

# Public Notice

## Public Notice: Amendments to district and regional plans to enable a greater level of land repair on land with increased liquefaction vulnerability

The Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery, Hon. Gerry Brownlee, has made amendments to the Christchurch City Plan (District Plan), Natural Resources Regional Plan (NRRP), and the proposed Land and Water Regional Plan (pLWRP) using section 27(1)(a) of the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Act 2011. These amendments will alter the requirements for resource consent when undertaking earthquake-related land repairs.

Changes to the District Plan, NRRP, and pLWRP are aimed at reducing requirements for resource consent when repairing land with increased liquefaction vulnerability while managing any negative environmental effects. These provisions 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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**Date it takes effect:** Friday 5 September 2014

### Related information:

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

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### 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 Christchurch City Plan (District Plan), Rule 5.2A (Volume 3, Part 9 – General Rules) is amended from the publication of this notice. The general effect of these amendments is:

(a) allowing:

- any volume of earthworks;
- any depth of earthworks, piles and piers;
- permitted grout volume of 80 cubic metres per site; where the works are designed, supervised and certified by a qualified geotechnical engineer.

(b) establishing setbacks from property boundaries for these works;

(c) including the repair of building foundations as a permitted activity;

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- (d) amending the definition of 'grout', and 'pressurised injection' to clarify the application of the new rule;
- (e) ensuring rule conditions do not duplicate district and regional plans and simplifying the relationship with the Building Act 2004; and
- (f) minor and technical amendments to clarify provisions

The Canterbury Natural Resources Regional Plan 2011 (NRRP), Rule WQL36A and the proposed Land and Water Regional Plan (pLWRP), Rules 8.52, 9.56 and 11.5.46 (including the Waimakariri, Christchurch-West Melton and Selwyn-Waihora sub-regional sections), are amended from the publication of this notice. The general effect of these amendments is:

- (a) allowing a permitted grout volume of 80 cubic metres per site
- (b) in limited circumstances decreasing setbacks from waterways;
- (c) including the repair of building foundations to be a permitted activity; and
- (d) minor and technical amendments to clarify provisions.

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 full text of the amendments can be viewed on the Christchurch City Council's website and Environment Canterbury's website.

The effect of this notice is to provide for earthquake-related land repair activities for land with increased liquefaction vulnerability 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.

**Hon Gerry Brownlee,**

Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery