

Task No. 1000A

16th April 2013

The CEO
Gisborne District Council
P. O. Box 747
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Dear Madam

Gisborne District Council; 2002 Office Extention.

BHC Consulting received a phone call from Opus International in Hamilton on the 21st of March advising that they had reviewed the structural design of the above building and considered that there were problems with its earthquake resistance.

On the 26th of March we received an email with a summary of their conclusions.

We reviewed our design and on the 10th April advised Opus International that in our opinion the structural resistance was well over 33% of the current code and most probably over 67% of the current code. We have not received a reply to this letter.

On the 11th April we received advice that there had been an article in the Gisborne Herald concerning the GDC Office Buildings and obtained a copy of this off the internet.

It is our firm opinion that the building's resistance to earthquake-induced loads complied with the code at the time of design and the building has a resistance in the order of 67% of the current code.

We understand that Council is to discuss the problem this Thursday the 18th of April. We urge restraint from making sudden decisions before a thorough investigation has been carried out.

Yours sincerely



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