

Christchurch – Central City Plan



1. February 2011, a devastating earthquake destroyed the Central Business District of Christchurch, New Zealand.
2. At least 50% of the existing buildings need to be demolished.
3. The destruction was so complete, that it has created an unprecedented opportunity to use modern communication tools to invent a new space for the 21st century.

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1. The City started a website called shareanidea.org.nz 58,000 visits
2. People responded to questions about transportation, public spaces, activities and types of businesses and types of housing. MOVE, MARKET, SPACE & LIFE.
3. The City held a two-day Community Expo attended by 10,000 residents.
4. Share an Idea was present on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, radio and print media, television , and drop boxes in Colleges.
5. Stakeholder meetings were held with organizations and business representatives.

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The Results?

1. Active participation by the Ngai Tahu whose land rights were restored in 1996 after being denied for 150 years.
2. Increased open space, Green Buildings and Green Infrastructure.
3. Compact Central Business District with free Wi-Fi, ultra-fast broadband.
4. Redesigned roads that support walking, cycling, bus system a new commuter rail system and short-term free parking.
5. Market Rate Housing and High Quality Subsidized Housing.
6. Incentives for Adaptive Reuse of Historic Buildings.



Rotterdam – Water City 2035



1. In 2004 the City of Rotterdam did a large public input project to determine what kind of housing would attract middle to upper income residents to come and live in the City.
2. Rotterdam created a plan that would replace current poor quality housing with new higher quality more desirable housing, eliminating a total of 10,000 existing residences.

Rotterdam – Water City 2035



1. These 10,000 existing residences currently house the most vulnerable low-income portion of the population.
2. Rotterdam's Water City 2035 does not address the future location of this population.
3. In the words of Liese Vonk, "So when the forgotten group is forced to move to forgotten places, disintegration and isolation lie in wait."