Media Release

Photography Competition to Capture Vision for Christchurch

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Students from schools across greater Christchurch are being invited to take part in a photography competition to provide images showing their vision for recovery.

The Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority (CERA) is inviting local primary, intermediate and secondary school students to submit photographs that will become part of a collection on the living heritage website www.livingheritage.org.nz and create a visual record for schools and New Zealanders of what young people think Christchurch will look like in the future.

There are five categories based on CERA's key areas for recovery: Leadership, Economy, Social (Sports, Arts and Culture), Built Environment and Natural Environment.

CERA Chief Executive Roger Sutton says, "The recovery of the region is a large and long-term challenge. We need to be working together towards a vision for greater Christchurch as a place to be proud of. Through this competition, we hope that young people will be encouraged to think about what they want the future to look like for our region."

The submitted photographs will remain online as a living resource for schools and the public and may also be used in documents and promotion of the Recovery Strategy for greater Christchurch. Schools have been written to and invited to submit phones. Prizes will be awarded to winning students and their schools and entries close 12 December 2011.

More information is available online at www.livingheritage.org.nz/Competition