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# Qualitative Report Summary

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## **Background**

This is a summary of the Qualitative report for the building structure, and is based in part on the Detailed Engineering Evaluation Procedure document (draft) issued by the Structural Advisory Group on 19 July 2011 and visual inspections on 27<sup>th</sup> of June 2012.

## **Building Description**

The dwelling is the single story building located at 347 Ferry Road. It has been assumed it was constructed shortly after 1965. The building is used primarily as a residence however there is a small office space which may be used commercially.

The dwelling is a light timber frame structure, rectangular in shape. The roof is constructed from light weight corrugated iron cladding on timber framing.

## **Key Damage Observed**

Key damage observed includes:-

- Minor cracking to plasterboard wall linings throughout
- Minor cracking to perimeter strip footing

## **Critical Structural Weaknesses**

Despite the moderate chance of liquefaction during seismic activity there have been no critical structural weaknesses identified in the structure.

## **Indicative Building Strength (from IEP and CSW assessment)**

Based on the information available, and using the NZSEE Initial Evaluation Procedure the building has been assessed to be in the order of 75% NBS.

To incorporate the damage observed in our visual inspection the NBS has been reduced by 5%.

The building has therefore been assessed to have a seismic capacity in the order of 71% NBS and is therefore is not potentially Earthquake Risk.

### **Recommendations**

The building has achieved more than 67% NBS following an initial IEP assessment of the building.

No further assessment is required by Christchurch City Council.

The dwelling has not been assessed as being Earthquake Risk; therefore, it can remain occupied in accordance with CCC's policy.

# 1. Background

GHD has been engaged by the Christchurch City Council (CCC) to undertake a detailed engineering evaluation of the Dwelling at 347 Ferry Road, Christchurch.

This report is a Qualitative Assessment of the building structure, and is based in part on the Detailed Engineering Evaluation Procedure document (draft) issued by the Structural Advisory Group on 19 July 2011.

A qualitative assessment involves inspections of the building and a desktop review of existing structural and geotechnical information, including existing drawings and calculations, if available.

The purpose of the assessment is to determine the likely building performance and damage patterns, to identify any potential critical structural weaknesses or collapse hazards, and to make an initial assessment of the likely building strength in terms of percentage of new building standard (%NBS).

At the time of this report, no intrusive site investigation, detailed analysis, or modelling of the building structure had been carried out. Construction drawings were made available, and these have been considered in our evaluation of the building. The building description below is based on a review of the drawings and our visual inspections.

## 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 carry out a full structural survey before the building is re-occupied.

We understand that CERA will 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). It is anticipated that CERA will adopt the Detailed Engineering Evaluation Procedure document (draft) issued by the Structural Advisory Group on 19 July 2011. This document sets out a methodology for both qualitative and quantitative assessments.

The qualitative assessment is a desk-top and site inspection assessment. It is based on a thorough visual inspection of the building coupled with a review of available documentation such as drawings and specifications. The quantitative assessment involves analytical calculation of the buildings strength and may require non-destructive or destructive material testing, geotechnical testing and intrusive investigation.

It is anticipated that factors determining the extent of evaluation and strengthening level required will include:

- ▶ The importance level and occupancy of the building
- ▶ The placard status and amount of damage
- ▶ The age and structural type of the building
- ▶ Consideration of any critical structural weaknesses
- ▶ The extent of any earthquake damage

## **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 any alteration. This effectively means that a building cannot be weakened as a result of an alteration (including partial demolition).

### **Section 115 – Change of Use**

This section requires that the territorial authority (in this case Christchurch City Council (CCC)) be satisfied that the building with a new use complies with the relevant sections of the Building Code 'as near as is reasonably practicable'. Regarding seismic capacity 'as near as reasonably practicable' has previously been interpreted by CCC as achieving a minimum of 67% NBS however where practical achieving 100% NBS is desirable. The New Zealand Society for Earthquake Engineering (NZSEE) recommend a minimum of 67% NBS.

#### **2.2.1 Section 121 – Dangerous Buildings**

The definition of dangerous building in the Act was extended by the Canterbury Earthquake (Building Act) Order 2010, and it now defines a building as dangerous if:

- ▶ 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
- ▶ 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
- ▶ 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
- ▶ There is a risk that that other property could collapse or otherwise cause injury or death; or
- ▶ 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 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 ground shaking 33% of the shaking 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 of the 4th September 2010.

