

House of Representatives
Supplementary Order Paper

Tuesday, 12 April 2011

Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Bill

Proposed amendments

Kennedy Graham, in Committee, to move the following amendments:

Clause 15

To add the following subclause (after line 24 on page 13):

- (4) Once the Recovery Strategy is in place, the Minister and chief executive must ensure that they exercise their powers, rights, and privileges in a manner that is consistent with the Recovery Strategy.

Clause 20

Subclause (3): to omit this subclause (lines 30 to 33 on page 15) and substitute the following subclause:

- (3) The Minister and the responsible entities have an obligation to consult affected communities.
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Explanatory note

This Supplementary Order Paper amends the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Bill. There is a wide range of unilateral powers that are given to the Minister and the chief executive under the proposed Act. While we agree it cannot be and should not be business as usual after the catastrophic earthquake, there needs to be further checks and balances put on these extensive powers. The amendment to *clause 15* limits the Minister's and chief executive's emergency powers to a nine month period after which they will need to be consistent with the Recovery Strategy.

The amendment to *clause 20* will give the people of Christchurch a right to a say in how their city should be rebuilt by requiring an obligation to consult communities affected by the recovery plans.
