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Sir John Hansen  
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Dear Sir John

### **Canterbury Earthquake (Building Act) Order 2011**

This letter outlines the process that has been followed to review the Canterbury Earthquake (Building Act) Order 2010 (the 2010 Order in Council), which expires on 16 September 2011, and develop the proposed Canterbury Earthquake (Building Act) Order 2011 (the 2011 Order in Council).

The process that has been followed is in accordance with Cabinet Office requirements and requirements under the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Act 2011.

A formal review of the operation of the 2010 Order in Council began in early June 2011 following requests from the affected councils. This review involved direct discussions with the affected councils, as well as discussions with officials from the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority and other Government agencies. Policy decisions on the content of the 2011 Order in Council were made by Cabinet in mid July 2011.

Parliamentary Counsel Office subsequently prepared the draft 2011 Order in Council. The draft 2011 Order in Council was circulated to the affected councils and officials from the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority and other Government agencies for comment in early August 2011. The Parliamentary Cross Party Forum considered the draft 2011 Order in Council during the week of 15 August 2011.

Yours sincerely

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