The 2010 amendment includes the following:

- ▶ A process for identifying, categorising and prioritising Earthquake Prone Buildings, commencing on 1 July 2012;
- ▶ A strengthening target level of 67% of a new building for buildings that are Earthquake Prone;
- ▶ A timeframe of 15-30 years for Earthquake Prone Buildings to be strengthened; and,
- ▶ 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.

We anticipate that any building with a capacity of less than 33% NBS (including consideration of critical structural weaknesses) will need to be strengthened to a target of 67% NBS of new building standard as recommended by the Policy.

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.

## **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.

After the February Earthquake, on 19 May 2011, Compliance Document B1: Structure was amended to include increased seismic design requirements for Canterbury as follows:

- ▶ Hazard Factor increased from 0.22 to 0.3 (36% increase in the basic seismic design load)
- ▶ Serviceability Return Period Factor increased from 0.25 to 0.33 (80% increase in the serviceability design loads when combined with the Hazard Factor increase)

The increase in the above factors has resulted in a reduction in the level of compliance of an existing building relative to a new building despite the capacity of the existing building not changing.

### 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 new building standard load requirements have been determined in accordance with the current earthquake loading standard (NZS 1170.5:2004 Structural design actions - Earthquake actions - New Zealand).

The likely capacity of this building has been derived in accordance with the New Zealand Society for Earthquake Engineering (NZSEE) guidelines 'Assessment and Improvement of the Structural Performance of Buildings in Earthquakes' (AISPBE), 2006. These guidelines provide an Initial Evaluation Procedure that assesses a buildings capacity based on a comparison of loading codes from when the building was designed and currently. It is a quick high-level procedure that can be used when undertaking a Qualitative analysis of a building. The guidelines also provide guidance on calculating a modified Ultimate Limit State capacity of the building which is much more accurate and can be used when undertaking a Quantitative analysis.

The New Zealand Society for Earthquake Engineering has proposed a way for classifying earthquake risk for existing buildings in terms of %NBS and this is shown in Figure 1 below.

Description	Grade	Risk	%NBS	Existing Building Structural Performance	Improvement of Structural Performance	
					Legal Requirement	NZSEE Recommendation
Low Risk Building	A or B	Low	Above 67	Acceptable (improvement may be desirable)	The Building Act sets no required level of structural improvement (unless change in use) This is for each TA to decide. Improvement is not limited to 34%NBS.	100%NBS desirable. Improvement should achieve at least 67%NBS
Moderate Risk Building	B or C	Moderate	34 to 66	Acceptable legally. Improvement recommended		Not recommended. Acceptable only in exceptional circumstances
High Risk Building	D or E	High	33 or lower	Unacceptable (Improvement	Unacceptable	Unacceptable

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

Table 1 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). It is noted that the current seismic risk in Christchurch results in a 6% risk of exceedance in the next year.

