The Response to the Christchurch Earthquake

Purpose: Information
Submitted by: New Zealand
THE RESPONSE TO THE CHRISTCHURCH EARTHQUAKE
Resilience

Risk reduction, Readiness, Response and Recovery

Science and Research
Community Involvement

Professionals and volunteers together
Friends and neighbours
Large numbers of emergent community groups
Local welfare information hubs
International Assistance

Other Lessons

Response Co-ordination
Business sector
Media management

Dust over Central Christchurch minutes after 1251 22 February 2011
Conclusion

Resilience and the fours Rs is appropriate
Arrangements for CDEM in NZ worked well
Research pays dividends in readiness, response and recovery and in building codes.
Involve the community and encourage resilience
Need to continue to put effort into preparedness
Operational Priorities

Phase 1: Rescue
Casualties
Shelter water food/utilities

Phase 2: Recovery of deceased
Welfare of residents

Phase 3: Community Wellbeing
Economic recovery
Recovery Planning

Building Collapse