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| Green       | Go zone        | Repair / rebuild process can begin  
• No significant land issues prevent rebuilding based on current adopted seismic standards  
• Land damage may be present but this can be repaired on an individual basis as part of the normal insurance process  
• Insurers can continue claim settlements on repairs and rebuilds on individual properties  
• Department of Building and Housing (DBH) is preparing engineering guidelines for repair/rebuild of houses in these areas  
• Some properties may require specific engineering design to comply with the DBH guidelines  
• Decisions on when to commence rebuild/repairs should take account of ongoing seismic activity and potential for significant aftershocks  
• Some isolated properties that have severe land damage where repair costs exceed the Earthquake Commission assessed land value may be reclassified as a hold zone (orange) once identified |
| Orange      | Hold zone      | Further assessment required  
• New damage following the 13 June 2011 event requires further assessment  
• Generally land damage ranges from moderate to very severe  
• Many buildings are uneconomic to repair  
• Extent of infrastructure damage is unclear  
• Detailed assessment is required to determine whether land repair is practical  
• Following further assessment and engineering work many of these areas may be reclassified as suitable for rebuilding i.e. green go zone |
| Red         | Red zone       | Land repair would be prolonged and uneconomic  
• Land has suffered significant and extensive damage  
• Most buildings are uneconomic to repair  
• There is a high risk of further damage to land and buildings from low-levels of shaking (e.g. aftershocks), flooding or spring tides  
• Infrastructure needs to be completely rebuilt  
• Land repair solutions would be difficult to implement, prolonged and disruptive for landowners |
| White       | Un zoned       | PORT HILLS – The earthquakes on 13 June 2011 caused further extensive damage. Mapping and assessment is underway. |

Zones have been developed around residential land, building and infrastructure damage assessments. The classified zones are targeted for residential properties and exclude all other property types e.g. schools, parks, commercial areas etc.