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

**Table 1 %NBS compared to relative risk of failure**

## 4. Building Description

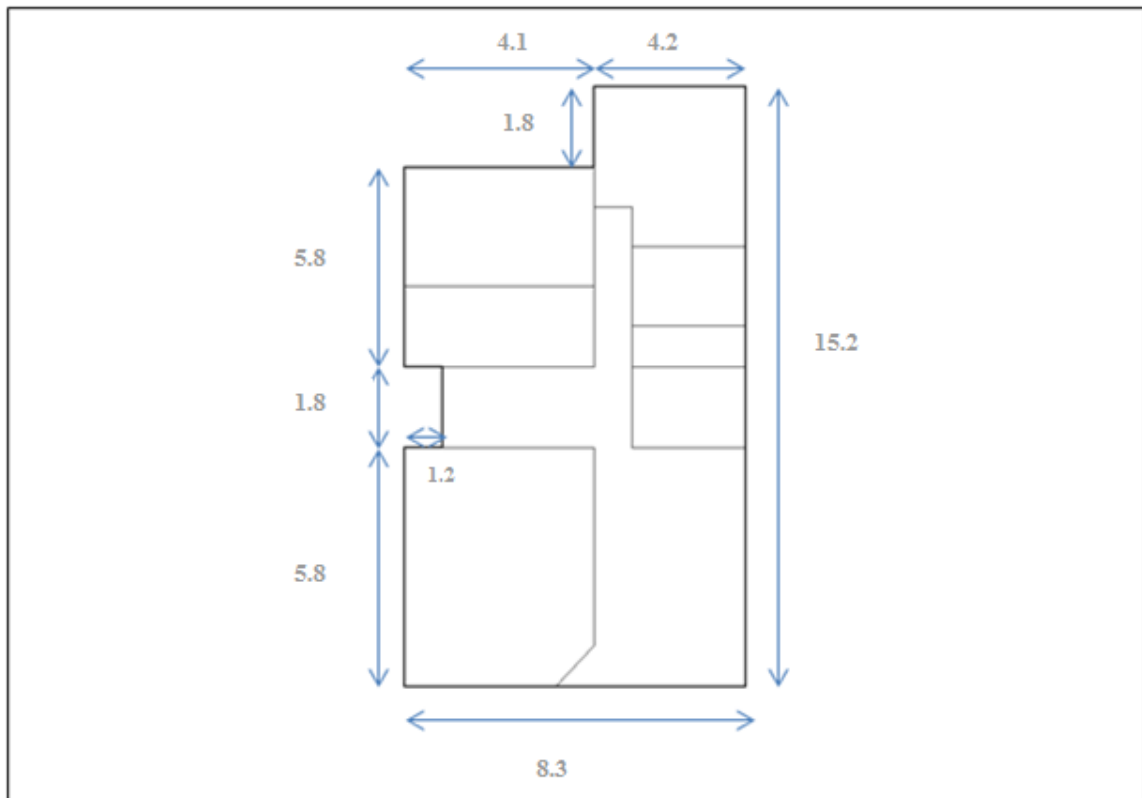
### 4.1 General

The dwelling is located at 347 Ferry Road. It has been assumed the dwelling was constructed shortly after 1965. The building is used primarily as a residence however there is a small office space which may be used commercially.

The building is of timber frame construction. Because of the plaster ceiling, the interior of the roof structure was not clearly visible from the inside of the dwelling. The roof has light weight corrugated iron cladding on timber framing.

The roof structure is supported by the load bearing timber framed walls. Internal walls are likely to be plasterboard although areas of lathe and plaster are possible. The external walls are clad with weatherboards. There is a concrete masonry wall on the southern side of the building.

The floors are constructed of timber joists on timber bearers. Foundations are timber piles and concrete perimeter strip footings.



**Figure 2 Plan Sketch Showing Key Structural Elements (Dimensions in Meters)**

The building is approximately 15m in length, 9m in width and 4.5m in height. The plan area is approximately 130m<sup>2</sup>.

The dwelling is within a flat suburban area with the closest residence being approximately 5m to the east. Number 347 Ferry Road also has a garage which sits 2.5m to the north of the dwelling. No significant damage was noted to either of these buildings.

There were no detailed plans available; however, a plan sketch with rough measurements was provided.

## **4.2 Gravity Load Resisting System**

Gravity loads are initially carried by the roof structure; these are then transferred to the timber framed walls. The walls then pass the loads to the foundations and finally the ground.

Internal gravity loads are passed directly into the timber floor, through the timber joists, bearers, piles and finally to the ground.

## **4.3 Lateral Load Resisting System**

Lateral load resisting systems in the longitudinal and transverse direction are similar.

The horizontal diaphragm action produced by the roof and ceiling work in conjunction to redistribute lateral loading to the in plane timber framed walls. The panel action produced by the walls allows the lateral forces to be passed into the foundation then into the ground.

## 5. Assessment

An inspection of the building was undertaken on the 27<sup>th</sup> of June, 2012. Both the interior and exterior of the building were inspected. The main structural components of the roof of the building were not viewed. Similarly the piled foundations were unable to be viewed.

The inspection consisted of scrutinising the building to determine the structural systems and likely behaviour of the building during an earthquake. The site was assessed for damage, including examination of the ground conditions, checking for damage in areas where damage would be expected for the type of structure and noting general damage observed throughout the building in both structural and non-structural elements.

The %NBS score determined for this building has been based on the IEP procedure described by the NZSEE and based on the information obtained from visual observation of the building and available drawings.

## **6. Damage Assessment**

### **6.1 Surrounding Buildings**

The dwelling is within a flat suburban area with the closest home being approximately 5m to the east. Number 347 Ferry Road also has a garage which sits 2.5m to the north of the dwelling. No damage was noted to either of these buildings.

### **6.2 Residual Displacements and General Observations**

No residual displacements of the structure were noticed during the inspection of the building.

Cracking was noted to the internal plasterboard linings in several locations throughout the building and on the perimeter strip footing (see photographs 5 to 13).

### **6.3 Ground Damage**

There was no evidence of ground damage on the property or surrounding neighbours land.

## **7. Critical Structural Weakness**

### **7.1 Short Columns**

No short columns are present in the structure.

