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Frank

Via email to FYI.org.nz: fyi-request-23089-22a82eaf@requests.fyi.org.nz



Dear Frank

Official Information Request for ECC/EOC Seismic Resilience

I refer to your official information request, made under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and received 11 June 2023 as follows:

Please identify for your CDEM Group and it's members each building that is currently identified as the building intended/likely to be used as

-the ECC

-an EOC

after a seismic event.

Please provide the buildings current %nbs at IL4, the date of the last assessment, and the type of seismic assessment completed.

Alternately if you do not hold/cannot provide the above please provide the last seismic assessment for the buildings identified above

Your request has been granted in full.

Our CDEM Group is Emergency Management Southland (EMS). Their website can be found here: <https://cdsouthland.nz/>

There are four councils in Southland, these being:

- Environment Southland (brand name of Southland Regional Council)
- Gore District Council
- Invercargill City Council
- Southland District Council

EMS is a shared service between the four Southland councils. It allows our region to act much like a unitary authority, and so therefore EMS does not operate Emergency Operation Centres (EOCs) in Southland.

The Emergency Co-ordination Centre (ECC) is located in "Tau Whakamaru", an outbuilding at the Environment Southland offices on the corner of North Road and Price Street, Invercargill.

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The ECC building was established in 2010. During this project, a consultant engineering design firm was engaged to provide services for the “structural check and design of upgrade for Importance Level 4”. Invercargill City Council, as the Building Consent Authority, approved the upgraded design.

Invercargill City Council has not sought an NBS rating for the building, because as part of their seismic profiling of buildings, it has to fall under one of three categories to require an engineer’s assessment. The ECC building did not fit into any of these categories. You can find out more about Invercargill City Council’s system for managing earthquake-prone buildings here: <https://icc.govt.nz/earthquake-prone-buildings/>

I hope that this fully answers your enquiry and the additional context is helpful. If you wish to discuss this matter with us further, please feel free to contact Dominic Rikiti, General Manager Business Services, at Dominic.Rikiti@es.govt.nz.

You also have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dominic Rikiti', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dominic Rikiti
General Manager, Business Services