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Dear Barnaby

Re: Request under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request received on 10 September 2013. You requested the following:

“CERA and CCDU frequently cite the fact that the blueprint is based on the Council run Share an Idea campaign. Can you explain how this happened? Was there a methodology for how the data was interpreted? Were the councils interpretations fully accepted, or were some dismissed, and if so through what process?”

The Christchurch City Council (CCC) ‘Share an Idea’ project was a large consultation process which gathered more than 100,000 ideas from the people of Christchurch on what they wanted their rebuilt city to look like. This resulted in the CCC’s ‘draft Central City Plan for Ministerial Approval’ which was presented to Minister Brownlee. Minister Brownlee then tasked the Christchurch Central Development Unit with taking the plan and developing it into a workable blueprint for implementation, and with making changes in the district plan to allow it to happen. CERA did not reinterpret or reanalyse the base data from the ‘Share an Idea’ process. We accepted CCC’s analysis at face value. This is covered in the Christchurch Central Recovery plan itself on pages 21-23.

Not all ideas from the ‘draft Central City plan for Ministerial Approval’ were accepted however. For example, the transport chapter was set aside and given more time to be redeveloped into the Accessible City chapter that the Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery is currently considering. I suggest if you would like to investigate the differences more closely you should compare the Council’s ‘draft Central City Recovery Plan for Ministerial Approval’ with the final Christchurch Central Recovery plan. The links for these two documents are provided below:

<http://resources.ccc.govt.nz/files/CentralCityDecember2011/FinalDraftPlan/FinaldraftCentralCityPlan.pdf>

<http://ccdu.govt.nz/the-plan>

It is worth noting that a number of CCC staff were located inside CERA and worked on the Christchurch Central Recovery Plan.

Again, thank you for your request.

Yours sincerely

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Roger Sutton
Chief Executive