

# Media Release

## Earthquake recovery inspires new initiatives

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Finding new solutions in areas of recycling and waste reduction are some of the silver linings of the past three years, says Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority Chief Executive Roger Sutton.

"I think a lot of people are already aware of the work that's happening with Rekindle and the beautiful furniture pieces they create out of wood destined for the tip," he says.

"But there may not be so much awareness of the recycling that's underway with entire houses."

The flat-packing method of recycling homes has been developed by Christchurch company Mac Developments and involves dismantling homes from the Red Zone and rebuilding them elsewhere.

Mr Sutton says this large-scale salvage does not suit every house or every empty section, but for those people that find the option ticks all the boxes, it has been a successful experience.

"It's one more option for people looking for housing. We've already seen plenty of homes being picked up and moved in one piece – this is a variation of that."

A CERA video outlines the process and can be viewed below and is profiled in this month's Greater Christchurch Recovery Update, which can be found here <http://cera.govt.nz/gcru>

"The earthquakes destroyed so many homes, and that's been incredibly difficult for so many people. So it's these sort of initiatives that I find to be a real inspiration," Mr Sutton says.

<https://youtu.be/1nxGOCrT72Q>