

Minister for Greater Christchurch Regeneration Megan Woods and Christchurch Mayor Lianne Dalziel have sent this year's Letter of Expectations to Regenerate Christchurch.

Regenerate Christchurch has delivered a number of significant achievements including work on the central city, Cathedral Square, recommendations that Section 71 of the Greater Christchurch Regeneration Act be used to enable Redcliffs School to be re-located to Redcliffs Park; assessing and providing advice on the Cranford Regeneration Plan, the re-zoning of land for the Canterbury Sports Limited facility in Yaldhurst and changes to the residential unit overlay; and, most significantly, delivery of the draft Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor Regeneration Plan.

Minister Woods and Mayor Dalziel say Regenerate has played an important legislative role in the delivery of these major pieces of work, which have contributed to Christchurch being in a strong position for the future and for the next phase of regeneration. Regenerate's staff have worked incredibly hard to make these happen. Now we are entering a new phase, as the Letter of Expectations attests.

Minister Woods says: "This new phase will see Regenerate Christchurch continuing to play an important role in meeting its statutory requirements under the GCR Act, for example, providing advice to me on whether to approve outline proposals for the development of Regeneration Plans relating to the Christchurch District and responding to any new Section 71 proposals.

"I have always been clear; it is time for Regenerate Christchurch to be working with other agencies on a plan to transition its accountabilities and functions over time, including ensuring the transfer of accumulated knowledge and lessons. Regenerate Christchurch will work strategically with other agencies to achieve this.

"The intention has always been to return the regeneration of Christchurch to local leadership and for the Crown to step back from its extraordinary responsibilities. The time is right, Christchurch is now well placed for this and it is important we start discussions now to ensure a smooth and successful transition.

"I am determined that we do not arrive at a cliff-face at the end of the legislation."

She says work on how that transition will progress is part of the Global Settlement, which the Crown and Christchurch City Council are currently negotiating. Regenerate Christchurch is one part of that transition.

"The Global Settlement will provide greater certainty on how regeneration assets, responsibilities, institutional arrangements and opportunities will be managed going forward," Minister Woods says.

Mayor Lianne Dalziel says there is still the opportunity to utilise the legislation in conjunction with Regenerate Christchurch, which has undertaken a really important role in the transition from CERA to the next steps in the city's regeneration.

"Transition and the return to local leadership started earlier this year with the revocation of the Order in Council, which means Christchurch City Council now fully manages our District Plan."

"There is still an important role for Regenerate Christchurch to play. But the Minister and I are both clear that this has to be a deliberate and planned transition towards local leadership to set us up for the future."

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