

Media Release

CERA understands community concern regarding damaged heritage buildings

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The September, February and June earthquakes caused significant damage to thousands of buildings in Canterbury, including heritage buildings.

The process of considering the future of these heritage buildings has involved ongoing discussions between CERA and the building owner, along with the New Zealand Historic Places Trust and the Christchurch City Council.

CERA's general manager of demolitions, Warwick Isaacs, says the owner's viewpoint in the decision is critical because it is the owner who must pay for any work on the building.

He says after taking all of the viewpoints into account, the final decision about an unsafe building lies with CERA, as human safety now, and in the future, is a crucial consideration.

CERA continues to work collaboratively to get the best outcomes for heritage buildings.