Hi,
This is a request under the LGOIMA.
- can you please provide a list of buildings your council considers earthquake prone.
- does your council have a list of buildings it considers potentially earthquake prone?
- if so, please provide that list
- what does your council require of owners of earthquake-prone buildings (in terms of reports/assessments)?
- what does your council require of owners of buildings considered potentially earthquake-prone?
- does your council require earthquake prone buildings to display a notice of any kind? if so, what must this notice state.
- does your council contribute to the cost of assessments on buildings considered potentially earthquake-prone?
- is the council's list of earthquake-prone buildings publicly available? if so, how can it be accessed?

Thanks
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Dear Marty

I refer to your request for information relating to earthquake prone buildings. Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) and I provide the following information.

The Council is currently compiling a list of earthquake prone buildings. Building owners have been notified if the Council does not hold sufficient information to classify the building. They have until 1 July 2014 to provide information to confirm the status of their buildings. Until this Information is provided the Council will not hold a comprehensive list of buildings considered 'earthquake prone' or 'potentially earthquake prone' as per the Council policy. A copy of the policy can be found at:


The Council requires that owners of earthquake prone buildings built pre-1976 that have not already been upgraded, as a minimum, undertake an initial evaluation procedure (IEP) by 1 July 2014. In regards to potentially earthquake prone buildings the owners are required to upgrade so the building is no longer earthquake prone with a specified timeframe, and dependent on the current performance of the building.

The Council does not currently require owners of earthquake prone buildings to have notices affixed to the building, however, once Notices to Fix are issued these will need to be displayed.

At this time the Council does not directly contribute to the cost of assessment. However, funding is available through the Dunedin Heritage Fund for owners of heritage buildings to undertake assessments or strengthening work.

It is the Council's intention to make the list of earthquake prone buildings publicly available, via the website, once the reports have been received and the status of buildings clarified. Currently the public are able to enquire as to whether specific buildings have had reports completed and information on the status (awaiting confirmation, likely to be earthquake prone, earthquake prone or not earthquake prone) is available on the Land Information Memorandum.

I trust this answers your query.

Yours faithfully

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