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# **Executive Summary**

This is a summary of the Qualitative Engineering Evaluation for the Linwood Park Pavilion and Toilets building and is based on the Detailed Engineering Evaluation Procedure document issued by the Engineering Advisory Group on 19 July 2011, visual inspections, available structural documentation and summary calculations as appropriate.

<b>Building Details</b>	Name	Linwood Park Pavilion and Toilets					
Building Location ID	PRK 0835	BLDG 001 EQ2			Multiple	e Building Site	N
Building Address	252 Linwoo	od Ave			No. of I	esidential units	0
Soil Technical Category	NA	Importance Level		2	Approx	imate Year Built	1975
Foot Print (m²)	95	Storeys above gro	und	1	Storeys	s below ground	0
Type of Construction	Light roof,	, concrete blockwork walls, slab on grade floor.					
Qualitative L4 Repor	rt Results	Summary					
Building Occupied	Y	The Linwood Park F	Pavilion a	nd Toilets is	currently	in use.	
Suitable for Continued Occupancy	Y	The Linwood Park Pavilion and Toilets is suitable for continued occupation.					
Key Damage Summary	Y	Refer to summary of building damage see section 3.1 of report.					
Critical Structural Weaknesses (CSW)	N	There were no critical structural weaknesses identified.					
Levels Survey Results	Υ	Floor levels are within tolerance.					
Building %NBS From Analysis	100%	Based on an analysis of bracing capacity and demand.					
Qualitative L4 Report Recommendations							
Geotechnical Survey Required	N	Geotechnical surve	y not requ	uired due to l	ack of ob	served ground damaç	ge on site.
Proceed to L5 Quantitative DEE	N	A quantitative DEE is not required for this structure.					
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## 1 Introduction

#### 1.1 General

On 7 June 2012 Aurecon engineers visited the Linwood Park Pavilion and Toilets to carry out a qualitative building damage assessment on behalf of Christchurch City Council. Detailed visual inspections were carried out to assess the damage caused by the earthquakes on 4 September 2010, 22 February 2011, 13 June 2011, 23 December 2011 and related aftershocks.

The scope of work included:

- Assessment of the nature and extent of the building damage.
- Visual assessment of the building strength particularly with respect to safety of occupants if the building is currently occupied.
- Assessment of requirements for detailed engineering evaluation including geotechnical investigation, level survey and any areas where linings and floor coverings need removal to expose structural damage.

This report outlines the results of our Qualitative Assessment of damage to the Linwood Park Pavilion and Toilets and is based on the Detailed Engineering Evaluation Procedure document issued by the Structural Advisory Group on 19 July 2011, visual inspections, available structural documentation and summary calculations as appropriate.

# 2 Description of the Building

## 2.1 Building Age and Configuration

Built circa 1975 the Linwood Park Pavilion and Toilets is a single storey building. The building has a lightweight profiled steel roof. The walls consist of partially filled 15 series concrete blockwork. They have filled bond beams running along the top of the wall. There is a concrete slab on grade floor and the foundations consist of reinforced concrete strip footings. The approximate floor area of the building is 95 square metres. It is an importance level 2 structure in accordance with NZS 1170 Part 0:2002.

## 2.2 Building Structural Systems Vertical and Horizontal

The Linwood Park Pavilion and Toilets is a very simple structure. Its lightweight steel roof is supported on 10mm plywood sarking on timber purlins on timber framing that transfer loads to load bearing walls. The load bearing walls are supported on reinforced concrete strip footings. Lateral loads are resisted by the concrete blockwork walls in each direction.

## 2.3 Reference Building Type

The Linwood Park Pavilion and Toilets building has been constructed using partially filled reinforced concrete block walls typical of its age and style. This type of building has typically performed well under seismic loading.

#### 2.4 Building Foundation System and Soil Conditions

The Linwood Park Pavilion and Toilets foundation system, as discussed above consists of reinforced concrete strip footings beneath the concrete blockwork walls and a concrete slab on grade floor. The land around the Linwood Park Pavilion and Toilets has not been assigned a Technical Category zone by CERA. The nearest zoned land is Technical Category 2 (TC2) and is approximately 60m from the building. TC2 ground is expected to suffer minor to moderate land damage from liquefaction in future significant aftershocks. The site itself however shows no evidence of liquefaction from recent seismic events.

### 2.5 Available Structural Documentation and Inspection Priorities

Structural and architectural drawings were available for the Linwood Park Pavilion and Toilets. Inspection priorities related to a review of potential damage to foundations and consideration of wall bracing adequacy.

