

Business Recovery After The Earthquakes

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'Business as Usual'

Essential to:

- Get businesses back to 'business as usual' as quickly as possible
- Done through immediate and effective economic stimulus
- Repairing damage



Immediate Impacts

- Marlborough extremely reliant on combination of rail, air, sea transport and roads.
- Major Spending in Marlborough region dropped 1% GDP with a forecast reduction of 0.12 to 0.14 percent
- Falling hotel bookings due to road closures –
- Significant drop in domestic and international tourist numbers
- Primary sector damage –







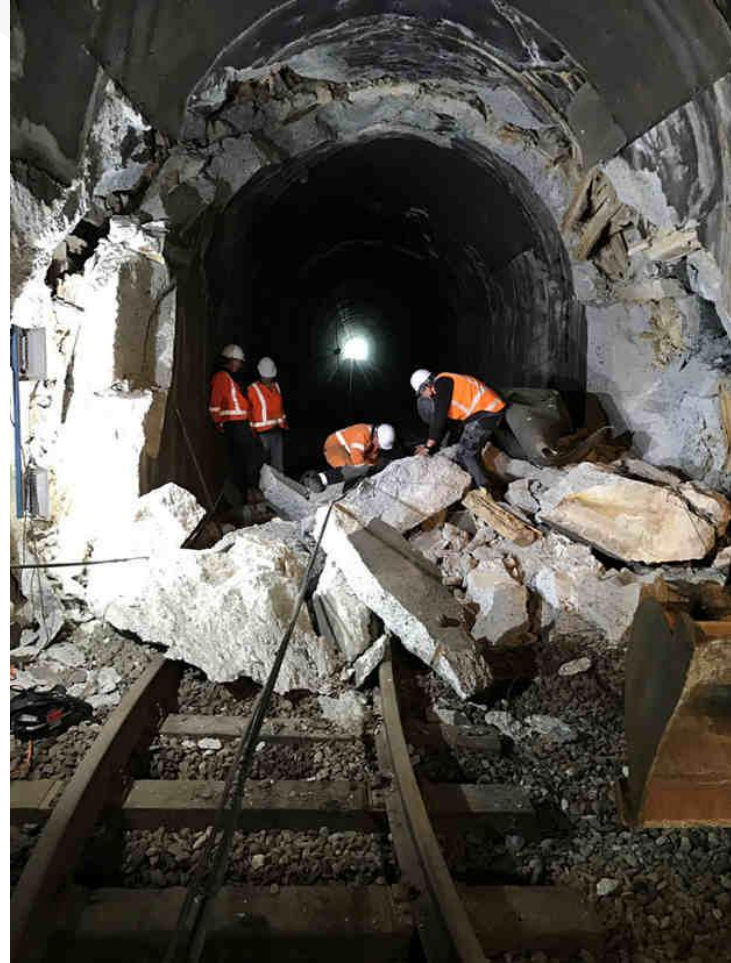
The Urgent Issues

- Social matters including health, education, safety, financial assistance and wellbeing
- Housing
- Infrastructure
- Natural environment









Earthquake Support Subsidy

The Government provided \$17.5 million to 862 businesses affected by earthquakes

Implemented to help businesses retain staff and continue to pay them while transitioning back to business as usual.

Civil Defence Payments

Civil Defence payments provided to cover the following costs:

- payments for people hosting evacuees (private homes, marae or community centres)
- accommodation costs for people who were evacuated and were staying in tourist accommodation (motels, hotels or temporary rental accommodation)
- loss of livelihood (where people couldn't work and have lost income because of the earthquake)
- food, clothing and bedding

Insurance

- Insurers paid out over \$1 billion to business and homes
- EQC received more than 38,000 residential claims for damage caused
- MoU in place between EQC and private insurers to allow insurers to assess all claims, even if under the EQC cap
- As at 30 April 2019, 99% of EQC claims for the Kaikōura earthquake have been settled.
- Improved customer satisfaction rates compared to Christchurch
- Allowed for residents and businesses to get back on with their lives far quicker

Business after

- The total cost of the damage from the earthquake is estimated to fall between \$3-8 billion.
- Since the highway reopened, the visitor economy quickly recovered and we are seeing very good growth in that sector.
- Kaikōura is now 'open for business', tourists are welcome, recovery work has started and the residents are getting used to a 'new normal'.
- First launch of Coastal train bring significant tourist numbers back to region
- Vineyards experienced record levels in sales last year

Questions?