

# Public Notice

## Canterbury Regional Policy Statement - Chapter 12A

**Summary:** The Government has made changes to the Canterbury Regional Policy Statement to provide certainty to enable local authorities and developers to make land available for post earthquake residential development.

The new chapter 12A incorporated into the Canterbury Regional Policy Statement:

- identifies areas available for urban development
- specifies residential densities
- makes provision for businesses
- requires local authorities to provide for sequencing of developments, and
- provides for form, design and development plans to enable integrated management

The changes to the Regional Policy Statement take effect from Monday 17 October 2011.

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### Related information:

- [Canterbury Regional Policy Statement: Chapter 12A](#)
- Media release: [Changes to speed up urban planning in Christchurch](#) (14 October 2011)
- Read the full [Canterbury Regional Policy Statement](#) on the Environment Canterbury website.

**Note:** Through the High Court decision, Independent Fisheries Limited v Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery (HC CHCH CIV-2012-409-000500 24 July 2012) the decisions of the Minister to revoke Proposed Change 1 and include Chapters 12A and 22 in the operative RPS, were set aside. The decision of the High Court has been appealed to the Court of Appeal by Environment Canterbury and other parties. See [Regional Policy Statement Proposed Change 1 \(Development of Greater Christchurch\)](#).

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### The Notice

**Pursuant to section 27(1)(a) of the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Act 2011, the Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery gives the following notice:**

The 1998 Canterbury Regional Policy Statement is amended from the publication of this notice by inserting Chapter 12A Development of Greater Christchurch (including Map 1) in the appropriate place.

Chapter 12A can be viewed on the CERA website at [www.cera.govt.nz](http://www.cera.govt.nz)

Copies are available at the offices and public libraries of the local authorities in greater Christchurch.

This announcement was originally published on [cera.govt.nz](http://cera.govt.nz) and [beehive.govt.nz](http://beehive.govt.nz)

Proposed Change No 1 (Development of Greater Christchurch) to the Canterbury Regional Policy Statement (PC1) is revoked from the publication of this notice.

Given the detailed material contained within Chapter 12A, its full text is not provided in this public notice. The following is a brief summary of its contents.

Chapter 12A is based on PC1, but has been updated as a result of the Canterbury earthquakes. Chapter 12A provides direction for future growth within greater Christchurch by setting out land use distribution, in particular identifying areas available for urban development including specifying residential densities and provision for businesses. Although Chapter 12A promotes intensification of land use within existing urban areas it also identifies appropriate areas for greenfield developments to accommodate projected growth and population relocation.

Chapter 12A seeks to consolidate and intensify growth in certain areas so there is less reliance of private motor vehicles. It requires consideration of environmental challenges (including liquefaction and rockfall) so as to avoid areas of risk. It sets urban limits through Map 1 and requires territorial authorities to provide for sequencing within those limits and to restrain urban activities locating outside of those limits. Policies provide for form, design and outline development plans as a mechanism for integrated urban development.

**Hon Gerry Brownlee**, Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery