



The Right Reverend Victoria Matthews  
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4 July, 2017

Dear Bishop Matthews,

We write in support of a prompt decision on the ChristChurch Cathedral.

The Crown offer and the Cathedral Working Group Report solution represents a clear and agreed way forward for the Cathedral and is based on delivering a feasible solution for the Cathedral building.

The Crown offer is a proposal made on behalf of all New Zealanders and acknowledges both the local and national significance of the Cathedral. Importantly, this recognises that the ChristChurch Cathedral is not only a place of worship but also a Category A heritage building, a tourist attraction in the city, and an important community facility.

We agree in principle to support legislation that will enable the reinstatement of the ChristChurch Cathedral should the Synod vote in its favour, to be commenced once a new government has formed.

The Crown offer is contingent on the Synod agreeing to accept this proposal, based on the Cathedral Working Group recommendations, and will lapse if not agreed to.

A reinstated Cathedral will become a key part of the visitor experience for a regenerated Christchurch, give confidence to the people of Christchurch and once again, provide meaning to Cathedral Square.

Yours faithfully,

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Prime Minister  
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Hon Nicky Wagner  
Minister supporting  
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Hon Peter Dunne  
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