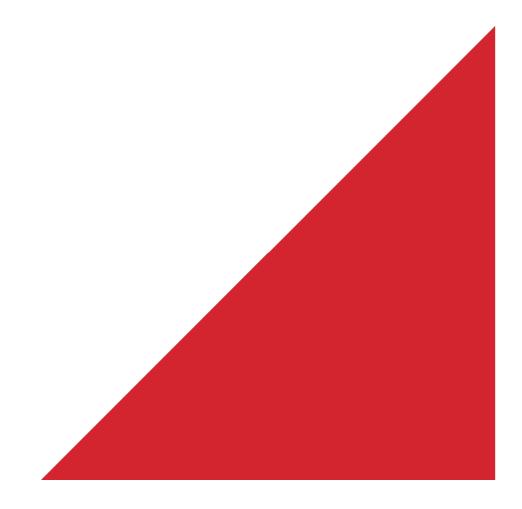


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Summary

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Background

This is a summary of the quantitative report for the Sheldon Park Changing Sheds and Toilet building, and is based on the Detailed Engineering Evaluation Procedure document (draft) issued by the Structural Advisory Group on 19 July 2011, visual inspections on 28 April 2011, measured-up sketch drawings and calculations.

Key Damage Observed

No major damage was identified however, there were a few moderate cracks in the external block wall.

Critical Structural Weaknesses

No critical structural weaknesses have been identified.

Indicative Building Strength

The Sheldon Park Changing Sheds and Toilet building comprises the original building and two later extensions. Based on the information available, and from undertaking a quantitative assessment, the building's seismic capacity has been assessed to be 62%NBS. The building is therefore not classed as an earthquake prone building under the NZSEE classification system.

We consider that the risk to continued occupancy is low. The lowest capacity element (62%NBS) is the unreinforced masonry infill of what appears to be an earlier door opening. All other structural elements have %NBS values greater than 70%. The number of occupants at any one time will be low, with short periods of occupancy confined mainly to weekday afternoons/evenings and weekends. We recommend that the building remain open for public use.

Recommendations

The following recommendations have been made for this site:

- (a) The cracked wall and open wall joints be repaired.
- (b) Strengthening works be undertaken to increase the seismic capacity of the building to at least 67%NBS.
- (c) Geotechnical investigations of the foundation settlement should be undertaken to assess ground bearing capacity and liquefaction potential prior to determining strengthening options.
- (d) Structural investigations should be undertaken taking into account the flexural capacity of the bond beams and walls. An invasive investigation should be undertaken to determine the diameter of bond beam reinforcement prior to determining strengthening options.

- (e) The maintenance issue of the split verandah beam should be considered by CCC in the future.
- (f) The building remain open for public use.

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1 Introduction

Opus International Consultants Limited has been engaged by Christchurch City Council (CCC) to undertake a detailed seismic assessment of the Sheldon Park Changing Sheds and Toilet building, located at 672-710 Main North Rd, Belfast, following the Canterbury Earthquake Sequence since September 2010.

The purpose of the assessment is to determine if the building is classed as being earthquake prone in accordance with the Building Act 2004.

The seismic assessment and reporting have been undertaken based on the quantitative procedures detailed in the Detailed Engineering Evaluation Procedure (DEEP) document (draft) issued by the Structural Engineering Society (SESOC) on 19 July 2011.

2 Compliance

This section contains a brief summary of the requirements of the various statutes and authorities that control activities in relation to buildings in Christchurch at present.

2.1 Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority (CERA)

CERA was established on 28 March 2011 to take control of the recovery of Christchurch using powers established by the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Act enacted on 18 April 2011. This act gives the Chief Executive Officer of CERA wide powers in relation to building safety, demolition and repair. Two relevant sections are:

Section 38 - Works

This section outlines a process in which the chief executive can give notice that a building is to be demolished and if the owner does not carry out the demolition, the chief executive can commission the demolition and recover the costs from the owner or by placing a charge on the owners' land.

Section 51 – Requiring Structural Survey

This section enables the chief executive to require a building owner, insurer or mortgagee to carry out a full structural survey before the building is re-occupied.

We understand that CERA require a detailed engineering evaluation to be carried out for all buildings (other than those exempt from the Earthquake Prone Building definition in the Building Act). CERA have adopted the Detailed Engineering Evaluation Procedure (DEEP) document (draft) issued by the Structural Engineering Society (SESOC) on 19 July 2011. This document sets out a methodology for both initial qualitative and detailed quantitative assessments.