### **7.2 Lift Shaft**

The building does not contain a lift shaft.

### **7.3 Roof**

The roof structure in conjunction with the plasterboard ceiling will provide adequate roof diaphragm action.

### **7.4 Staircases**

The building does not contain a staircase.

### **7.5 Site Characteristics**

Following the geotechnical appraisal it was found that the site has a moderate potential for liquefaction. For the purposes of the dwellings IEP assessment and the determination of the %NBS score, the effect of soil liquefaction on the performance of the building has been assessed as an insignificant site characteristic.

### **7.6 Plan Irregularity**

There is no plan irregularity in the structure.

## 8. Geotechnical Consideration

### Introduction

This desktop geotechnical study outlines the ground conditions, as indicated from sources quoted within. This is a desktop study report and no site visit has been undertaken by GHD Geotechnical personnel.

This report is only specific to the dwelling at Detailed Engineering Evaluations. The dwelling is located on the intersection of Ferry Road and Ryan Street. It is surrounded by residential properties. The property is owned and maintained by the Christchurch City Council.

### 8.1 Site Description

The site is situated on a residential property, within the suburb of Waltham in central Christchurch. It is relatively flat at approximately 10m above mean sea level. It is approximately 1km northeast of the Heathcote River, and 7km west of the coast (Pegasus Bay) at New Brighton.

### 8.2 Published Information on Ground Conditions

#### 8.2.1 Published Geology

The geological map of the area<sup>1</sup> indicates that the site is underlain by Holocene alluvial soils of the Yaldhurst Member, sub-group of the Springston Formation, comprising alluvial sand and silt overbank deposits.

Figure 72 (Brown & Weeber)<sup>1</sup> indicates groundwater level likely to be within 1m of ground surface, and liquefaction susceptibility is medium to high.

#### 8.2.2 Environment Canterbury Logs

Information from Environment Canterbury (ECan) indicates that eight boreholes with lithographic logs are located within 120m of the site (see Table 2). The site geology described in these logs indicates the area is predominantly layers of clay or silt underlain by layers of sand and silty sand to a depth of 23m bgl. Varying amounts of gravel and silt are also indicated to be present.

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<sup>1</sup> Brown, L. J. and Weeber, J.H. (1992): *Geology of the Christchurch Urban Area*. Institute of Geological and Nuclear Sciences 1:25,000 Geological Map 1. Lower Hutt. Institute of Geological and Nuclear Sciences Limited.

**Table 2 ECan Borehole Summary**

Bore Name	Log Depth	Groundwater	Distance & Direction from Site	Log Summary
M35/14635	1.68m	N/A	70m NW	Blue Silt, Sand & Clay
M35/14636	1.73m	N/A	15m SW	Blue Silt, Yellow Clay
M35/14638	1.52m	N/A	110m NW	Blue Silt
M35/14639	1.63m	N/A	40m W	Yellow Clay
M35/14640	1.70m	N/A	20m SW	Yellow Clay, Blue Silt
M35/14644	1.75m	N/A	120m SW	Yellow Clay, Blue Silt
M35/14645	1.83m	N/A	110m SW	Gravel, Sand, Sandy Silt

It should be noted that the boreholes were sunk for groundwater extraction and not for geotechnical purposes. Therefore, the amount of material recovered and available for interpretation and recording will have been variable at best and may not be representative. The logs have been written by the well driller and not a geotechnical professional or to a standard. In addition strength data is not recorded.

### 8.2.3 EQC Geotechnical Investigations

The closest geotechnical testing undertaken by the Earthquake Commission (EQC) was undertaken in the Waltham Zone and is included in the Tonkin & Taylor Report for Waltham<sup>2</sup>. One investigation point is within 200 m of the property, as summarised below in Table 3.

**Table 3 EQC Geotechnical Investigation Summary Table**

Bore Name	Grid Reference	Depth (m bgl)	Log Summary
BH – WTM 03	2482738 mE	0 – 0.2	Topsoil
	5740460 mN	0.2 – 4.5	Firm SILT
		4.5 – 5.0	Firm Sandy SILT
		5.0 – 18.0	Medium dense, fine SAND
		18.0 – 20.45	Interbedded Stiff SILT, and Medium dense fine SAND. Some organics present.

<sup>2</sup> Tonkin and Taylor Ltd, September 2011: Christchurch Earthquake Recovery, Geotechnical Factual Report, Waltham

#### 8.2.4 Land Zoning

Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority (CERA) has indicated the site is situated within the Green Zone, indicating that repair and rebuild may take place.

