing capacity
- Lateral spreading of gentle slopes or land next to a free face (e.g. riverbanks)
- Damage to piles from liquefaction induced horizontal soil movement



### Liquefaction

#### sand and water ejection







### Liquefaction



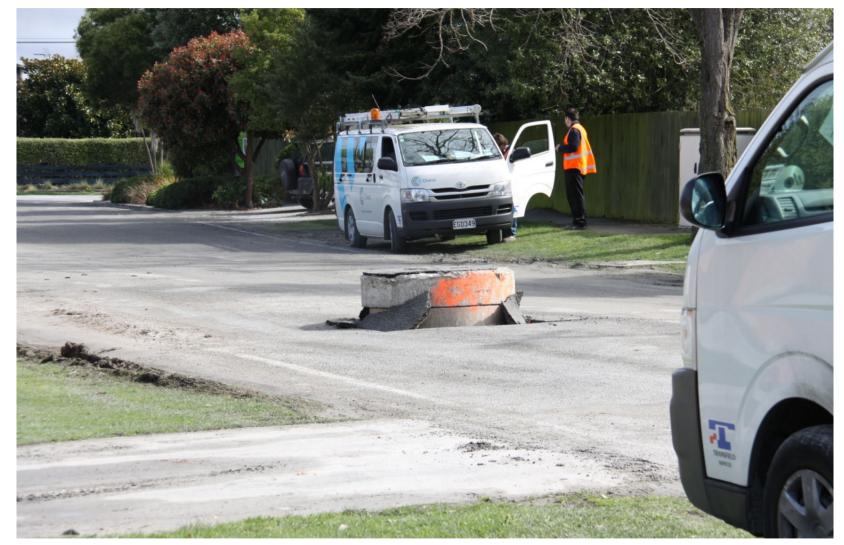


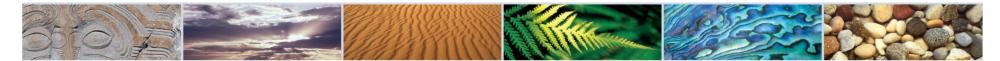














# Lateral Spread







### The Response: Stage 1 & Stage 2 Reports



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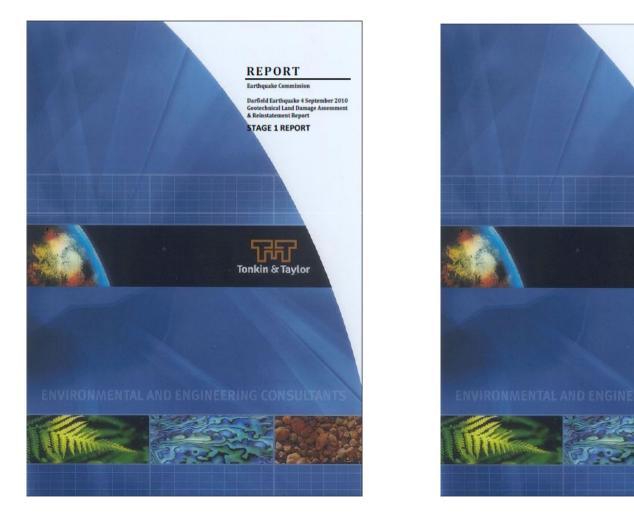
Earthquake Commission

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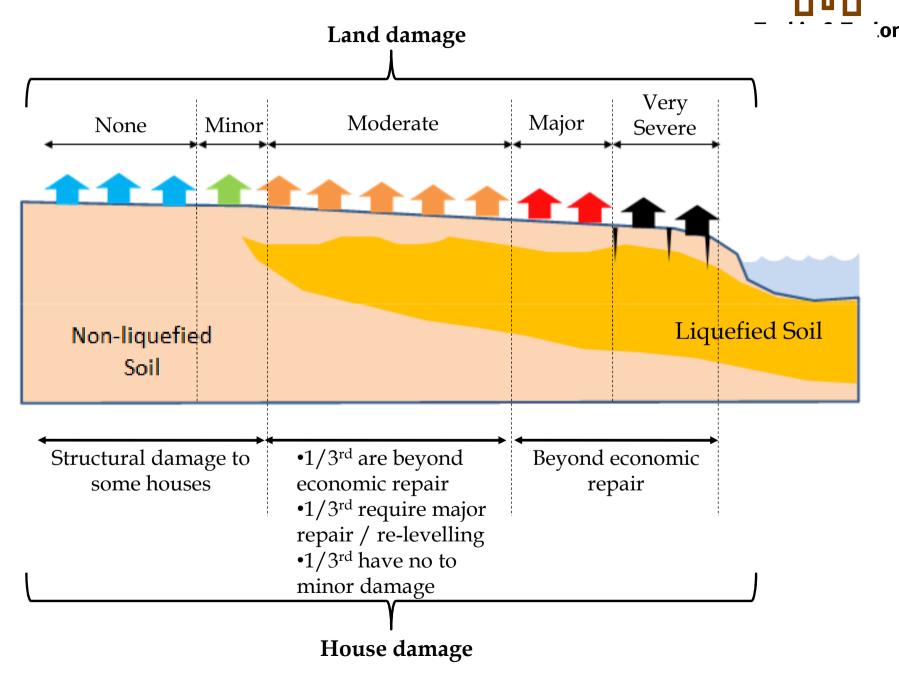
**Tonkin & Taylor** 

