

Media Release

Draft Victoria Square restoration plan released for feedback

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Associate Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Minister Nicky Wagner has today released the Draft Victoria Square Restoration Plan which focuses on retaining and enhancing the Square's existing character.

The draft plan has been created using the feedback received from almost 2200 people in the first stage of the community participation process. The public will have the opportunity to share their thoughts on the draft restoration plan from today until 5pm Friday 31 July.

"The draft plan for Victoria Square focuses on making small changes that complement the Square's layout as well as repairing damage on the site," Ms Wagner says.

"I know from the community's feedback that there is a strong desire to have Victoria Square as a green, tranquil space and retain its existing character. The draft plan keeps elements such as the curved paths, statues and the pou, the floral clock, all of the trees and includes restoring the Bowker Fountain.

"It also acknowledges the other themes that were highlighted such as improving amenities and more recognition of our shared cultural history. New features such as additional seating, new lighting, widening existing paths, upgrading paving and new artwork installations have also been proposed to enhance the space and make it more accessible.

"I want to thank the thousands of residents who have provided feedback so far on this important civic space. Now that the draft plan has been released I encourage people to have a look and let us know what they think," Ms Wagner says.

[View the Victoria Square Draft Restoration Plan.](#)

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