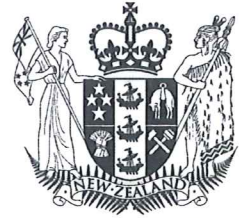


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Dear Mr Layton

Thank you for your request of 26 May 2011, under the Official Information Act 1982, for information about the plan to reduce the size of the red zone cordon as at 26 May 2011 and 1 July 2011. Each of your questions is responded to below.

1. Is reducing the size of the Red Zone cordon the primary focus?

The primary focus is to facilitate the regeneration of business in the CBD in a safe and efficient manner. In order to facilitate this, buildings damaged beyond economical repair need to be demolished, and those that require repair, need to be made safe. Access to the current cordon area needs to be controlled to allow this to occur. The cordon area will be reduced in a progressive manner as discrete areas can be freed. This will depend on the demolition programme and traffic management plan.

This primary focus has not changed between the two dates. Two maps are attached for your information showing the red zone cordon as at 26 May and at 1 July 2011.

2. In precise detail, what is the current plan and process around reducing the size of the Red Zone?

The demolition programme will work south from Cashel Mall and Hereford Streets, then east to Madras, north to Kilmore, and finally west to Durham Street. The Grand Chancellor deconstruction timetable is the current limiting factor in terms of a timeframe. Once demolitions and make safe works in discrete areas have been completed, areas can be released from the cordon progressively to allow rebuilding and business activity to occur.

This, however, depends in part on assessing whether any buildings within the cordon have become dangerous after each significant earthquake or aftershock such as those on 13 June 2011.

3. What has been achieved to date towards reducing the size of the Red Zone cordon as it stands on 26 May [and 1 July] 2011?

The following areas were released from the cordon with effect 5pm 3 June 2011:

- the area bounded by High, Tuam and Madras Streets
- the area bounded by Columbo, Kilmore, Durham and Peterborough Streets

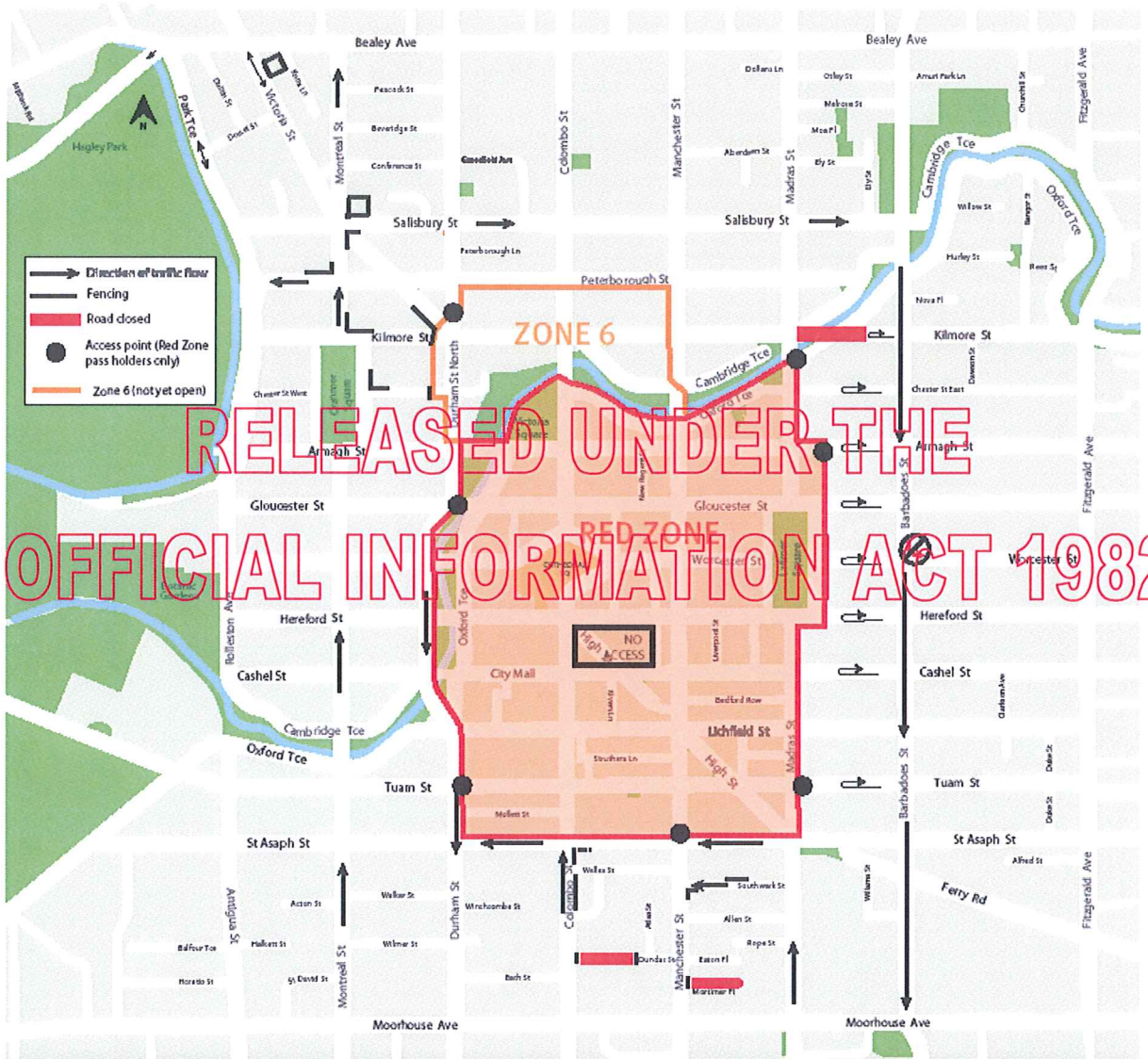
Further reductions of Zone 6 will be made once progress on the Medlab building has been achieved.

