



Media Statement

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Poor planning by council not lack of available contractors create delays

It is poor planning by the Christchurch City Council not a lack of available contractors that has delayed construction work in Christchurch says Civil Contractors New Zealand CEO Peter Silcock in response to the Council's claim that "many delays were because of a lack of available contractors"

We have contractors in Canterbury who do not have enough work and are looking at where they can find work for their staff. The Council have not bought the expected level of work to the market and in some cases when they have the procurement process is flawed, allocating too much risk to contractors, which discourages contractors from bidding.

The Council have not managed this well at all. They have a lot of work to do but haven't ramped up their own capability and capacity soon enough and now contractors and the community are missing out.

Our members are not getting the work and the community is not getting the services they want and need.

At the moment there is not enough work being bought to the market and because of that there is an excess of contractor capability in Christchurch not a shortage.

The problem is that the Council has not managed the transition from SCIRT well at all. We have known for years that SCIRT was due to finish at the end of this year so it's disappointing that there has been such a poor transition and so many work delays.

Contractors were doing about \$30 million worth of work per month under the SCIRT model so to claim that there is a lack of available contractors to do the \$150 million per year programme the Council has planned is rubbish.

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