It is anticipated that a number of factors, including the following, will determine the extent of evaluation and strengthening level required:

- The importance level and occupancy of the building.
- 2. The placard status and amount of damage.
- 3. The age and structural type of the building.
- 4. Consideration of any critical structural weaknesses.

Christchurch City Council requires any building with a capacity of less than 34% of New Building Standard (including consideration of critical structural weaknesses) to be strengthened to a target of 67% as required under the CCC Earthquake Prone Building Policy.

2.2 Building Act

Several sections of the Building Act are relevant when considering structural requirements:

Section 112 - Alterations

This section requires that an existing building complies with the relevant sections of the Building Code to at least the extent that it did prior to the alteration. This effectively means that a building cannot be weakened as a result of an alteration (including partial demolition).

The Earthquake Prone Building policy for the territorial authority shall apply as outlined in Section 2.3 of this report.

Section 115 - Change of Use

This section requires that the territorial authority is satisfied that the building with a new use complies with the relevant sections of the Building Code 'as near as is reasonably practicable'.

This is typically interpreted by territorial authorities as being 67% of the strength of an equivalent new building or as near as practicable. This is also the minimum level recommended by the New Zealand Society for Earthquake Engineering (NZSEE).

Section 121 - Dangerous Buildings

This section was extended by the Canterbury Earthquake (Building Act) Order 2010, and defines a building as dangerous if:

- 1. In the ordinary course of events (excluding the occurrence of an earthquake), the building is likely to cause injury or death or damage to other property; or
- 2. In the event of fire, injury or death to any persons in the building or on other property is likely because of fire hazard or the occupancy of the building; or
- 3. There is a risk that the building could collapse or otherwise cause injury or death as a result of earthquake shaking that is less than a 'moderate earthquake' (refer to Section 122 below); or

- 4. There is a risk that other property could collapse or otherwise cause injury or death; or
- 5. A territorial authority has not been able to undertake an inspection to determine whether the building is dangerous.

Section 122 - Earthquake Prone Buildings

This section defines a building as earthquake prone (EPB) if its ultimate capacity would be exceeded in a 'moderate earthquake' and it would be likely to collapse causing injury or death, or damage to other property.

A moderate earthquake is defined by the building regulations as one that would generate loads 33% of those used to design an equivalent new building.

Section 124 - Powers of Territorial Authorities

This section gives the territorial authority the power to require strengthening work within specified timeframes or to close and prevent occupancy to any building defined as dangerous or earthquake prone.

Section 131 – Earthquake Prone Building Policy

This section requires the territorial authority to adopt a specific policy for earthquake prone, dangerous and insanitary buildings.

2.3 Christchurch City Council Policy

Christchurch City Council adopted their Earthquake Prone, Dangerous and Insanitary Building Policy in 2006. This policy was amended immediately following the Darfield Earthquake on 4 September 2010.

The 2010 amendment includes the following:

- 1. A process for identifying, categorising and prioritising Earthquake Prone Buildings, commencing on 1 July 2012;
- 2. A strengthening target level of 67% of a new building for buildings that are Earthquake Prone;
- 3. A timeframe of 15-30 years for Earthquake Prone Buildings to be strengthened; and,
- 4. Repair works for buildings damaged by earthquakes will be required to comply with the above.

The council has stated their willingness to consider retrofit proposals on a case by case basis, considering the economic impact of such a retrofit.

If strengthening works are undertaken, a building consent will be required. A requirement of the consent will require upgrade of the building to comply 'as near as is reasonably practicable' with:

- The accessibility requirements of the Building Code.
- The fire requirements of the Building Code. This is likely to require a fire report to be submitted with the building consent application.

Where an application for a change of use of a building is made to Council, the building will be required to be strengthened to 67% of New Building Standard or as near as is reasonably practicable.

2.4 Building Code

The Building Code outlines performance standards for buildings and the Building Act requires that all new buildings comply with this code. Compliance Documents published by The Department of Building and Housing can be used to demonstrate compliance with the Building Code.