#### 2.6 Available Survey Information

We undertook a floor levels survey to establish the amount of settlement that has occurred. The results of the survey are presented on the attached drawings in Appendix A. All of the levels were taken on top of the existing floor coverings which will have introduced some variation.

The floor levels for the Linwood Park Pavilion and Toilets were found to be within acceptable tolerances. The variances in floor levels noted have been provided for drainage purposes.

# 3 Structural Investigation

## 3.1 Summary of Building Damage

The Linwood Park Pavilion and Toilets was in use at the time the damage assessment was carried out.

The Linwood Park Pavilion and Toilets has performed well and no damage was noted during the visual inspection.

## 3.2 Record of Intrusive Investigation

No damage related to the recent earthquakes was noted. Additionally the lack of linings allowed all structural elements to be visually inspected. Therefore an intrusive investigation was not required for the Linwood Park Pavilion and Toilets.

## 3.3 Damage Discussion

There was no damage noted to the Linwood Park Pavilion and Toilets. This was to be expected as the small size of the building generates a low seismic demand.

# 4 Building Review Summary

### 4.1 Building Review Statement

As noted above no intrusive investigations were carried out on the Linwood Park Pavilion and Toilets. Because of the generic nature of the building and the lack of linings the primary structure was able to be observed with an external and internal visual inspection.

#### 4.2 Critical Structural Weaknesses

No specific critical structural weaknesses were identified as part of the building qualitative assessment.

# 5 Building Strength (Refer to Appendix C for background information)

#### 5.1 General

The Linwood Park Pavilion and Toilets is, as discussed above, a typical example of a 1970's concrete blockwork amenities block. It is of a type of building that has typically performed well. The Linwood Park Pavilion and Toilets is not an exception to this and has performed well with no damage noted.

#### 5.2 Initial %NBS Assessment

Due to the type of construction used for the Linwood Park Pavilion and Toilets the initial evaluation procedure or IEP is not an appropriate method of assessment. Nevertheless an estimate of lateral load capacity can be made by adopting assumed values for strengths of existing materials and calculating the capacity of existing walls.

Selected assessment seismic parameters are tabulated in the table below.

Table 1: Parameters used in the Seismic Assessment

Seismic Parameter	Quantity	Comment/Reference
Site Soil Class	D	NZS 1170.5:2004, Clause 3.1.3, Deep or Soft Soil
Site Hazard Factor, Z	0.30	DBH Info Sheet on Seismicity Changes (Effective 19 May 2011)
Return period Factor, $R_u$	1.0	NZS 1170.5:2004, Table 3.5 (Importance level 2)
Ductility Factor in Transverse Direction, $\mu$	1.25	Concrete blockwork walls
Ductility Factor in Longitudinal Direction, $\mu$	1.25	Concrete blockwork walls

The seismic demand for the Linwood Park Pavilion and Toilets has been calculated based on the current code requirements. The capacity of the existing walls in the building was calculated from assumed strengths of existing materials and the number and length of walls present in both the longitudinal (east – west) and transverse (north – south) directions. The seismic demand was then compared with the building capacity in these directions. The building was found to have sufficient strength to achieve 100% NBS in both the longitudinal and transverse directions.

#### 5.3 Results Discussion

The analysis shows that the Linwood Park Pavilion and Toilets achieves 100% NBS placing the building in the low risk category in accordance with NZSEE guidelines. This is expected as the building generates a low seismic demand due to its small size thus the walls are able provide adequate bracing to resist seismic loading. In addition no earthquake related damage to the building was observed.

## 6 Conclusions and Recommendations

The land below the Linwood Park Pavilion and Toilets has not been assigned a Technical Category zone by CERA as the land is not residentially zoned. The nearest zoned land is TC2 and approximately 100m from the building. Aerial photographs show no signs of liquefaction in the immediate area of the Linwood Park Pavilion and Toilets after the 22 February 2011 earthquake. Additionally the levels survey carried out showed that the floor levels were within acceptable tolerances.

As there is no evidence of settlement of the Linwood Park Pavilion and Toilets a geotechnical investigation is currently not considered necessary.

The building is currently occupied and in our opinion the Linwood Park Pavilion and Toilets is suitable for continued occupation.

# 7 Explanatory Statement

The inspections of the building discussed in this report have been undertaken to assess structural earthquake damage. No analysis has been undertaken to assess the strength of the building or to determine whether or not it complies with the relevant building codes, except to the extent that Aurecon expressly indicates otherwise in the report. Aurecon has not made any assessment of structural stability or building safety in connection with future aftershocks or earthquakes – which have the potential to damage the building and to jeopardise the safety of those either inside or adjacent to the building, except to the extent that Aurecon expressly indicates otherwise in the report.

