

Public Notice

Public Notice: Amendments to District and Regional Plans: Earthquake-Damaged Land Repair

The Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery, Hon. Gerry Brownlee, has decided on amendments to the Natural Resources Regional Plan (NRRP), the Waimakariri River Regional Plan (WRRP), the proposed Land and Water Regional Plan (pLWRP), and the Christchurch City Plan (District Plan). These amendments will alter the requirements for resource consent when undertaking earthquake-related land repairs.

Provisions in the NRRP, WRRP, pLWRP and the District Plan are aimed at managing any negative environmental effects of undertaking earthquake-related land repair activities while reducing requirements for resource consent for some simple land repairs, such as small scale repairs for undulating land, localised ponding, land cracking, and lateral spreading. These provisions now apply to 'flat land' located within the greater Christchurch area. For repair works on the Port Hills or Banks Peninsula, existing provisions in the Christchurch City Plan, the Banks Peninsula District Plan and Regional Plans apply.

The amendments have now been publicly notified in The Press and apply immediately.

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Related information:

- [Canterbury Natural Resources Regional Plan \(NRRP\)](#)
- [Canterbury Natural Resources Regional Plan \(NRRP\) Chapter 4](#)
- [The Waimakariri River Regional Plan \(WRRP\)](#)
- [The proposed Land and Water Regional Plan \(pLWRP\)](#)
- [The Christchurch City District Plan \(District Plan\)](#)

The Public Notice

Pursuant to section 27(1)(a) of the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Act 2011, the Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery gives the following notice:

The Canterbury Natural Resources Regional Plan 2011 (NRRP) is amended from the publication of this notice by:

- (a) Adding a new objective, policy, and rule to provide for the repair of earthquake-damaged land on sites used for residential purposes.
- (b) Adding two schedules to identify the geographical area to which the new rules apply.

The proposed Land and Water Regional Plan (pLWRP) is amended from the publication of this notice by:

- (a) Adding a new policy and two new rules into each of the Christchurch-West Melton, Selwyn-Waihora and Waimakariri sub-regional sections of the plan, to

provide for the repair of earthquake-damaged land on sites used for residential purposes.

- (b) Adding two new maps to delineate the area to which the amendments apply.
- (a) The Waimakariri River Regional Plan (WRRP) is amended from the publication of this notice by:
 - (a) Adding a new paragraph under Section 1.3 which clarifies that any activity associated with the repair of earthquake-damaged land that would usually be regulated by the WRRP, is now regulated by the new policies and rules inserted into the proposed Land and Water Regional Plan and the Natural Resources Regional Plan.
 - (b) Amending Section 1.4 clauses (a) and (c) to clarify that earthquake-related land repairs which involve the taking of water; or the discharge of contaminants to land or water; are regulated by the rules in the NRRP and pLWRP, and not the rules in the WRRP.

The Christchurch City Plan (District Plan) is amended from the publication of this notice by:

- (a) Adding new Rule 5.2A at Volume 3 Part 9 to provide for the repair of earthquake-damaged land by lifting the thresholds for volume/depth of earthworks for land repair to enable relatively minor repairs to be done without consent.
- (b) Provide for Rule 5.8.1 relating to the content of fill material to continue to apply generally, but exclude it applying in relation to clauses 5.2A.1 (h) and (i) thereby enabling the mixing or insertion of grout to be done within thresholds.
- (c) Amending the definition of 'filling', and introducing new definitions 'dripline', 'grout', and 'pressurised injection' to clarify the application of the new rule.
- (d) Adding new advice notes to support the application of the new rule.
- (e) Consequential amendments to Volume 3 Part 9 Rules 5.2.6, 5.2.7, 5.3.4, 5.4.5, 5.5.6, and 5.6.4 to exempt earthquake-related works permitted by new Rule 5.2A from compliance with general earthworks rules.

The amendments include the introduction of a range of new standards which must be complied with for earthquake-related land repair to be a permitted activity.

Given the detailed material contained within these amendments, the full text is not provided in this public notice.

The effect of this notice is to provide for earthquake-related land repair activities within the 'flat land' located within the greater Christchurch area. For repair works on the Port Hills or Banks Peninsula, existing provisions in the Christchurch City Plan, the Banks Peninsula District Plan and Regional Plans apply.

The amendments will allow for some simple land repairs, such as small scale repairs for undulating land, localised ponding, land cracking, lateral spreading, among others as a permitted activity, without requiring resource consent.

The changes to the text can be viewed on the Christchurch City Council's website (www.ccc.govt.nz) and Environment Canterbury's website (www.ecan.govt.nz).

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