

Media Release

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"While some people have waited a long time, and a few are still waiting, this is progress," Mr Brownlee said.

Of the 758 residential properties, 341 properties have been zoned green, and 417 properties have been zoned red.

Land on the 341 properties zoned green can be repaired individually.

Houses on the green zoned land are in Department of Building and Housing (DBH)'s Technical Category 3. Homes that do not require substantial repairs due to earthquake damage are unaffected by the technical categories.

Those that do require rebuilding or substantial repair will need improved foundations, as outlined in the DBH announcement of technical categories on 28 October 2011.

In Brooklands, 417 properties have been zoned red and the Government will now make offers to purchase those properties covered by insurance.

Mr Brownlee said Brooklands suffered major land damage from the 4 September and subsequent earthquakes, and would have required area-wide land remediation to support rebuilding.

Maps of the zone changes

- [Land zone overview map](#) [PDF 2MB]
- [Land zone information - Aranui to Southshore](#) [PDF 630KB]

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- [Land zone information - Beckenham to Woolston](#) [PDF 371KB]
 - [Land zone information - Brooklands](#) [PDF 103KB]
 - [Land zone information - Burwood to Parklands](#) [PDF 358KB]
 - [Land zone information - Kaiapoi](#) [PDF 149KB]
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New foundation design technical categories for Canterbury

Homeowners can find out what technical category their property is in by visiting the CERA land information website www.landcheck.org.nz

The new technical categories only apply to residential properties in the green zone with foundations that are required to be repaired or rebuilt due to earthquake damage or for future major renovations or new builds. DBH is one of a number of government departments working with the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority (CERA) on rebuilding greater Christchurch and its surrounds, and supporting the welfare of its residents.

- [Technical Categories for northern Christchurch](#) [PDF 512KB]
- [Technical Categories for central Christchurch](#) [PDF 833KB]
- [Technical Categories for southern Christchurch](#) [PDF 569KB]

"Geotechnical work has been undertaken to identify cost-and time-effective solutions for repairing Brooklands, but the reality is that all houses would have had to be removed for the land to be fixed, regardless of their damage.

"Brooklands residents would then have to spend a significant amount of time off their land as it was remediated to provide suitable building platforms and the essential infrastructure was completely replaced. This would effectively be the same as creating a new subdivision from scratch.

"While this decision will be distressing for some, as with all red zone decisions, I'm confident we've made the right call for the residents of Brooklands," Mr Brownlee said.

Public meetings will be held to ensure residents affected by today's announcement are given the information they need, and CERA will ensure there is a face-to-face, individual contact with all red zone homeowners.

Today's announcement leaves 908 residential properties on the plains in the orange zone. Rezoning the properties remains CERA's highest priority along with 3700 residential properties in the Port Hills.

"As we progress with geotechnical investigations into the region's hardest hit areas, the decisions become more and more difficult to make," Mr Brownlee said.

"We want to make sure we make the best decision for the owners of the properties that remain orange or white and I thank them for their patience as we go about this important work."

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Today's announcement brings the number of red zoned residential properties in Canterbury to 6540 and green zoned properties to more than 180,000.

Residents can confirm their re-zoning by visiting www.landcheck.org.nz or phoning 0800 RING CERA (0800 7464 2372).