

Towards a National Policy Framework for Post-Disaster Reconstruction in New Zealand

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The Research

Working Title:

An Evaluation of the Implementation of Post
Disaster Reconstruction Strategies in New
Zealand

Objective:

to facilitate both efficient and effective
reconstruction of the built environment through
the implementation of enabling legislative
provisions



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The Research

Research Questions:

- How will the existing legislation and regulatory provisions be made to facilitate the implementation of large scale reconstruction programmes?
- How can a balance be achieved between the needs for speedy reconstruction programmes and the specific requirements for regulatory compliances?

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Impetus

- Workshop (April, 2006)
- Commissioned Studies
 - MWH, 2004
 - Page, 2005
 - AELG, 2005
 - Messrs Anthony Harper, 2006
- Disaster Reconstruction Phenomenon
 - Hurricane Katrina, Asian Ocean Tsunami...

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Survey Objectives

- Effect of the CDEM; RMA; BA on post-disaster reconstruction
- Span of control and liabilities of disaster personnel
- Improving existing arrangements for emergency readiness and response.
- Simplifying the consent process

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Some Survey Outcomes

- The Building Act
 - Consent processing issues
 - MoUs
- The RMA
 - Consultative process
- The CDEM Act
 - Powers of recovery coordinators



Implications for Reconst.

- Loss of vital momentum of action.
- Loss of commitment to the reconstruction process.
- Difficulties in achieving reconstruction deliverables.
- Impairment of overall community recovery and quality of life.

DELAYS! DELAYS!! DELAYS!!! then FRUSTRATION



A National Policy Framework ?



- Purpose?
- Content?
- Modalities?
- Addressee?

What should be included?
What should it guide?
A mother of all guidelines?



Thank You


