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Dear Mr Preston

**Official Information Act 1982 Request**

Thank you for your request for information received on 5 July 2018. You requested that the Earthquake Commission (EQC) make available to you the following information under the Official Information Act 1982:

*““Can you please provide all communication including authorship regarding section 5.2.3 “Rebuilding Foundation”? I am interested in all communication around this section, including any original drafts and clarifications and revisions”.*

As noted in the subject line of your email, your request relates to research paper 0380 ‘Guidance on house repairs and reconstruction following the Canterbury earthquake’.

Following the 4 September 2010 earthquake, EQC engaged the Engineering Advisory Group to provide specialist technical expertise, including developing guidance material in the form of paper 0380. The paper, in its entirety, was developed and authored by the Engineering Advisory Group. There was no requirement for drafts or revisions to be provided to EQC, and we have no record of any communications seeking clarification of any aspects of the paper. Therefore, your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 *as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or cannot be found.*

This response completes your request for information. You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision. The Ombudsman can be contacted at PO Box 10 152, Wellington 6143, or on Freephone 0800 802 602, or at <http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz>.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Renée Walker', written over a circular stamp.

**Renée Walker**  
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