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## **The Response to the Christchurch Earthquake**

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# THE RESPONSE TO THE CHRISTCHURCH EARTHQUAKE

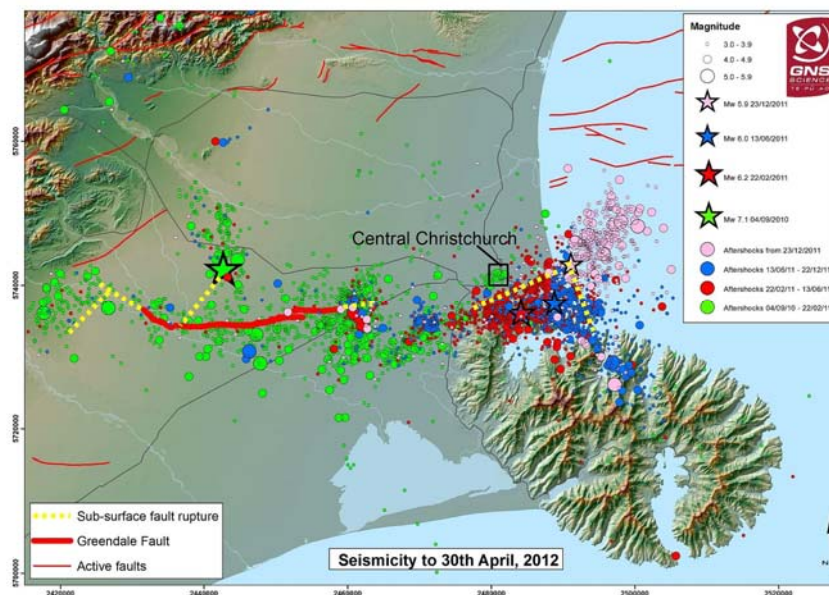


# Resilience

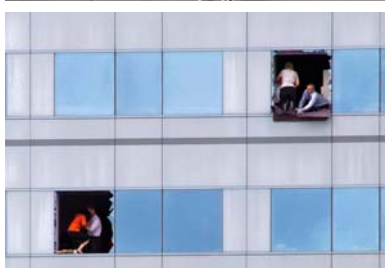


Risk reduction, Readiness, Response and Recovery

# Science and Research



## Community Involvement



## Community Response

Professionals and volunteers together

Friends and neighbours

Large numbers of emergent community groups

Local welfare information hubs





## International Assistance

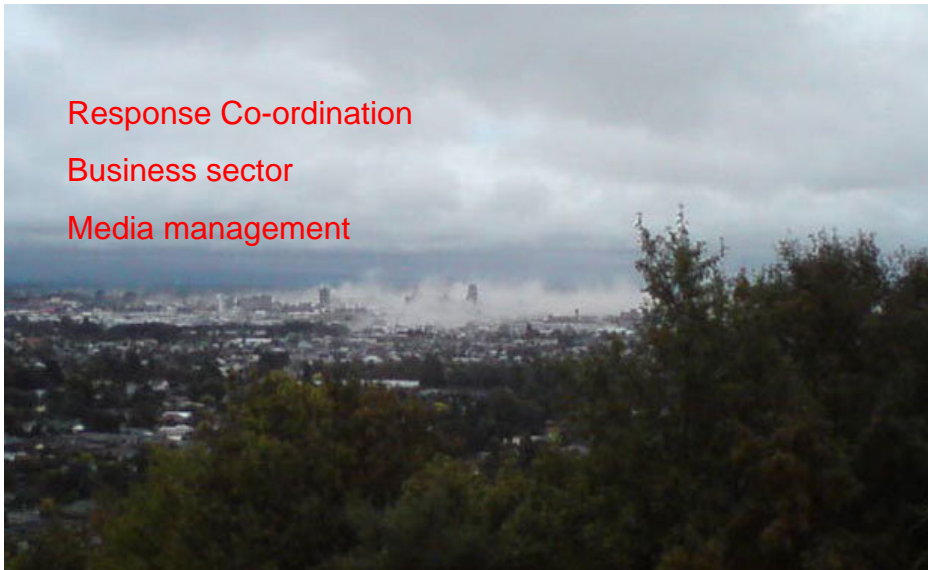
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## Other Lessons

Response Co-ordination

Business sector

Media management



Dust over Central Christchurch minutes after 1251 22 February 2011

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## Conclusion

Resilience and the four 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

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## 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

