

# Media Release

## Convention Centre demolition to proceed

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The demolition of the Christchurch Convention Centre will begin next week, requiring some street closures at the edge of the CBD red zone.

CERA General Manager Operations Warwick Isaacs said the demolition of the Convention Centre would require the closure of Kilmore Street between Colombo Street and Durham Street North, and one lane of Peterborough Street on the opposite side of the block. Part of Kilmore Street would be opened, with motorists able to use one lane of Kilmore Street heading in a westerly direction via a right turn from Durham Street North or Victoria Street.

"The demolition is scheduled to take 15 weeks, and the cordon was likely to be adjusted slightly as the work progressed," Mr Isaacs said.

"The Convention Centre is significantly damaged, to the point it is unsafe to even enter the building. We aim not to close streets once they're opened, but this is obviously necessary work. Access to other buildings would not be significantly affected," Mr Isaacs said.