On 19 May 2011, Compliance Document B1: Structure was amended to include increased seismic design requirements for Canterbury as follows:

- increase in the basic seismic design load for the Canterbury earthquake region (Z factor increased to 0.3 equating to an increase of 36 47% depending on location within the region);
- Increased serviceability requirements.

2.5 Institution of Professional Engineers New Zealand (IPENZ) Code of Ethics

One of the core ethical values of professional engineers in New Zealand is the protection of life and safeguarding of people. The IPENZ Code of Ethics requires that:

Members shall recognise the need to protect life and to safeguard people, and in their engineering activities shall act to address this need.

- 1.1 Giving Priority to the safety and well-being of the community and having regard to this principle in assessing obligations to clients, employers and colleagues.
- 1.2 Ensuring that responsible steps are taken to minimise the risk of loss of life, injury or suffering which may result from your engineering activities, either directly or indirectly.

All recommendations on building occupancy and access must be made with these fundamental obligations in mind.

3 Earthquake Resistance Standards

For this assessment, the building's earthquake resistance is compared with the current New Zealand Building Code requirements for a new building constructed on the site. This is expressed

as a percentage of new building standard (%NBS). The loadings are in accordance with the current earthquake loading standard NZS1170.5 [1].

A generally accepted classification of earthquake risk for existing buildings in terms of %NBS that has been proposed by the NZSEE 2006 [2] is presented in Figure 1 below.

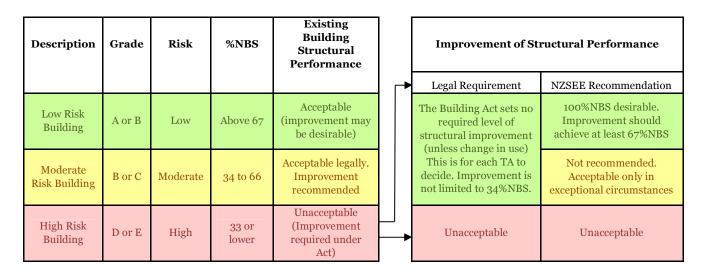


Figure 1: NZSEE Risk Classifications Extracted from table 2.2 of the NZSEE 2006 AISPBE Guidelines

Table 1 below compares the percentage NBS to the relative risk of the building failing in a seismic event with a 10% risk of exceedance in 50 years (i.e. 0.2% in the next year).

Table 1: %NBS compared to relative risk of failure

Percentage of New Building Standard (%NBS)	Relative Risk (Approximate)
>100	<1 time
80-100	1-2 times
67-80	2-5 times
33-67	5-10 times
20-33	10-25 times
<20	>25 times

3.1 Minimum and Recommended Standards

Based on governing policy and recent observations, Opus makes the following general recommendations:

3.1.1 Occupancy

The Canterbury Earthquake Order¹ in Council 16 September 2010, modified the meaning of "dangerous building" to include buildings that were identified as being EPB's. As a result of this, we would expect such a building would be issued with a Section 124 notice, by the Territorial Authority, or CERA acting on their behalf, once they are made aware of our assessment. Based on information received from CERA to date and from the DBH guidance document dated 12 June 2012 [6], this notice is likely to prohibit occupancy of the building (or parts thereof), until its seismic capacity is improved to the point that it is no longer considered an EPB.

3.1.2 Cordoning

Where there is an overhead falling hazard, or potential collapse hazard of the building, the areas of concern should be cordoned off in accordance with current CERA/territorial authority guidelines.

3.1.3 Strengthening

Industry guidelines (NZSEE 2006 [2]) strongly recommend that every effort be made to achieve improvement to at least 67%NBS. A strengthening solution to anything less than 67%NBS would not provide an adequate reduction to the level of risk.

It should be noted that full compliance with the current building code requires building strength of 100%NBS.

3.1.4 Our Ethical Obligation

In accordance with the IPENZ code of ethics, we have a duty of care to the public. This obligation requires us to identify and inform CERA of potentially dangerous buildings; this would include earthquake prone buildings.

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¹ This Order only applies to buildings within the Christchurch City, Selwyn District and Waimakariri District Councils authority

4 Building Description

4.1 General



Figure 2: Location of Sheldon Park Changing Shed and Toilets

The Sheldon Park Changing Sheds and Toilet building is a single storey, reinforced block wall and timber truss roof structure with steel sheet roof cladding. The building comprises the original structure and two later extensions.