This report is necessarily limited by the restricted ability to carry out inspections due to potential structural instabilities/safety considerations, and the time available to carry out such inspections. The report does not address defects that are not reasonably discoverable on visual inspection, including defects in inaccessible places and latent defects. Where site inspections were made, they were restricted to external inspections and, where practicable, limited internal visual inspections.

To carry out the structural review, existing building drawings were obtained from the Christchurch City Council records. We have assumed that the building has been constructed in accordance with the drawings.

While this report may assist the client in assessing whether the building should be strengthened, that decision is the sole responsibility of the client.

This review has been prepared by Aurecon at the request of its client and is exclusively for the client's use. It is not possible to make a proper assessment of this review without a clear understanding of the terms of engagement under which it has been prepared, including the scope of the instructions and directions given to and the assumptions made by Aurecon. The report will not address issues which would need to be considered for another party if that party's particular circumstances, requirements and experience were known and, further, may make assumptions about matters of which a third party is not aware. No responsibility or liability to any third party is accepted for any loss or damage whatsoever arising out of the use of or reliance on this report by any third party.

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# **Appendices**

# Appendix A

# Photos and Levels Survey Results

7 June 2012 - Linwood Park Pavilion and Toilets site photographs

Aerial photograph of the Linwood Park Pavilion and Toilets showing the location.



Northern elevation of Linwood Park Pavilion and Toilets.



Eastern elevation of Linwood Park Pavilion and Toilets



Southern elevation Linwood Park Pavilion and Toilets.



Internal view Linwood Park Pavilion and Toilets.



Internal view Linwood Park Pavilion and Toilets.



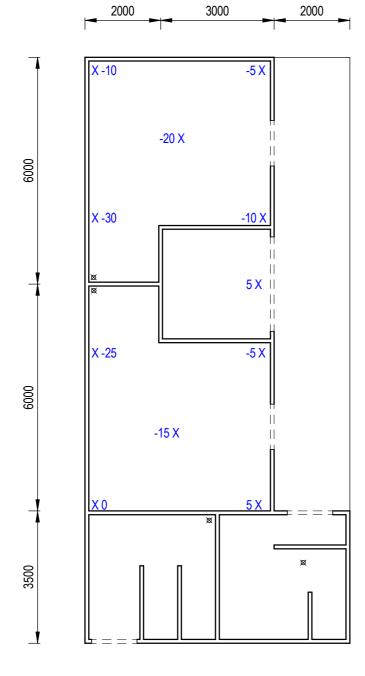
Internal view Linwood Park Pavilion and Toilets.





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# Appendix B

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# Appendix C

## **Strength Assessment Explanation**

#### New building standard (NBS)

New building standard (NBS) is the term used with reference to the earthquake standard that would apply to a new building of similar type and use if the building was designed to meet the latest design Codes of Practice. If the strength of a building is less than this level, then its strength is expressed as a percentage of NBS.

#### Earthquake Prone Buildings

A building can be considered to be earthquake prone if its strength is less than one third of the strength to which an equivalent new building would be designed, that is, less than 33%NBS (as defined by the New Zealand Building Act). If the building strength exceeds 33%NBS but is less than 67%NBS the building is considered at risk.

#### Christchurch City Council Earthquake Prone Building Policy 2010

The Christchurch City Council (CCC) already had in place an Earthquake Prone Building Policy (EPB Policy) requiring all earthquake-prone buildings to be strengthened within a timeframe varying from 15 to 30 years. The level to which the buildings were required to be strengthened was 33%NBS.

As a result of the 4 September 2010 Canterbury earthquake the CCC raised the level that a building was required to be strengthened to from 33% to 67% NBS but qualified this as a target level and noted that the actual strengthening level for each building will be determined in conjunction with the owners on a building-by-building basis. Factors that will be taken into account by the Council in determining the strengthening level include the cost of strengthening, the use to which the building is put, the level of danger posed by the building, and the extent of damage and repair involved.

Irrespective of strengthening level, the threshold level that triggers a requirement to strengthen is 33%NBS.

As part of any building consent application fire and disabled access provisions will need to be assessed.

## Christchurch Seismicity

The level of seismicity within the current New Zealand loading code (AS/NZS 1170) is related to the seismic zone factor. The zone factor varies depending on the location of the building within NZ. Prior to the 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2011 earthquake the zone factor for Christchurch was 0.22. Following the earthquake the seismic zone factor (level of seismicity) in the Christchurch and surrounding areas has been increased to 0.3. This is a 36% increase.