Darfield Earthquake 4 September 2010 Geotechnical Land Damage Assessment & Reinstatement Report



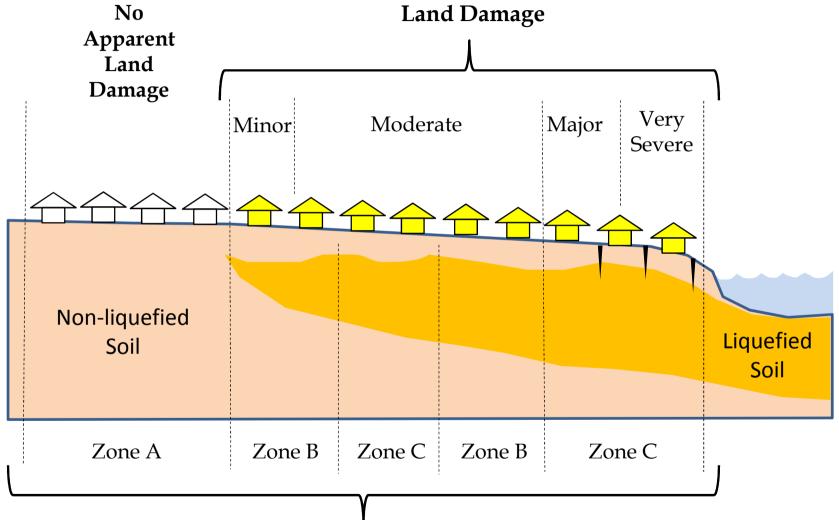


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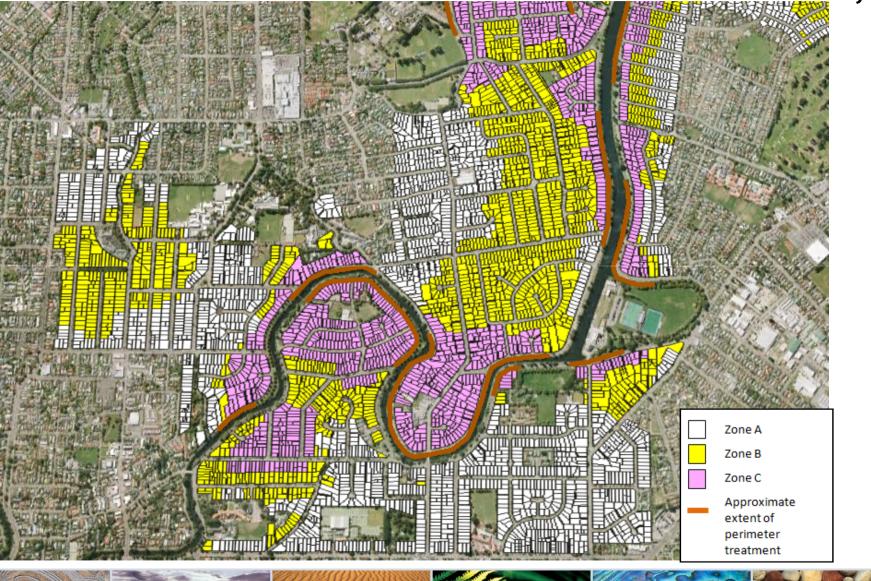


