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STATEMENT - RECOVERY PLAN

Today's Recovery Plan announcement from the Minister of Earthquake Recovery is a significant milestone for Lyttelton Port of Christchurch (LPC), and will greatly assist the port to continue to fulfil its role as a key component of the Canterbury recovery.

A Recovery Plan provides LPC with a more streamlined consenting process but importantly still contains all of the rigorous assessment of effects.

"The scale of the programme of works required for the Port would, under the Resource Management Act, see LPC applying for over 100 separate consents – a process that could take over five years," said Peter Davie CEO.

"The uncertainty and possible delays that this would cause is likely to significantly impact the time it would take to finish repairs, and limit our ability to act as key enabler in the recovery of Christchurch."

"We view that taking a whole picture approach, rather than a one-consent-at-a-time process, is not only more efficient for LPC but also for the community and the regulators."

"By assessing the effects as an entire package rather than in isolation the community and regulators can clearly view the big picture."

LPC has been planning how to best address the significant damage to the Port from the 2010/11 earthquakes since 2011.

The Port has continued to operate and cope with increased freight volumes despite not being able to use large areas of the port.

LPC will be publicly announcing their repair and development programme in the near future.

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