

Community Forum  
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**Meeting notes for the meeting of the CERA Community Forum  
Thursday 21 March 2013, 6.00pm  
Canterbury Club, Durham St North**

**Present:**

Community Forum members:

Lynne Ball, Richard Ballantyne, Leanne Curtis, Gill Cox, Wendy Gilchrist, Peter Jenkins, Ruth Jones, Tom McBrearty, Trevor McIntyre, Jocelyn Papprell, Faye Parfitt, John Peet, Bruce Russell, Patricia Siataga, Brian Vieceli

**Apologies**

Leah Carr, Belinda Charteris, Weng Kei Chen, Martin Evans, Maria Godinet-Watts, Paul Lonsdale, Deborah McCormick, Lesley Murdoch, Jocelyn Papprell, John Wong.

Hon Amy Adams, Associate Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery

**Chair**

Darren Wright

**In Attendance**

Jane Bryden, Advisor, Office of the Hon Gerry Brownlee

Benesia Smith, Deputy Chief Executive, Corporate and Governance, CERA  
Tina Nixon, Communications Manager, Christchurch Central Development Unit, CERA  
Amanda Shaw, Senior Advisor, Office of the Chief Executive, CERA

**1. Notes Of The Last Meeting**

The members agreed that an amendment would be to Item 2 in the meeting notes for 7 March 2013.

Moved:

*That, subject to the agreed amendment, the notes from the meeting of 7 March 2013 be confirmed as an accurate record.*

**Carried**

**2. Matters arising**

- The Forum noted the recent comments by Tim Grafton, Chief Executive of the Insurance Council of New Zealand, in relation to the proposed Residential Advisory Service, which contained inaccuracies. The Forum noted that the ill-informed and ill-timed comments leading up to the announcement of the Service were unhelpful to the community and highlights the importance of formal announcements being made immediately.

**3. Upcoming items for Community Forum consultation in 2013 – Benesia Smith, Deputy Chief Executive, Corporate and Governance**

- CERA is mindful that the Forum would like as much advance notice as possible of draft papers and other matters that either CERA or the Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery or the Associate Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery are intending to request the Forum's feedback and/or advice on over the next 6-12 months. This is to assist the Forum to plan forward agendas and seek external expert information from time to time.
- For some matters it is feasible to identify in advance that Community Forum feedback and advice will be sought. For other matters, CERA may not be able to provide a lot of advance notice.
- CERA anticipates bring the following matters to the Community Forum in the near future:
  - draft Sports and Recreation Recovery Programme (led by Sport New Zealand) - April
  - revised draft Accessible City chapter of the Christchurch Central Recovery Plan – April/May
  - draft Arts and Culture Recovery Programme – April/May
  - draft Natural Environment Recovery Programme – April/May.
- The preliminary draft Land Use Recovery Plan has now been released by Environment Canterbury (ECan) for public comment. Once the Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery formally receives a revised draft from ECan for approval he may seek advice from the Forum on the revised draft in June / July.
- For future agenda planning, CERA can also advise of visiting experts that the Forum may wish to hear from.
- CERA is also happy to arrange updates or more information on aspects of Canterbury recovery that the Forum has a particular interest in.

Discussion:

- Forum members noted that getting advance notice of what is coming up enables them to be a better conduit to the community – making sure people are aware of opportunities to be involved in consultation processes, and making sure that the consultation processes are accessible.
- The Forum also needs sufficient time to consider information received and develop advice for the relevant agency and/or the Minister and Associate Minister.
- The Forum noted that it is important to gain an understanding of what is typical behaviour within communities following disasters and what is atypical behaviour.
- Forum would like to hear from Bruce Slavovic again next time he is visiting Christchurch.
- Forum would like updates on:
  - the anchor projects in the Christchurch Central Recovery Plan with sufficient time to discuss these projects in some detail
  - the SCIRT work programme.
- Members acknowledged that it is incumbent on them to discuss recovery progress and needs with the communities they represent. This includes ensuring that the positive stories are reaching people – this is good for communities and good for capital investment. Coverage to date is often slanted, unbalanced and negative and does not

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show the positive progress that is being made. Positive messages need to come from others, such as the business community or other sectors, not just CERA.

**ACTION:**

- CERA to advise the Forum of any visiting experts who may have a useful perspective to assist the Forum's work, and to facilitate meetings when requested by the Forum.
- CERA to facilitate a meeting between Bruce Glavovic and the Forum, possibly additional to the Forum's regular meetings.

4. Rotation policy

Withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv)

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5. Submission on Environment Canterbury's proposed amendment to air quality provisions (In Confidence)

- The Forum sub-group tabled a draft submission addressing the request by Environment Canterbury (ECan) to the Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery to use the powers under section 27 of the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Act 2011 to amend air quality provisions for Christchurch and Kaiapoi. Forum feedback was requested by the Minister.
- The Forum agreed that the draft submission, subject to one change, be finalised and forwarded to the Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery and the Associate Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery, and to ECan.
- The Forum requested that the submission be made available via the Community Forum website as soon as possible after the Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery has made a decision on the request to use section 27 powers.

**ACTION:**

- CERA representative will forward the finalised submission to the Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery and the Associate Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery, and to Environment Canterbury.

**6. Update from Tom McBrearty**

- Important to remember that communities are diverse but that community is everyone – business, youth, sports, theatre, education etc, and all need to work together.
- The rural sector has initiatives underway to knit rural communities and farming communities together.
- There are many examples of innovation that have come out of the earthquakes.
- A culture of preparedness has also resulted.
- It is encouraging to see how much we have grown and learnt.
- It is important for community leaders and representatives to get out into the community to talk with people. The suburbs often feel forgotten. We need more localised activity in the suburbs.
- Need to focus on people in greater Christchurch in the 28-35yr old age bracket and ensure they are encouraged to stay.

