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### **In the matter of the preliminary draft Land Use Recovery Plan.**

#### **Addendum to Statement of Interest**

This addendum addresses a further information request from Commissioner Skelton regarding how the proposed innovation/business hub falls under 'earthquake recovery' in the context of the LURP and relevant legislation.

The CERA Act defines recovery as "*restoration and enhancement*". The proposed Lincoln Hub meets this definition. Lincoln University suffered substantial damage to its science buildings and currently operates from temporary accommodation on campus. Rather than simply restore the damage buildings to what previously existed the University sees this as a great opportunity to develop more innovative teaching, research and business facilities. The proposed business hub will future proof the activities on site and the ability to cater for greater student numbers in the future. This Hub has only been made possible as a result of Lincolns universities need to rebuild their science facilities post-earthquake along with AgResearch's decision to invest in upgrading its science facilities around the country.

It is noted that Lincoln University and the Crown Research Institute partners differ from the usual developer as teaching, research and business activities are all combined together in one central location. Lincoln Universities' proposal to build their science facilities post-earthquake presents a great opportunity to integrate with the Hub, maximising the benefits to staff and students and providing a value link for businesses.

The concept behind the Lincoln hub stems from the Governments Business Growth Agenda and the Lincoln hub would be a key initiative of the Building Innovation stream where world class educators, research organisations and businesses are physically located together to drive innovation and exports.

The Lincoln Hub would complement the proposed Innovation Precinct in the Christchurch CBD and represents an opportunity to further grow the innovation capability in Canterbury. More importantly the hub improved linkages between business, education and research facilities are critical to achieving stronger growth in New Zealand economy.

The Economic Recovery Programme for Christchurch provides a foundation for the revitalisation of greater Christchurch. Project number 10 Innovation precincts and clusters under the programme specifically lists the Lincoln hub as

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