The building is approximately 20.2m long in the east-west direction and 6.4m wide in the north-south direction. The apex of the roof is approximately 3.8m from the ground and the reinforced block wall height is 2.4m. The building age is unknown, but the original building is expected to have been built after the 1960s with two more recent additions.

4.2 Gravity Load Resisting System

Gravity loads are supported by the timber trussed roof on reinforced concrete masonry walls. The foundations are concrete slab-on-grade.

4.3 Seismic Load Resisting System

Seismic loads in both principal directions are resisted by fully-grouted, reinforced concrete block walls. The ply-lined roof sarking, acting as a flexible diaphragm, is expected to assist the masonry bond beams with distributing the seismic induced lateral loads to the masonry return walls.

5 Survey

Copies of the following drawings were referred to as part of the assessment:

• Measured-up sketches of the building completed by Opus International Consultants, titled "Sheldon Park Toilet and Changing Block".

No copies of the design calculations or structural drawings have been obtained for this building.

The sketch drawings and survey photos have been used to confirm the structural systems, investigate potential critical structural weaknesses (CSW) wherever possible, and identify details which required particular attention.

6 Damage Assessment

The building structure has suffered minor damage as a result of the recent earthquake events.

There are moderate wall cracks and opening up of the wall joints in both the front and rear external walls at the joints created by the extensions to the building. The opening of the joint is wider at the top indicating that differential foundation settlement has occurred at the ends of the building.

There is a split in the verandah timber beam above the column location however it is unlikely to have been caused by the recent earthquake events.

7 General Observations

Overall the building has performed well under seismic conditions which would be expected for a single-storey structure. The building has sustained only minor damage, primarily at the wall joints of the building extensions.

Due to the non-intrusive nature of the original survey, many connection details could not be ascertained, such as ceiling diaphragm connections, and dowelling at wall joints.

8 Detailed Seismic Assessment

8.1 Critical Structural Weaknesses

As outlined in the Critical Structural Weakness and Collapse Hazards draft briefing document, issued by the Structural Engineering Society (SESOC) on 7 May 2011, the term 'Critical Structural Weakness' (CSW) refers to a component of a building that could contribute to increased levels of damage or cause premature collapse of the building.

We have not identified any critical structural weaknesses with this building.

8.2 Seismic Coefficient Parameters

The seismic design parameters based on current design requirements from NZS1170.5:2004 and the NZBC clause B1 for this building are:

- Site soil class D, clause 3.1.3 NZS 1170.5:2004;
- Site hazard factor, Z=0.3, B1/VM1 clause 2.2.14B;
- Return period factor R_u = 1.0 from Table 3.5, NZS 1170.5:2004, for an Importance Level 2 structure with a 50 year design life;
- μ_{max} = 1.25 and S_p = 0.9 (nominally ductile) for the reinforced concrete masonry walls

8.3 Detailed Seismic Assessment Results

A summary of the structural performance of the building is shown in the following table.

% NBS based on Structural Element/System **Description/Discussion** calculated capacity Masonry walls, along Out of plane flexural capacity 73% Masonry bond beam, along Out of plane flexural capacity 70% Out of plane flexural capacity Masonry walls, across 78% Masonry bond beam, across Out of plane flexural capacity 70% Walls(W5/W6) in the north-south Out of plane flexural capacity 78% direction i.e. across building Bond beam (above Wall W5/ W6), across Out of plane flexural capacity 77% Unreinforced infill masonry, across Out of plane capacity 62%

Table 2: Summary of Seismic Performance

8.4 Discussion of Results

The building has a calculated capacity of 62%NBS, as limited by the out-of-plane flexural capacity of the masonry wall infill.

As the building has a capacity of between 33%NBS and 67%NBS it is defined as a moderate earthquake risk building under the NZSEE classification system.

The masonry walls and foundations of the extensions are likely connected to the original building with steel dowels. Building rotation due to foundation settlement and bonding of the dowels is the likely cause of the cracking adjacent these joints. The cracking and opening of the joint has not significantly affected the wall strength and only minor repairs are required.

We consider that the risk to continued occupancy is low. The lowest capacity element (62%NBS) is the unreinforced masonry infill of what appears to be an earlier door opening.

All other structural elements have %NBS values greater than 70%. The number of occupants at any one time will be low, with short periods of occupancy confined mainly to weekday afternoons/evenings and weekends. We recommend that the building remain open for public use.

8.5 Limitations and Assumptions in Results

Our analysis and assessment is based on an assessment of the building in its undamaged state.

The results have been reported as a %NBS and the stated value is that obtained from our analysis and assessment. Despite the use of best national and international practice in this analysis and assessment, this value contains uncertainty due to the many assumptions and simplifications which are made during the assessment. These include:

- Simplifications made in the analysis, including boundary conditions such as foundation fixity;
- Assessments of material strengths based on limited drawings, specifications and site inspections;
- The normal variation in material properties which change from batch to batch;
- Approximations made in the assessment of the capacity of each element, especially when considering the post-yield behaviour.
- The block wall and bond beam reinforcement bar diameter is assumed as D12.

9 Geotechnical

Due to a lack of observed ground damage, no geotechnical assessment has been undertaken at this site. The site parameters used for the structural analysis have been taken as site subsoil class D, based on geotechnical advice.

10 Conclusions

The building has a seismic capacity of greater than 33%NBS and is therefore not classified as earthquake prone in accordance with the Building Act 2004.

11 Recommendations

We recommend that the following be undertaken:

- (a) Remedial repair work to cracked wall and open wall joints.
- (b) Strengthening works be undertaken to increase the seismic capacity of the building to at least 67%NBS.

- (c) Geotechnical investigations of the foundation settlement should be undertaken to assess ground bearing capacity and liquefaction potential prior to determining strengthening options.
- (d) Structural investigations should be undertaken taking into account the flexural capacity of the bond beams and walls. An invasive investigation should be undertaken to determine the diameter of bond beam reinforcement prior to determining strengthening options.
- (e) The maintenance issue of the split verandah beam should be considered by CCC in the future.

12 Limitations

- (a) This report is based on an inspection of the structure with a focus on the damage sustained from the 22 February 2011 Canterbury Earthquake and aftershocks only. Some non-structural damage is mentioned but this is not intended to be a comprehensive list of non-structural items.
- (b) Our professional services are performed using a degree of care and skill normally exercised, under similar circumstances, by reputable consultants practicing in this field at the time.
- (c) This report is prepared for the CCC to assist with assessing remedial works required for council buildings and facilities. It is not intended for any other party or purpose.

