Media Release

CBD Red Zone cordon reduction

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Another section of Christchurch CBD Red Zone cordon has just been reduced, enabling further access to the central city.

The change is noted in detail on the map on the CERA website, at http://cera.govt.nz/cbd-red-zone/red-zone-cordon-map, but involves moving in west from Latimer Square and opening part of Gloucester Street.

This means people will now be able to see into New Regent Street as it is repaired, although the street itself will remain within the cordon.

The change allows The Press to move into its new building and return to the central city for the first time since the February 22 quake.

CERA chief executive Roger Sutton says that is great news for the readers of The Press.

"I appreciate it's been an difficult time for The Press staff with the experience they all went through in escaping the damaged building on February 22, losing a colleague, then having to carry on doing their work."

"It will be good to have such an important part of the community back in the centre of the city. Press staff will have a bird's eye view of the rebuild and that will no doubt be an advantage for readers."

The physical reduction of the cordon began at midday.

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