**Reconstruction Zones** 



#### Christchurch City – Richmond, Dallington & Avondale







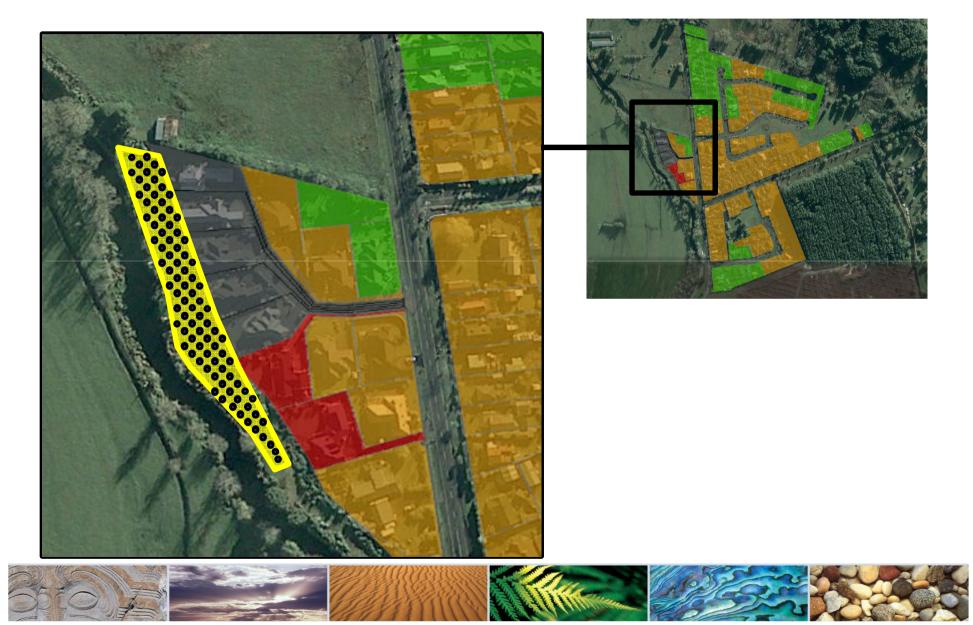
# How far had we got by 22 February ?



- GIS mapping of land and building damage (using insurance data)
- EQC programme of land remediation works
- EQC Concept Design Report (well advanced)
- Spencerville land remediation pilot project
- Consultation with key stakeholders around programme of works and proposed OiC
- Consent application(s) for 'early works packages' in Waimakariri (well advanced)



# Spencerville Pilot Project Tonkin & Taylor



# The Legislative Response Tonkin & Taylor

- Earthquake (Response and Recovery) Act 2010
- Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Commission
- Orders in Council (OiC's) to amend legislation
- Relevant OiC's include:
  - Building Act
  - Historic Places Act
  - Reserves Act
  - Resource Management Act (non-notified consents, limited consultation, no written approvals)
  - The list is growing .....



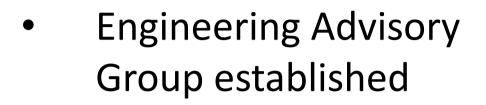
### **Engineering Response:** Review of Building Codes/ Standards



- GNS reviewing seismic risk for Canterbury
- DBH Review of all design codes & standards with regard to liquefaction liquefaction prone ground excluded from 'good ground' definition (NZS3604)
- Possible future land design code in liquefaction prone areas stiffer floor requirement / flexible services



### Department of Building & Housing Tonkin & Taylor Guidance Document

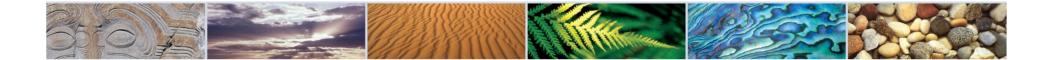


- Issued guidance document on house repair & reconstruction
- Aim to make remediation unified & efficient