Land in the CERA green zone has been divided into three technical categories. These categories describe how the land is expected to perform in future earthquakes.

The site at 374 Ferry Road is categorised as TC2 (yellow)<sup>3</sup>. This means that minor to moderate land damage from liquefaction is possible in future significant earthquakes.

#### 8.2.5 Post February Aerial Photography

Aerial photography taken following the 22 February 2011 earthquake shows no signs of liquefaction outside the building footprint but is evident on neighbouring properties, as shown in Figure 3.

**Figure 3 Post February 2011 Earthquake Aerial Photography**<sup>4</sup>



<sup>3</sup> CERA Land check, <http://cera.govt.nz/my-property/>

<sup>4</sup> Aerial Photography Supplied by Koordinates sourced from <http://koordinates.com/layer/3185-christchurch-post-earthquake-aerial-photos-24-feb-2011/>

### 8.2.6 Summary of Ground Conditions

From the information presented above, the ground conditions underlying the site are anticipated to comprise multiple strata of sand and silt mixtures, typical of the Yaldhurst member.

## 8.3 Seismicity

### 8.3.1 Nearby Faults

There are many faults in the Canterbury region, however only those considered most likely to have an adverse effect on the site are detailed below.

**Table 4 Summary of Known Active Faults<sup>56</sup>**

Known Active Fault	Distance from Site	Direction from Site	Max Likely Magnitude	Avg Recurrence Interval
Alpine Fault	130 km	NW	~8.3	~300 years
Greendale (2010) Fault	24 km	W	7.1	~15,000 years
Hope Fault	110 km	N	7.2~7.5	120~200 years
Kelly Fault	110 km	NW	7.2	~150 years
Porters Pass Fault	65 km	NW	7.0	~1100 years

Recent earthquakes since 4 September 2010 have identified the presence of a previously unmapped active fault system underneath the Canterbury Plains, including Christchurch City, and the Port Hills. Research and published information on this system is in development and not generally available. Average recurrence intervals are yet to be estimated.

### 8.3.2 Ground Shaking Hazard

This seismic activity has produced earthquakes of Magnitude-6.3 with peak ground accelerations (PGA) up to twice the acceleration due to gravity (2g) in some parts of the city. This has resulted in widespread liquefaction throughout Christchurch.

New Zealand Standard NZS 1170.5:2004 quantifies the Seismic Hazard factor for Christchurch as 0.30, being in a moderate to high earthquake zone. This value has been provisionally upgraded recently (from 0.22) to reflect the seismicity hazard observed in the earthquakes since 4 September 2010.

<sup>5</sup> Stirling, M.W, McVerry, G.H, and Berryman K.R. (2002) A New Seismic Hazard Model for New Zealand, Bulletin of the Seismological Society of America, Vol. 92 No. 5, pp 1878-1903, June 2002.

<sup>6</sup> GNS Active Faults Database

#### **8.4 Slope Failure and/or Rockfall Potential**

Given the site's location in Waltham, a flat suburb in central Christchurch, global slope instability is considered negligible. However, any localised retaining structures or embankments should be further investigated to determine the site-specific slope instability potential.

#### **8.5 Liquefaction Potential**

The liquefaction potential of this site is considered as moderate. This is based on:-

- The presence of silts and sands,
- Evidence from the post-earthquake aerial photography of liquefaction.

Further investigation is recommended to better determine subsoil conditions. From this, a more comprehensive liquefaction assessment could be undertaken.

#### **8.6 Conclusions & Recommendations**

This assessment is based on a review of the geology and existing ground investigation information, and observations from the Christchurch earthquakes since 4 September 2010.

The site appears to be situated on stratified alluvial deposits, comprising sand and silt. Associated with this the site also has a moderate liquefaction potential, in particular where sands and/or silts are present.

A soil class of **D** (in accordance with NZS 1170.5:2004) should be adopted for the site.

If a more detailed assessment is required, the investigation should comprise deep intrusive testing. Details can be provided upon approval of the quantitative assessment phase.

## 9. Survey

No level or verticality surveys have been undertaken for this building at this stage as indicated by Christchurch City Council guidelines.

## 10. Initial Capacity Assessment

### 10.1 % NBS Assessment

The building has had its capacity assessed using the Initial Evaluation Procedure based on the information available. The buildings capacity excluding critical structural weaknesses and the capacity including any identified weaknesses are expressed as a percentage of new building standard (%NBS) and are in the order of that shown below in Table 5. These capacities are subject to confirmation by a more detailed quantitative analysis.

