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> Subject:DBH's engineering advisory group Hi Lynne and Peter

> I thought it might be helpful to have a look on the DBH website for  
> more info about their guidance information.

> The Department says on its website that it “publishes Technical  
> Guidance documents, to help building practitioners, building officials  
> and industry consider a wider range of options for complying with the  
> Building Code than those provided by Compliance Documents. Technical  
> Guidance documents promote a consistent approach to establishing compliance.”

> They have also got a special page for guidance related to the earthquakes:

> <http://www.dbh.govt.nz/canterbury-earthquake-technical-guidance>

> Of particular interest on this page is the link to the section on the  
> Department's engineering advisory group

> <http://www.dbh.govt.nz/canterbury-earthquake-eag>

> The EAG was established after 4 September 2010, to consider a range of  
> technical issues involved in the recovery of residential dwellings,  
> but has been expanded to include a commercial workstream. We would  
> possibly need to ask them to expand their work again for RPS? –  
> although it could be argued this is simply another extension to the  
> recovery of residential dwellings workstream. Particularly as after  
> September their work was around investigating how residential  
> structures responded to liquefaction, and coming up with guidance for  
> that – the geotech hazards are another barrier” to recovery, but is  
> one that has been “thrown up” by the Eqs, just as liquefaction has been.

> The objectives of the group are:

> Objectives of the Engineering Advisory Group

> (i) To provide guidance on engineering requirements and regulatory  
> processes for the assessment of damage and specification of repair and  
> reconstruction.

> (ii) To facilitate interaction between engineers, EQC, commercial  
> insurers, the Christchurch Earthquake Recovery Authority and  
> Christchurch City, Selwyn District and Waimakiriri District councils  
> on the engineering requirements and regulatory issues and processes.

> (iii) To convey the engineering requirements for various repair and

> reconstruction options and techniques to the insurance, design and  
> construction sectors.

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> The EAG comprises a small group of leading engineers and remediation  
> specialists, including representatives from the following organisations:

- > \* Department of Building and Housing
- > \* EQC
- > \* BRANZ (incl. representing the NZS3604 Committee)
- > \* GNS Science
- > \* Structural Engineering Society (SESOC)
- > \* NZ Society for Earthquake Engineering
- > \* NZ Geotechnical Society

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> This part of the website does not identify who exactly is on this  
> group – but I am sure that this is the group Steve and I were  
> referring to (I called it the Technical Advisory Group).

> The November guidance document on TC3 land states the group is:

- > Dave Brunson Kestrel Group Ltd
- > Graeme Beattie BRANZ Ltd
- > Barry Brown Fraser Thomas Ltd/  
> NZ Structural  
> Engineering Society
- > George Hooper Earthquake Commission
- > Andrew King GNS Science
- > John Leeves Tonkin & Taylor Ltd
- > Peter Millar Tonkin & Taylor Ltd
- > Pat Moynihan Earthquake Commission
- > Rob Robinson Remediation Specialist