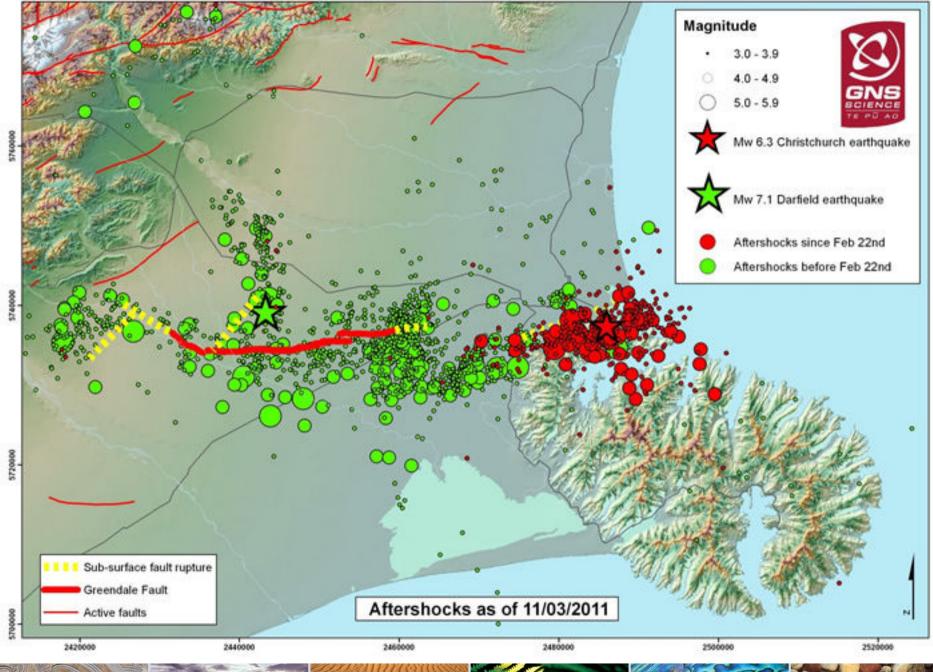
Guidance on house repairs and reconstruction following the Canterbury earthquake

A summary of geotechnical and structural engineering recommendations to guide house repairs and reconstruction



# Part 2: 22 February 2011 Magnitude 6.3 Earthquake



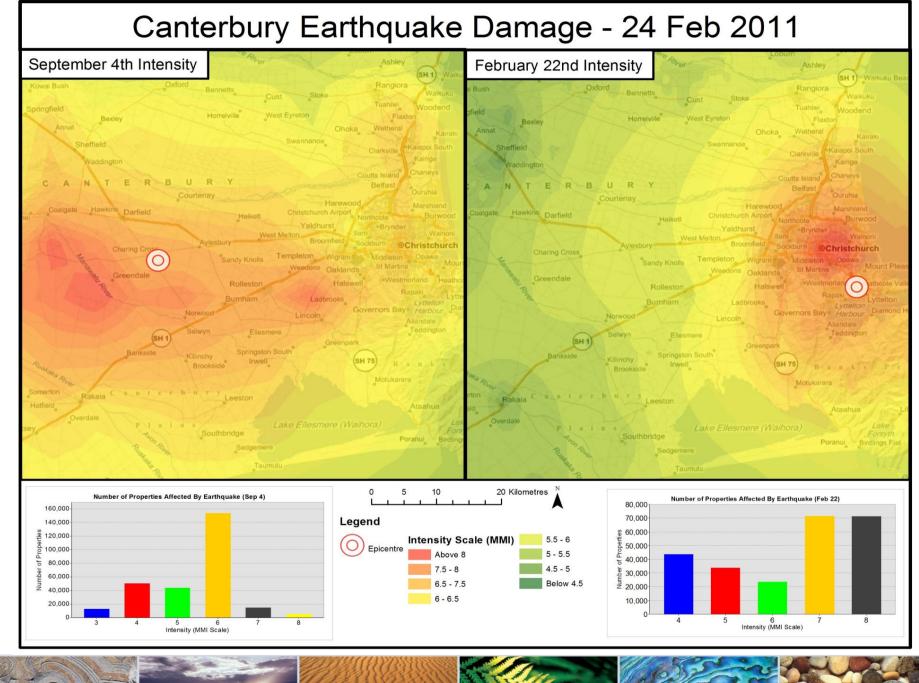




# দিন্দ Peak ground acceleration (PGA)<sup>Tonkin & Taylor</sup>

PGA	Mag	Depth	Earthquake
2.2g	6.3	5km	2011 Christchurch earthquake
1.7g	6.7	19km	<u>1994 California</u> earthquake
1.26g	7.1	10km	2010 Canterbury earthquake
0.8g	6.8	16km	<u>1995 Kobe</u> earthquake
0.5g	7.0	13km	<u>2010 Haiti</u> earthquake