<u>Item</u>	<u>%NBS</u>
Building (Excluding CSW's)	75
Building (Including CSW's)	75
Including Earthquake Damage (5% Reduction)	71

**Table 5 Indicative Building and Critical Structural Weaknesses Capacities based on the NZSEE Initial Evaluation Procedure**

Following an IEP assessment, the building has been assessed as achieving 71% New Building Standard (NBS). Under the New Zealand Society for Earthquake Engineering (NZSEE) guidelines the building is not considered to be a potential Earthquake Risk as it achieves greater than 67% NBS.

### 10.2 Seismic Parameters

The seismic design parameters based on current design requirements from NZS 1170:2002 and the NZBC clause B1 for this building are:

- Site soil class: D, NZS 1170.5:2004, Clause 3.1.3, Soft Soil
- Site hazard factor,  $Z = 0.3$ , NZBC, Clause B1 Structure, Amendment 11 effective from 1 August 2011
- Return period factor  $R_u = 1.0$ , NZS 1170.5:2004, Table 3.5, Importance level 2 structure with a 50 year design life.

An increased  $Z$  factor of 0.3 for Christchurch has been used in line with requirements from the Department of Building and Housing resulting in a reduced % NBS score.

### 10.3 Expected Structural Ductility Factor

A structural ductility factor of 2.0 has been assumed based on the structural system observed and the date of construction.

## **10.4 Discussion of Results**

Based on the information available, and using the NZSEE Initial Evaluation Procedure, the baseline capacity (excluding critical structural weaknesses and earthquake damage) of the building has been assessed to be in the order of 37% NBS.

Because the building is a single story, predominately lightweight construction and rectangular in shape, an F factor of 2 is taken, and the building achieved 75% of NBS (before earthquake).

Including the observed earthquake damage as an 5% reduction of the achieved NBS, the assessed NBS post-earthquake was estimated as 71%.

The building has therefore been assessed to have a seismic capacity in the order of 71% NBS and is not therefore potentially Earthquake Risk.

The results obtained from the initial IEP assessment are consistent with those expected for a building of this age and construction type. It has been assumed that the building was designed shortly after 1965 and designed to the loading standard current at the time, NZS 1900:1965. The design loads used in this standard are significantly less than those required by the current loading standard. When this code is combined with the increase in the hazard factor for Christchurch to 0.3, it would be expected that the building would not achieve 100% NBS.

## **10.5 Occupancy**

The building does not pose an immediate risk to users and occupants. The building has been assessed as being not potentially Earthquake Risk and as a result, can remain occupied with accordance to CCC's policy.

## 11. Initial Conclusions

The building has been assessed to have a seismic capacity in the order of 71% NBS and is therefore not potentially Earthquake Risk. No critical seismic damage or structural weaknesses have been identified and as a result, the dwelling can remain occupied, as per CCC's policy.

## 12. Recommendations

The building has achieved more than 67% NBS following an initial IEP assessment of the building.

No further assessment is required by Christchurch City Council.

The dwelling has not been assessed as being potentially Earthquake Risk; therefore, it can remain occupied with accordance to CCC's policy.

## 13. Limitations

### 13.1 General

This report has been prepared subject to the following limitations:

- ▶ No intrusive structural investigations have been undertaken.
- ▶ No intrusive geotechnical investigations have been undertaken.
- ▶ Visual inspections of the sub-floor space were not undertaken.
- ▶ Visual inspections of the roof space were not undertaken.
- ▶ No level or verticality surveys have been undertaken.
- ▶ No material testing has been undertaken.
- ▶ No calculations, other than those included as part of the IEP in the CERA Building Evaluation Report, have been undertaken. No modelling of the building for structural analysis purposes has been performed.

It is noted that this report has been prepared at the request of Christchurch City Council and is intended to be used for their purposes only. GHD accepts no responsibility for any other party or person who relies on the information contained in this report. A specific limitations section.

