

Media Release

CBD red zone cordon reduction

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The cordon around Christchurch's CBD red zone will be reduced at 4pm today in the eastern section, opening up Latimer Square.

The reduction is the first of a series of incremental reductions that are anticipated in the week before Christmas and continuing in the New Year.

CERA General Manager Operations, Warwick Isaacs, says plans for a series of smaller reductions indicates the nature of cordon reductions over the next few months as CERA works with service and infrastructure providers.

"We are all working together but that does mean that considerations are quite complex. Planning for further demolition work needs to be coordinated with the temporary replacement or repair of infrastructure."

"It won't be perfect when people return to the CBD, but CERA, CCC, Orion and Telecom are all working together so that as many of the basics as possible are ready each time the cordon is reduced."

Mr Isaacs said that people can expect to see ongoing works on infrastructure for many months, as well as fencing. He asked that people pay particular attention to traffic signs, which could change often, in order to keep themselves and others safe.

The latest CBD red zone cordon map can be found at www.cera.govt.nz/cbd-red-zone/red-zone-cordon-map