



Rebuilding Canterbury

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Rebuilding Canterbury is one of the Government's top priorities. We are doing what's needed to make this happen over the coming weeks, months, and years.

There is a huge task ahead. We will need the on-going patience and cooperation of Cantabrians. Together, we'll get the job done.



Immediate earthquake response

- ✓ Declared a state of national emergency so the Government could make urgent decisions.
- ✓ Opened 10 welfare and recovery centres to provide financial and social support.
- ✓ Contacted 19,000 vulnerable elderly people in the first five days to check if they needed help.
- ✓ Set up the official Christchurch Earthquake Appeal.
- ✓ Re-opened all schools, polytechnics, and universities.
- ✓ Restored power and running water to nearly all households outside the CBD.



Supporting families and businesses

- **63,000 Cantabrians** and their families supported by our **\$200 million wage support and job loss cover package**.
- **\$6.8 million** to help earthquake-affected Canterbury businesses get back on their feet.
- **\$4 million** to help exporters reassure partners that Christchurch is open for business.
- **\$625,000** for Christchurch and Canterbury Tourism.



CERA to lead the rebuild

The Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority (CERA) is responsible for rebuilding Christchurch and its surrounds, and supporting the welfare of residents. Over the next five years, CERA will work closely with the Government, Christchurch City Council, businesses, non-government organisations, and Cantabrians to get Christchurch back on its feet.

Other initiatives

Alliance of expert contractors is working with CERA and the City Council to rebuild Christchurch's damaged roads and underground infrastructure.

Standing behind AMI policyholders with a \$500 million back-up support package for AMI Insurance. If required, this ensures claims will be covered.

Royal Commission of Inquiry on the Canterbury earthquake is looking into issues including the CTV and PGC buildings, and relevant building codes and standards.

NEXT STEPS: BUDGET 2011

\$5.5 BILLION Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Fund to provide certainty for rebuilding Canterbury.

E Q BONDS to help Kiwis fund the recovery and provide investors with a new savings option.

4500 PLACES for construction-related training, including 1500 new places worth \$42 million.

\$25 MILLION for CERA over two years to help the authority lead the rebuild.

\$10 MILLION for social service agencies and counselling support for Cantabrians rebuilding their lives.

More information: www.cera.govt.nz