

Media Release

Speedy demolition this weekend

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This weekend will see a unique quick-fire demolition of the eight-storey URS House on the corner of Gloucester and Durham Streets.

The building owners have chosen to demolish it rather than repair, and they are managing the demolition works privately.

That work plan will see the former office block levelled in under 48 hours by two separate crews using two high-reach excavators.

They will work from 7am to 10pm to reduce the building to rubble, which will be removed as the work is completed. Work will only continue after 10pm if there is a safety issue with the state of the building.

The use of the heavy machinery will require the roads around the building to be closed from 7pm Friday night until 6am Monday, which means the Durham St one-way system will be partially closed.

Suggested detours will be signposted.

In the event of any unplanned delay, a contingency traffic management plan will be put in place by the Christchurch City Council on Monday to minimise any disruption.