



Christchurch North East Secondary Education Committee Inc.

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The North East Secondary Education Committee Inc. supports the removal of high school zoning restrictions for families living in the Central City enabling their children to enrol at any school throughout the city. However, we believe this is a short term measure only that should be reviewed in 5 years.

High schools remaining in the Central City post earthquake have specific admission requirements limiting entry. When the Central City residential population becomes established, the need for a Central City based state high school may become evident during the 5 year review.

Council and Central Government need to co-ordinate the redevelopment of the Central City with a comprehensive education plan for the outer suburbs. The population in some areas will increase through migration of communities from the red zoned areas to new residential housing. High school requirements in these areas need to be actively managed to avoid oversights.

In North East Christchurch especially, population growth has exceeded predictions and the community has already identified the need for a local high school. More housing developments are proceeding through the consent process since the earthquake.

Ministry of Education planning needs to prioritize local schooling and ensure it is accessible. Provision of education for children will be the foundation for building sustainable communities for families throughout Christchurch. New schools or facilities could become shared assets for the community enhancing the well being of all residents.