### 13.2 Geotechnical Limitations

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## Appendix A

# Photographs



**Photograph 1 North elevation.**



**Photograph 2 South Elevation.**



**Photograph 3 West Elevation.**



**Photograph 4 East Elevation.**



**Photograph 5 Vertical cracking in foundation.**



**Photograph 6 Vertical cracking in foundation.**



**Photograph 7 Cracking in foundation**



**Photograph 8 Cracking in plaster board**



**Photograph 11 Cracking in plasterboard.**



**Photograph 12 Cracking in ceiling**

## Appendix B

# Existing Drawings

Appendix C

## CERA Building Evaluation Form

<b>Location</b>			
Building Name:	Dwelling - Ferry Road	Reviewer:	Stephen Lee
Building Address:	Unit No: Street	CPEng No:	1006840
Legal Description:	347 Ferry Road	Company:	GHD
		Company project number:	513090234
		Company phone number:	04 472 0799
	Degrees Min Sec		
GPS south:		Date of submission:	16/07/2012
GPS east:		Inspection Date:	27/06/2012
		Revision:	
Building Unique Identifier (CCC):	BU_2672-001 EQ2	Is there a full report with this summary?	yes

<b>Site</b>	
Site slope:	flat
Soil type:	mixed
Site Class (to NZS1170.5):	D
Proximity to waterway (m, if <100m):	
Proximity to cliff top (m, if < 100m):	
Proximity to cliff base (m,if <100m):	
	Max retaining height (m):
	Soil Profile (if available):
	If Ground improvement on site, describe:
	Approx site elevation (m):
	10.00

<b>Building</b>				
No. of storeys above ground:	1	single storey = 1	Ground floor elevation (Absolute) (m):	0.30
Ground floor split?			Ground floor elevation above ground (m):	0.30
Storeys below ground				
Foundation type:	strip footings		if Foundation type is other, describe:	
Building height (m):	4.50	height from ground to level of uppermost seismic mass (for IEP only) (m):	4.5	
Floor footprint area (approx):	130			
Age of Building (years):	45		Date of design:	1965-1976
Strengthening present?	no		If so, when (year)?	
			And what load level (%g)?	
Use (ground floor):	other (specify)		Brief strengthening description:	
Use (upper floors):				
Use notes (if required):	Residential, Possibly Commercial (Home business)			
Importance level (to NZS1170.5):	IL2			

<b>Gravity Structure</b>	
Gravity System:	load bearing walls
Roof:	timber framed
Floors:	timber
Beams:	none
Columns:	
Walls:	
	1.5m Truss Depth, Corrugated Iron
	Cladding
	joist depth and spacing (mm)
	Unknown
	overall depth x width (mm x mm)
	None

<b>Lateral load resisting structure</b>			
Lateral system along:	lightweight timber framed walls	<b>Note: Define along and across in detailed report!</b>	
Ductility assumed, μ:	2.00		note typical wall length (m)
Period along:	0.40		estimate or calculation?
Total deflection (ULS) (mm):			estimated
maximum interstorey deflection (ULS) (mm):			estimate or calculation?
			estimate or calculation?
Lateral system across:	lightweight timber framed walls		
Ductility assumed, μ:	2.00	0.00	note typical wall length (m)
Period across:	0.40		estimate or calculation?
Total deflection (ULS) (mm):			estimated
maximum interstorey deflection (ULS) (mm):			estimate or calculation?
			estimate or calculation?

<b>Separations:</b>		
north (mm):		leave blank if not relevant
east (mm):		
south (mm):		
west (mm):		

<b>Non-structural elements</b>			
Stairs:	cast insitu	notes	External
Wall cladding:	other light	describe:	Plasterboard
Roof Cladding:	Metal	describe:	Corrugated Iron
Glazing:	timber frames		
Ceilings:	plaster, fixed		
Services(list):			

<b>Available documentation</b>			
Architectural:	partial	original designer name/date:	
Structural:	none	original designer name/date:	
Mechanical:	none	original designer name/date:	
Electrical:	none	original designer name/date:	
Geotech report:	none	original designer name/date:	

<b>Damage</b>			
Site:		Describe damage:	
(refer DEE Table 4-2)	Site performance:		
	Settlement:	none observed	notes (if applicable):
	Differential settlement:	none observed	notes (if applicable):
	Liquefaction:	none apparent	notes (if applicable):
	Lateral Spread:	none apparent	notes (if applicable):
	Differential lateral spread:	none apparent	notes (if applicable):
	Ground cracks:	none apparent	notes (if applicable):
	Damage to area:	none apparent	notes (if applicable):

<b>Building:</b>		
Current Placard Status:		
Along	Damage ratio:	5%
	Describe (summary):	
Across	Damage ratio:	5%
	Describe (summary):	
Diaphragms	Damage?:	yes
		Describe:
CSWs:	Damage?:	no
		Describe:
Pounding:	Damage?:	no
		Describe:
Non-structural:	Damage?:	no
		Describe:

