

Media Release

Port Hills zoning review ongoing

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The chief executive of the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority Roger Sutton, says the team reviewing the Port Hills land zoning is making steady progress, but will not have the work completed by the end of February as hoped.

Mr Sutton says the outcome of the review was initially delayed over the Christmas break with an expectation that it would be finalised by the end of this month.

However the work is still ongoing and won't be delivered to Cabinet to make recommendations on next week.

"I personally called some of these residents before Christmas to let them know the process was not going to be completed on time, and they were very understanding. No-one – not the residents, or the review team – want the outcome to be anything other than correct."

"I am disappointed that we have to delay this outcome once again, but the rationale remains. If we did a half-baked job, we'd all be unhappy about that too. We are still some weeks away from finalising the work."

Mr Sutton says the review takes into consideration the applications from over 100 Port Hills' property owners, but as with the flat land, also considers other boundary properties.

"It is important that all property owners in the Port Hills who are near the zone boundaries be aware that the review is looking at the entire area."

He says owners of any property affected in the review will be contacted personally before any public announcement on the process is made.