

Christchurch, which I will refer to 'à la Kiwi' as CHCH, was struck by a large earthquake Sept 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010. This had been the first major earthquake the Canterbury region had experienced in many years, to the point that most people were unaware the area even sat atop a fault line. Feb 22, 2011 another earthquake, with a magnitude of 6.3, struck this time killing 185 people and leaving the majority of the city's CBD/residential areas destroyed.

Despite the obvious devastation these events caused the city, it also provided the nearly unprecedented opportunity to renew, rethink and revitalise central CHCH. With such sudden, unexpected and widespread devastation the concerned government authorities acted fast to devise a comprehensive, non-sequential strategy that would address the city's idealized future form. In a 100-day effort 'Blueprint Plan', a high-level central city master plan was created. The primary physical aspects of the plan are the 'frame', anchor projects, designated 'precincts', mid rise height restrictions ~~directly from the~~ Garden City connection. I had the pleasure of learning about the plan Christchurch Central Development Unit's General Manager of Planning and Design – Don Miskell.

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