## Liquefaction

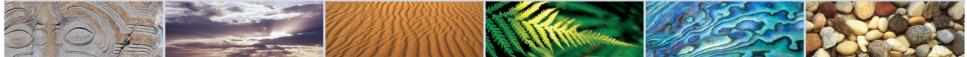




### **Liquefaction** uplift of pump stations







# Widespread flooding due to liquefaction

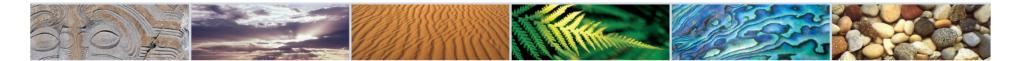


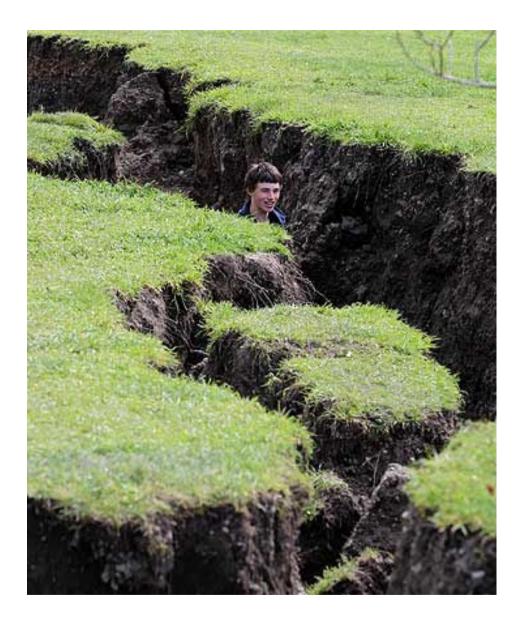


### Lateral spread











# Lateral spread .....







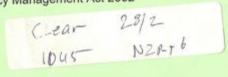




# Part 3 The Recovery Process

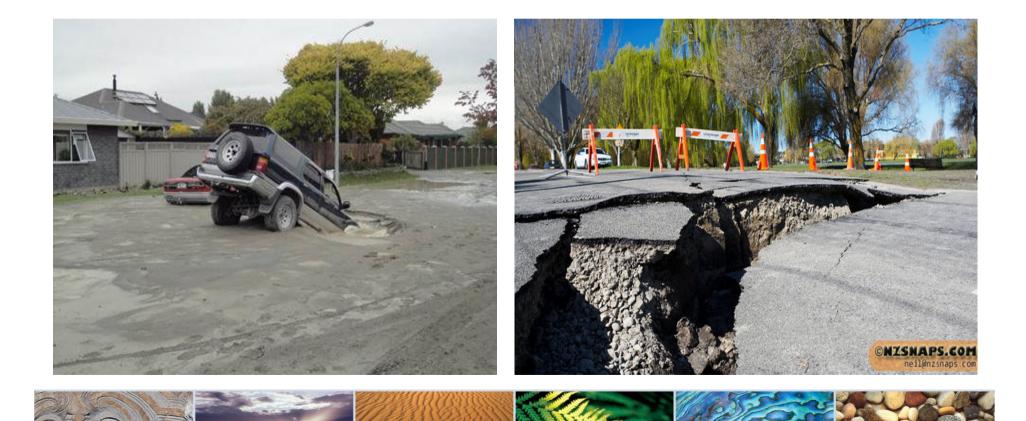


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#### Restoration of key Tonkin & Taylor infrastructure and transport routes



# **The Challenges**



- Complex, area wide, multi-site, multi-party engineering solutions at significant scale (originally 12km perimeter works)
- Concept of working through RMA / City Plan processes in response to a natural disaster (Spencerville Pilot Project)
- Stakeholder consultation / co-ordination (CCC, ECan, EQC, SDC, WDC, MfE, HPT, DoC, iwi)
- Identifying opportunities for works on public land (i.e. reserves, roads, riparian margins of the Avon etc)
- Balancing public vs private property rights
- The tensions between speed of recovery and public participation (Clause 10 of OiC)



# **The Challenges**



- EQC's programme of land remediation works have not been affected in Waimakariri District.
- Seeking resource consents on the basis of:
  - Preliminary concept design drawings
  - Concept of a maximum construction envelope (alignment and envelope of effects)
  - Agreed performance standards which will be managed via a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) and associated management plans
- The clock has been reset following 22 February event damage mapping and land remediation proposals start again
- STILL A LONG WAY TO GO .....



# The Opportunities and Lessons Learnt



- Managing the liquefaction hazard better (i.e. building more resilient communities)
- Royal Commission of Enquiry into why some buildings collapsed which had been passed fit for use (i.e. CTV and Pine Gould buildings)
- Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority (CERA)
- Re-development opportunities and a new approach to urban design / sustainability / self sufficiency
- The tool box of solutions for remediation will be much, much broader (i.e. not just general earthworks and perimeter treatment)