<b>Recommendations</b>			
Level of repair/strengthening required:	minor structural	Describe:	Strengthening the perimeter strip
Building Consent required:		Describe:	
Interim occupancy recommendations:	full occupancy	Describe:	
Along	Assessed %NBS before e'quakes:	75%	75% %NBS from IEP below
	Assessed %NBS after e'quakes:	71%	
			If IEP not used, please detail assessment methodology:
Across	Assessed %NBS before e'quakes:	75%	75% %NBS from IEP below
	Assessed %NBS after e'quakes:	71%	

IEP

Use of this method is not mandatory - more detailed analysis may give a different answer, which would take precedence. Do not fill in fields if not using IEP.

Period of design of building (from above): 1965-1976

h<sub>n</sub> from above: 4.5m

Seismic Zone, if designed between 1965 and 1992: B

not required for this age of building

not required for this age of building

Period (from above):

(%NBS)<sub>nom</sub> from Fig 3.3:

along

0.4

5.0%

across

0.4

5.0%

Note:1 for specifically design public buildings, to the code of the day: pre-1965 = 1.25; 1965-1976, Zone A =1.33; 1965-1976, Zone B = 1.2; all else 1.0

Note 2: for RC buildings designed between 1976-1984, use 1.2

Note 3: for buildings designed prior to 1935 use 0.8, except in Wellington (1.0)

1.00

1.0

1.0

Final (%NBS)<sub>nom</sub>:

along

5%

across

5%

2.2 Near Fault Scaling Factor

Near Fault scaling factor, from NZS1170.5, cl 3.1.6:

1.00

Near Fault scaling factor (1/N(T,D), **Factor A**:

1

1

2.3 Hazard Scaling Factor

Hazard factor Z for site from AS1170.5, Table 3.3:

0.30

Z<sub>1992</sub>, from NZS4203:1992

Hazard scaling factor, **Factor B**:

3.333333333

2.4 Return Period Scaling Factor

Building Importance level (from above):

2

Return Period Scaling factor from Table 3.1, **Factor C**:

1.00

2.5 Ductility Scaling Factor

Assessed ductility (less than max in Table 3.2)

2.00

2.00

Ductility scaling factor: =1 from 1976 onwards; or =k<sub>μ</sub>, if pre-1976, fromTable 3.3:

1.57

1.57

Ductiity Scaling Factor, **Factor D**:

1.57

1.57

2.6 Structural Performance Scaling Factor:

Sp:

0.700

0.700

Structural Performance Scaling Factor **Factor E**:

1.428571429

1.428571429

2.7 Baseline %NBS, (NBS%)<sub>b</sub> = (%NBS)<sub>nom</sub> x A x B x C x D x E

%NBS<sub>b</sub>:

37%

37%

Global Critical Structural Weaknesses: (refer to NZSEE IEP Table 3.4)

3.1. Plan Irregularity, factor A:

insignificant

1

3.2. Vertical irregularity, Factor B:

insignificant

1

3.3. Short columns, Factor C:

insignificant

1

3.4. Pounding potential

Pounding effect D1, from Table to right

1.0

Height Difference effect D2, from Table to right

1.0

Therefore, Factor D:

1

3.5. Site Characteristics

insignificant

1

Table for selection of D1	Severe	Significant	Insignificant/none
Separation	0<sep<.005H	.005<sep<.01H	Sep>.01H
Alignment of floors within 20% of H	0.7	0.8	1
Alignment of floors not within 20% of H	0.4	0.7	0.8

Table for Selection of D2	Severe	Significant	Insignificant/none
Separation	0<sep<.005H	.005<sep<.01H	Sep>.01H
Height difference > 4 storeys	0.4	0.7	1
Height difference 2 to 4 storeys	0.7	0.9	1
Height difference < 2 storeys	1	1	1

3.6. Other factors, Factor F

For ≤ 3 storeys, max value =2.5, otherwise max valule =1.5, no minimum

2.0

2.0

Rationale for choice of F factor, if not 1

Single story, rectangular in shape

Single story, rectangular in shape

Detail Critical Structural Weaknesses: (refer to DEE Procedure section 6)

List any:

Refer also section 6.3.1 of DEE for discussion of F factor modification for other critical structural weaknesses

3.7. Overall Performance Achievement ratio (PAR)

2.00

2.00

4.3 PAR x (%NBS)<sub>b</sub>:

PAR x Baselline %NBS:

75%

75%

4.4 Percentage New Building Standard (%NBS), (before)

75%

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