You have the right to make a complaint to an Ombudsman about the delays in processing your request, but I hope that you will understand that the delays have been as a consequence of CERA's loss of premises and business interruption following the 13 June earthquakes.

Yours sincerely

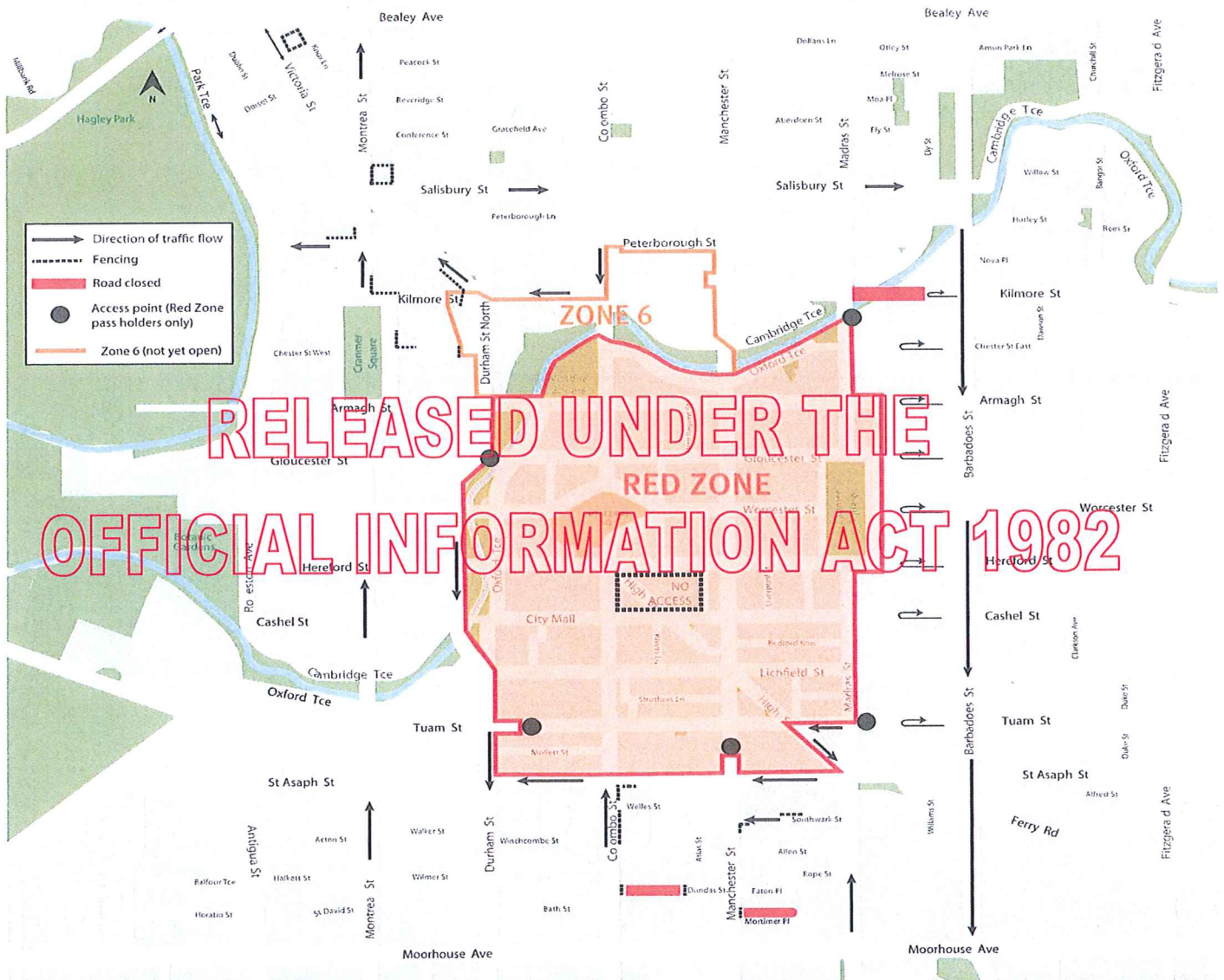
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Roger Sutton
Chief Executive



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Cordon Reduction Map Zone 6



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