Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Review Panel

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11 March 2013

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Dear Ministers

Canterbury Earthquake (Local Government Act 2002 - Christchurch City 3 Year Plan) Order 2013 and Canterbury Earthquake (Local Government Act 2002) Order (No 2) 2011 Amendment Order 2013

The Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Review Panel (the Review Panel) has considered the Canterbury Earthquake (Local Government Act 2002 - Christchurch City 3 Year Plan) Order 2013 and the Canterbury Earthquake (Local Government Act 2002) Order (No 2) 2011 Amendment Order 2013.

As required under section 73(3) of the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Act 2011, please find attached the Review Panel's report on the draft Order including our recommendation.

Yours sincerely

The Honourable Sir John Hansen

Convenor, Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Review Panel

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IN THE MATTER of the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Act 2011

<u>AND</u>

IN THE MATTER of the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Review Panel

appointed under s72(1) of the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Act 2011 to provide advice on Orders in Council

that may be required for the purposes of the Act

THE REVIEW PANEL

The Honourable Sir John Hansen (Convenor) Right Honourable Dame Jenny Shipley Murray Sherwin Anake Goodall

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE REVIEW PANEL

CANTERBURY EARTHQUAKE (LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2002 - CHRISTCHURCH CITY 3 YEAR PLAN) ORDER 2013 AND CANTERBURY EARTHQUAKE (LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2002) ORDER (NO 2) 2011 AMENDMENT ORDER 2013

- On 4 March 2013 the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Review Panel (the Review Panel) considered the Canterbury Earthquake (Local Government Act 2002 -Christchurch City 3 Year Plan) Order 2013. On 11 March the Review Panel considered the Canterbury Earthquake (Local Government Act 2002) Order (No 2) 2011 Amendment Order 2013.
- 2. The Review Panel considered the letter from Marilyn Little of the Department of Internal Affairs and Warwick Isaacs of the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority dated 28 February 2013. The Review Panel also considered the letter from Mark Batt of the Department of Internal Affairs dated 6 March.

- 3. The Review Panel noted that the Orders in Council would suspend the requirement, under the Local Government Act 2002, for the Christchurch City Council to have a Long-Term Plan in place by 30 June 2013. The Canterbury Earthquake (Local Government Act 2002 Christchurch City 3 Year Plan) draft Order 2013 would require that the Council prepare a 3 Year Plan instead of the long-term plan.
- 4. The Review Panel noted that the Council is severely constrained in its ability to prepare a robust Long Term Plan at this time. The Review Panel is not aware whether any funding arrangements have been put in place to support such a plan, and have not considered this matter.
- 5. The Review Panel is of the view that the draft Orders are necessary, expedient and meet the purposes of the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Act 2011.

Recommendation

1. The Review Panel recommends to the Minister of Local Government and the Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery that the Canterbury Earthquake (Local Government Act 2002 - Christchurch City 3 Year Plan) Order 2013 (version PCO 17300/9.0) and Canterbury Earthquake (Local Government Act 2002) Order (No 2) 2011 Amendment Order 2013 (version PCO 17306/5.0) be made without change.

Date 11 March 2013

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