

Media Release

Government Response to draft Central City Plan

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The Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority has released the Government's comprehensive response to the draft Central City Recovery Plan prepared by the Christchurch City Council.

CERA chief executive, Roger Sutton, says the Government recognises the plan will provide the framework for the recovery of the Central Business District and is critical to the recovery of the wider region.

"The Government response is the beginning of its engagement in the process by which the plan will be finalised and submitted to the Minister for Earthquake Recovery."

"The response supports the draft plan's vision of a more concentrated CBD and the need to strike the right balance between a strong regulatory framework and encouraging the investment that will revitalise the city."

"The Government also encourages the use of a wide range of tools to achieve the goals of recovery."

"Among the suggestions made by the Government is the need for a clear focus on private sector employment opportunities in the CBD."

Mr Sutton says the City Council is to be congratulated for preparing the draft plan so quickly and for the level of community engagement during its development.

[The full response is available online here.](#)