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Appendix A – Photographs



Photo 1: View of the building from east



Photo 2: Rear view of the building



Photo 3: Side view of the building



Photo 4: View of the building from west

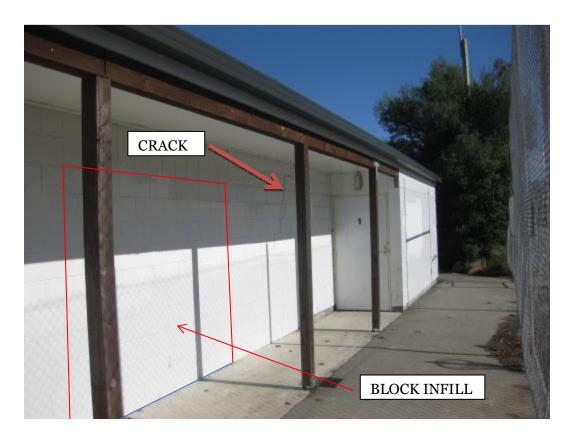


Photo 5: Front wall

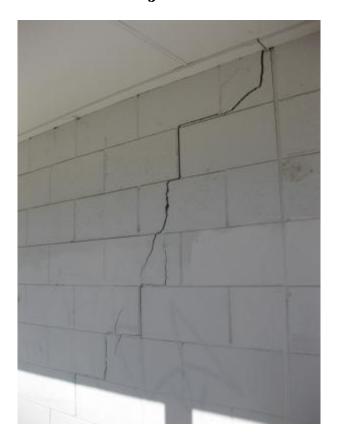


Photo 6: Crack in the front wall



Photo 7: Crack in the rear wall



Photo 8: Diagonal crack in the front wall

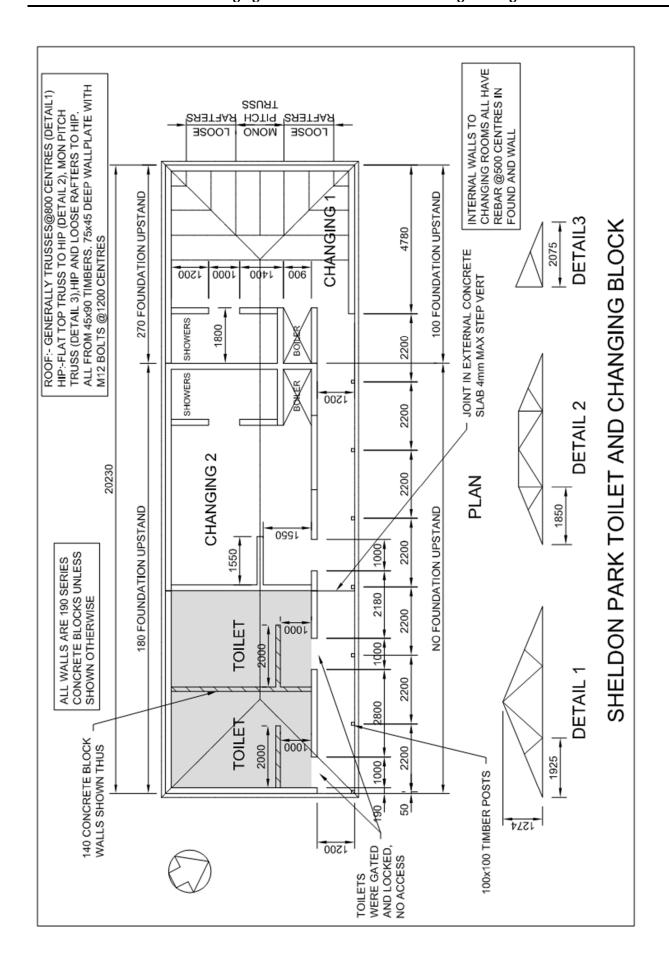


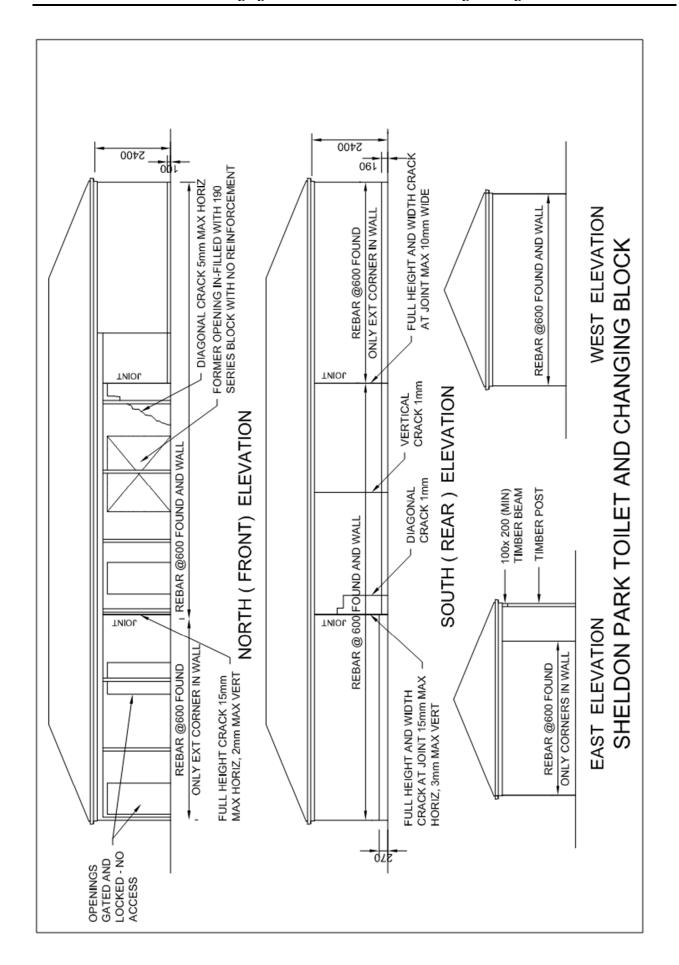
Photo 9: Roof truss and lining



Photo 10: Diagonal crack in the back side wall from inside

Appendix B – Measured-up Sketches





Appendix C – CERA DEE Data Sheet

62% ##### %NBS from IEP below 62%

Across

Assessed %NBS before e'quakes: Assessed %NBS after e'quakes:



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