**7. Update from Peter Jenkins**

- Ultra-fast broadband is being rolled out in many areas of the city.
- For Kaiapoi, the psychological and property damage from the earthquakes has been enormous.
- The residents' group in Kaiapoi which formed as a result of the earthquakes has operated as a pipeline for disseminating information, providing support for engaging with central and local government, directing people where to go for help, and connecting with other organisations.
- The focus has changed more recently as increasing numbers of people make best decisions and get to where they need to go. The issues are becoming more individualised, but the problems are still there.
- 89% of Kaiapoi residential red zone property owners have settled.
- Temporary accommodation in Kaiapoi Domain is expected to be full until the end of this year.
- Waimakariri District Council is doing great work considering its size. Good progress on core projects.

**8. Residential red zone offers – Darren Wright**

Port Hills:

- Residential red zone offers expire on 31 August 2013.
- In December 2012 IAG insurance confirmed its policy that properties with a permanent s124 notice will be treated as a total constructive loss. Other insurers have not yet finalised their position.
- The Port Hills Zoning Review final announcements have been delayed twice.
- The current Crown offer deadline is putting considerable pressure on property owners who are not able to make an informed decision on the Crown offer until the Port Hills Zoning Review is complete, and issues with insurers are resolved.

Consent forms:

- The deadline for flat land residential red zone property owners to sign a sale and purchase agreement with the Crown is 31 March 2013.
- There are a number of people who have not signed a consent form so that the Crown can make an offer to purchase the property. For some people this is an informed choice. For others it is due to misinformation.

Insurance issues:

- The Forum is very concerned about the impact of the insurance issues on the wellbeing of the greater Christchurch community. The Crown offer settlement deadlines have been extended but the impediments are still there.

**ACTION:**

- **Forum to recommend to the Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery that he:**
  - **amend the Crown offer deadline for the Port Hills residential red zone to be a specified number of months after final decisions are made on the Port Hills Zoning Review**
  - **use all available impetus to get progress on resolving current insurance issues in greater Christchurch**
- **CERA to advise the Associate Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery that the Forum wishes to discuss insurance issues with her at the next meeting on 4 April 2013.**

**9. Other matters**

- Requested that the Crown offer for vacant land owners of 50% of land value be discussed at an upcoming meeting.

The meeting finished at 8.15pm.

Next meeting, Thursday 4 April, Canterbury Club

# Community Forum

## Advice to Hon Gerry Brownlee and Hon Amy Adams

*Copied to Environment Canterbury*

22 March 2013

The CF would like to start by commending ECAN for endeavouring to provide consistency across Canterbury and for investigating a solution that allows the community to have choice in affordable clean air heating.

Fundamental to the CF response is that we are not making any comment on the legality or otherwise of using the CER Act to fast track these proposed changes. We are instead only commenting on our opinion of the proposed changes. It is our view that commenting on the legality or otherwise is not either our role or our area of expertise.

### 1) CER Act to move into new zones:

We encourage the moving of the boundaries of the clean air zones where the land in question has been re-zoned residential under the CER Act and bounds an area that has a clean air zone. It is our view that consistency across the region is important.

### 2) CER Act to change law on log burners in new homes:

There are several key points that the CF would like the Minister to consider in his consideration of this proposal:

- Any level set must be real and achievable. It is concerning that the CF received representation from the commercial entities that should benefit the most from this change (NZHHA) arguing that we should not support this proposal due the impossibility of it being achieved. 0.5% under real world conditions does not appear achievable and our advice is that this should be set at 1% under real world conditions. This by nature of the change of measuring technique will by itself reduce emissions substantially.
- Concession should be made to those people who have lost their log burner or open fire through the earthquake in allowing them to replace them with compliant log burners in their new home consent. This is completely consistent with their existing use rights for all other aspects of their rebuilds and does not increase the overall pollution levels from pre earthquake,
- We have real concerns that this proposal to allow the use of low emission log burners will give the impression of allowing log burners now, when in practice it will rule them out for the foreseeable future. By its own admission ECAN thought this could be 10 years,
- We have concerns at the overall PM10 emission measurement used and note that Woolston has exceeded its levels in the past few weeks (Press Sat March 9<sup>th</sup>). This can have no real effect on emissions from log burners showing the complexity of the pollution problem,
- Affordability and choice should be considered in this proposal. Logburners provide avenues for heating high deprivation homes that is not provided by other heating sources. It is

critical that those residents who had this choice pre earthquake do not lose this choice because of the earthquake.

CF Recommendations to the Minister:

- 1) Align, where appropriate, the clean air boundaries across Canterbury where those areas have been affected by other CER Act decisions,
- 2) Align the installation of log burners in earthquake destroyed homes with other Existing Use Rights conditions and allow residents to install compliant log burners in homes where they had a log burner or open fire before the earthquake and lost their homes in the earthquake. This change needs to be made immediately to allow people to make the decisions that are affecting them now,
- 3) Support ECAN in their proposal to open new Canterbury homes to the log burner option but set this at a level that is both challenging to industry and achievable in the short to medium term. It is our opinion based on personal research that this should be set at 1% of PM10 under real world conditions, not the lab conditions as currently set which actually achieve 5-6% under real world conditions. This 1% level could be further reduced to 0.5% when the technology is available.

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