

**Reprint  
as at 24 September 2010**



**Canterbury Earthquake (Resource  
Management Act) Order 2010**  
(SR 2010/318)

Anand Satyanand, Governor-General

**Order in Council**

At Wellington this 16th day of September 2010

Present:  
His Excellency the Governor-General in Council

Pursuant to section 6 of the Canterbury Earthquake Response and Recovery Act 2010, His Excellency the Governor-General makes the following order, acting—

- (a) on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council;  
and

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**Note**

Changes authorised by section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989 have been made in this reprint.

A general outline of these changes is set out in the notes at the end of this reprint, together with other explanatory material about this reprint.

**This order was administered by the Ministry for the Environment.**

- (b) on the recommendation of the relevant Minister made in accordance with section 6(2) of that Act.

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## Order

- 1 Title**  
This order is the Canterbury Earthquake (Resource Management Act) Order 2010.
- 2 Commencement**  
This order is deemed to have come into force on 4 September 2010.

**3 Expiry**

This order expires on the close of 31 March 2012.

**4 Application**

This order applies to each of the following councils:

- (a) Christchurch City Council:
- (b) Selwyn District Council:
- (c) Waimakariri District Council:
- (d) Canterbury Regional Council.

**5 Interpretation**

In this order, unless the context otherwise requires,—

**Act** means the Resource Management Act 1991

**applicant** has the meaning given in section 2(1) of the Act

**consent** means a resource consent within the meaning of the Act

**consent authority** has the meaning given in section 2(1) of the Act

**local authorities** means, collectively, the councils listed in **clause 4**

**resource consent** has the meaning given in section 2(1) of the Act.

*Time periods that may be extended*

**6 Extension of time for resource consents held by local authorities**

- (1) This clause applies in addition to the powers under section 37A of the Act if a local authority holds a resource consent that—
  - (a) expires on a date between 4 September 2010 and 4 December 2010; or
  - (b) specifies, as a condition of the consent, that any step in the implementation of the consent, including any requirement for information to be provided to the consent authority, must be complied with by a date between 4 September 2010 and 4 December 2010.

- (2) A consent to which subclause (1)(a) applies is deemed to be renewed for 60 working days from the date on which it would otherwise have expired.
- (3) The date on which any matter of the kind referred to in subclause (1)(b) must be completed is extended by 60 working days from the specified date.

Clause 6(1): amended (with effect on 4 September 2010), on 24 September 2010, by clause 4 of the Canterbury Earthquake (Resource Management Act) Amendment Order 2010 (SR 2010/325).

## **7 Other extensions of time**

- (1) This clause applies in addition to the powers under section 37A of the Act, for the duration of this order, if a local authority is carrying out functions as a consent authority.
- (2) A local authority may, upon request by the applicant, grant an extension of time under section 37 of the Act for the exercise of any function or for carrying out or completing any requirement or process.
- (3) The extension of time granted under this clause may be for any period not exceeding 6 months from the date that would have applied but for this order.
- (4) The power to grant an extension of time applies whether or not the period has expired that would have applied but for this order.
- (5) The local authority must give written notice of the extension of time to—
  - (a) the applicant; and
  - (b) every person who, in its opinion, is directly affected by the extension of time.

Clause 7(1): amended (with effect on 4 September 2010), on 24 September 2010, by clause 5 of the Canterbury Earthquake (Resource Management Act) Amendment Order 2010 (SR 2010/325).

## **8 Preparation and change of policy statements and plans**

- (1) In addition to clause 1(2) of Schedule 1 of the Act, in the case of a request for a local authority to change a policy statement or plan under Part 2 of Schedule 1 of the Act, the local authority may, on its own initiative, waive or extend the time for the exercise of a function or for carrying out or completing any

requirement or process, provided the change requested is not relevant to the promotion of the purpose of the Canterbury Earthquake Response and Recovery Act 2010.

- (2) A waiver or extension of time granted under this clause may be for any period not exceeding 6 months from the date that would have applied, but for this order.

**9 Effect of extension of time**

No obligation arises in the period between 4 September 2010 and 1 July 2011 for a local authority to pay a discount under regulations made under section 360(1)(hj) of the Act.

*Relaxation of certain duties*

**10 Duty to keep records and observe and enforce district plans**

- (1) Between 4 September 2010 and 4 December 2010, the duties referred to in subclause (2) apply to the local authorities only as far as it is reasonably practicable for the local authorities to fulfil those duties, having regard to the circumstances arising from the Canterbury earthquake.
- (2) The duties are—
- (a) the duty under sections 35 and 35A of the Act to keep records; and
  - (b) the duty under section 84 of the Act to observe and enforce its district and regional plans and policy statements.

*Modifications and exemptions*

**11 Modified requirements for exercise of emergency powers**

- (1) This clause applies if the power to undertake emergency works is exercised under section 330 of the Act by or on behalf of a local authority.
- (2) Without limiting section 330(3) of the Act, if the occupier of a place that must be entered for the purpose of an emergency work is not present, a notice must be displayed in a prominent place on the land, advising of the date and purpose of entry and providing the contact details of the person who can provide further information.

- (3) The time within which advice of an action must be given under section 330A(1) or 330B(2) of the Act is extended to 20 working days.
- (4) If a local authority carries out emergency works requiring a resource consent, the time within which an application for a resource consent must be lodged under section 330A(2) or 330B(3) of the Act is extended to 60 working days.
- (5) Sections 330A(3) and 330B(4) of the Act apply subject to the time periods modified by subclauses (3) and (4) of this clause.
- (6) The exemption provided by section 330B(5) of the Act (which relates to the commission of an offence under section 338(1)(a) of the Act) applies subject to the modified time periods referred to in subclause (5) of this clause.

## **12 Exemption under Building Act 2004**

No resource consent is required if a local authority exercises its powers under section 129 of the Building Act 2004.

### *Delegations*

## **13 Delegations**

A local authority may permit the chief executive of the local authority to exercise the powers of delegation of the local authority under section 34A of the Act.

### *Additional defence*

## **14 Liability arising from circumstances of Canterbury earthquake**

Despite anything in the Act, a local authority is not liable for prosecution for an omission of the local authority that permits a contravention of any of sections 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, or 15 of the Act, provided that omission is reasonably necessary to promote the purpose of the Canterbury Earthquake Response and Recovery Act 2010.

Rebecca Kitteridge,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

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**Notes****1 General**

This is a reprint of the Canterbury Earthquake (Resource Management Act) Order 2010. The reprint incorporates all the amendments to the order as at 24 September 2010, as specified in the list of amendments at the end of these notes.

Relevant provisions of any amending enactments that contain transitional, savings, or application provisions that cannot be compiled in the reprint are also included, after the principal enactment, in chronological order. For more information, see <http://www.pco.parliament.govt.nz/reprints/>.

**2 Status of reprints**

Under section 16D of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989, reprints are presumed to correctly state, as at the date of the reprint, the law enacted by the principal enactment and by the amendments to that enactment. This presumption applies even though editorial changes authorised by section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989 have been made in the reprint.

This presumption may be rebutted by producing the official volumes of statutes or statutory regulations in which the principal enactment and its amendments are contained.

**3 How reprints are prepared**

A number of editorial conventions are followed in the preparation of reprints. For example, the enacting words are not included in Acts, and provisions that are repealed or revoked

are omitted. For a detailed list of the editorial conventions, see <http://www.pco.parliament.govt.nz/editorial-conventions/> or Part 8 of the *Tables of New Zealand Acts and Ordinances and Statutory Regulations and Deemed Regulations in Force*.

#### **4 Changes made under section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989**

Section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989 authorises the making of editorial changes in a reprint as set out in sections 17D and 17E of that Act so that, to the extent permitted, the format and style of the reprinted enactment is consistent with current legislative drafting practice. Changes that would alter the effect of the legislation are not permitted. A new format of legislation was introduced on 1 January 2000. Changes to legislative drafting style have also been made since 1997, and are ongoing. To the extent permitted by section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989, all legislation reprinted after 1 January 2000 is in the new format for legislation and reflects current drafting practice at the time of the reprint.

In outline, the editorial changes made in reprints under the authority of section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989 are set out below, and they have been applied, where relevant, in the preparation of this reprint:

- omission of unnecessary referential words (such as “of this section” and “of this Act”)
- typeface and type size (Times Roman, generally in 11.5 point)
- layout of provisions, including:
  - indentation
  - position of section headings (eg, the number and heading now appear above the section)
- format of definitions (eg, the defined term now appears in bold type, without quotation marks)
- format of dates (eg, a date formerly expressed as “the 1st day of January 1999” is now expressed as “1 January 1999”)

- position of the date of assent (it now appears on the front page of each Act)
- punctuation (eg, colons are not used after definitions)
- Parts numbered with roman numerals are replaced with arabic numerals, and all cross-references are changed accordingly
- case and appearance of letters and words, including:
  - format of headings (eg, headings where each word formerly appeared with an initial capital letter followed by small capital letters are amended so that the heading appears in bold, with only the first word (and any proper nouns) appearing with an initial capital letter)
  - small capital letters in section and subsection references are now capital letters
- schedules are renumbered (eg, Schedule 1 replaces First Schedule), and all cross-references are changed accordingly
- running heads (the information that appears at the top of each page)
- format of two-column schedules of consequential amendments, and schedules of repeals (eg, they are rearranged into alphabetical order, rather than chronological).

## **5 *List of amendments incorporated in this reprint (most recent first)***

Canterbury Earthquake (Resource Management Act) Amendment Order 2010  
(SR 2010/325)

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