

Media Release

Red zone checked and cleared following 5.1 aftershock

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Following the 5.1 mag aftershock this morning the opening of the red zone was delayed while CERA engineers completed an inspection.

CERA informed contractors, critical operations, and affected staff that the red zone remained closed. Residents and businesses registered on the Earthquake News and Information service were also informed.

CERA engineers inspected indicator buildings (buildings considered to be representative of different types of buildings in Christchurch) in the red zone and observed no further significant damage.

At 9.30am the red zone was reopened under normal access conditions.

Inspections of arterial routes around the city, and the Four Avenues were also carried out and no damage was observed.

Building owners outside of the central city red zone who have any concerns should contact their structural engineer or certified building practitioner.