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 C1 below.

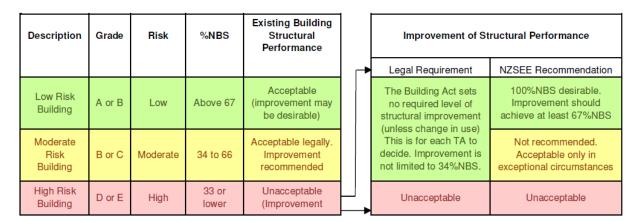


Figure C1: NZSEE Risk Classifications Extracted from table 2.2 of the NZSEE 2006 AISPBE Guidelines

Table C1 below compares the percentage NBS to the relative risk of the building failing in a seismic event with a 10% probability 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% probability of exceedance in the next year.

Table C1: Relative Risk of Building Failure In A

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

# Appendix D

# Background and Legal Framework

#### **Background**

Aurecon has been engaged by the Christchurch City Council (CCC) to undertake a detailed engineering evaluation of the building

This report is a Qualitative Assessment of the building structure, and is based 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.

#### 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.

## 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

#### **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.

#### 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.

#### **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.

## **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.

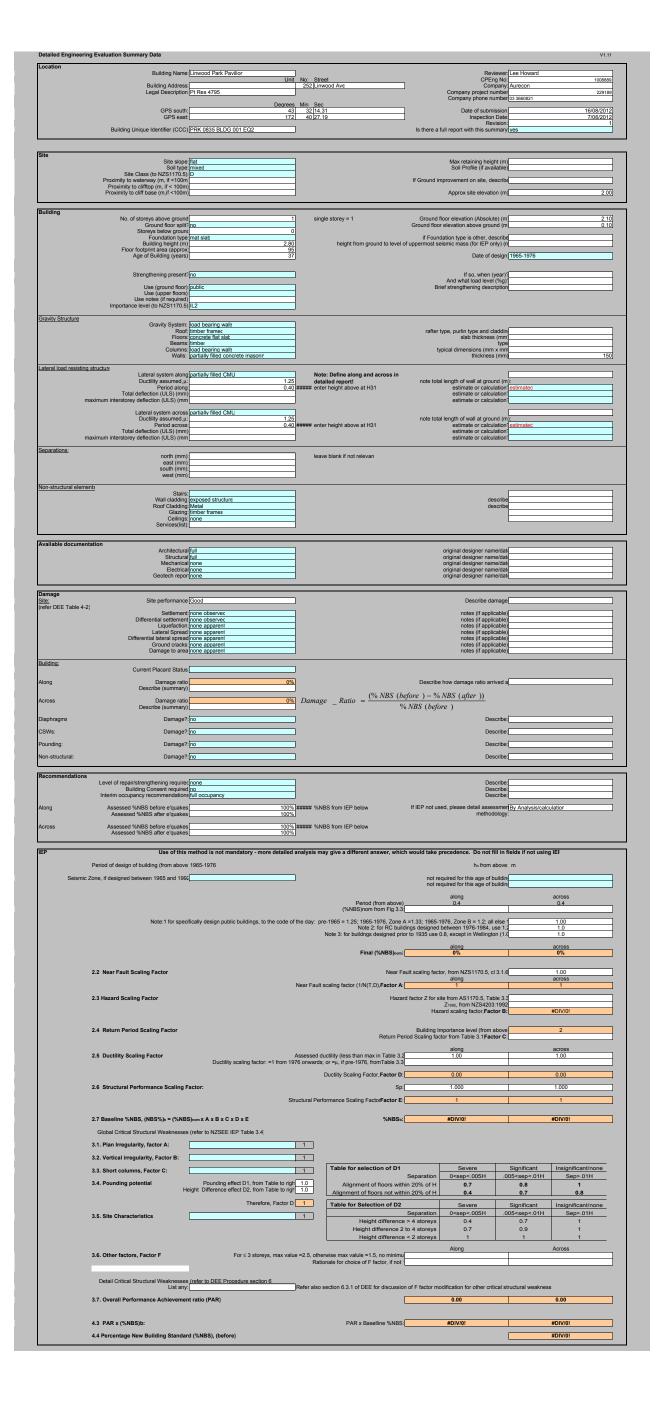
After the February Earthquake, on 19 May 2011, Compliance Document B1: Structure was amended to include increased seismic design requirements for Canterbury as follows:

- 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.

# Appendix E

# Standard Reporting Spread Sheet





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