

## Questions and Answers – Wairarapa Hospital

### **Is there an immediate risk to the safety of people in the building?**

As the owner of the building, the Wairarapa District Health Board is best placed to answer this question.

We haven't yet received the draft engineering reports so we can't provide an informed comment on this. However, we are working to get more information so we can understand the status of the building.

As soon as Masterton District Council receives information about the status of the building we will update our community.

### **Why was this not picked up sooner?**

It is too soon to discuss this question. At this stage we do not know the details around the Wairarapa Hospital building's compliance with regulations.

Once we receive the engineering reports we will be able to consider these and then provide further information on its status.

It's crucial to fully understand the situation first.

### **Did the building comply with regulations at the time it was completed?**

We have no reason to believe that it didn't. Once we have a better understanding of the engineering assessments and status of the hospital building we will be in a better position to look into it further.

### **When did you find out about this?**

The Mayor and Chief Executive were alerted to potential issues with the building on 29 June.

It was made clear that we were being advised of **potential** non-compliance as a result of draft reports only, and that these reports still needed to be peer-reviewed in order for a confirmed report to be provided to Council.

### **Why did you not alert the public sooner and/or evacuate?**

Masterton District Council's role, as the building consent authority, is to identify potentially earthquake-prone buildings and then appropriately manage those buildings in collaboration with building owners.

As yet, we do not have engineering information about the status of the building, but we are actively working to get that information.

As the owner of the building that has commissioned the engineering reports, the DHB is best placed to answer questions around the safety of the building at this point in time.