



## Earthquake Prone Buildings

Mackenzie District Council is currently identifying potentially Earthquake Prone Buildings (EPB) or parts of buildings in our district as required by the Building Act 2004.

Assessments are made using the Earthquake Prone Building Methodology.

These are generally 'public' buildings. We are not required to assess private dwellings, farm buildings and certain other buildings except for where they may impact Strategic Routes.

Further detailed information regarding EPB including information for Owners is available on the [building.govt.nz](http://building.govt.nz) website.

If you think that your building may be Earthquake Prone, please thoroughly read this guidance as it will give you important information.

For further queries, contact Council on 0800 685 8514 or email [quakepronebuildings@mackenzie.govt.nz](mailto:quakepronebuildings@mackenzie.govt.nz)

### Background

There are two Seismic Areas within the Mackenzie District

1. High Seismic Area - Aoraki/Mount Cook area and along the main divide.
2. Medium Seismic area – The rest of the Mackenzie District

There are two categories of buildings

1. "Priority" - Potentially Earthquake Prone buildings posing a greater risk to life
2. "Other" – Other potentially Earthquake prone buildings

Both the Area and the Category impacts the time in which the buildings are required to be strengthened by.

### Progress to Date

- "Priority" Buildings in the High Seismic Area have been identified and assessed – currently none are categorized as Earthquake Prone
- "Other" Buildings in the High Seismic Area have been identified as Possibly Earthquake Prone Buildings.
- Buildings in the Medium Seismic Area which may be Earthquake Prone have been identified. Public Consultation documents on the Strategic transport Routes are being prepared and will soon go out for consultation. Once these Routes have been identified, the buildings to be categorised as "Priority" or "Other".

- Letters will be forwarded to the Owners of the buildings identified informing them of the assessment and outlining the next steps to be taken in the process. This will take place before July 2022

## Funding

If you own a Heritage Building within the Mackenzie District requiring assessment and/or strengthening, you may be eligible for funding for both the assessment and strengthening costs, due to being within a regional area.

The Heritage Equip website has information on the [funding options available](#).

Mackenzie District Council has a limited amount of funding available from the [Heritage Protection Fund](#).