

Building notices sent again

22 November 2018 - Ashburton District Council will re-send earthquake-prone placards to around 100 building owners, who have failed to comply or reply to council.

Building owners will have two weeks to display notices, or else face a fine.

Original placard notices were sent out to 130 building owners in September, but there have been just 30 responses.

The placards are required to be displayed in a prominent place on buildings in order to make the community aware of earthquake status.

Council building services manager Michael Wong said the new notices would be re-sent by registered post and would clearly state a two-week time frame for compliance.

The placards gave the specific timeframe for strengthening to occur, or stated that building owners were required to submit an engineering assessment to council within 12 months.

Under the Building (Earthquake-prone Buildings) Amendment Act 2016, all territorial authorities must update the public Earthquake-Prone Buildings register to make sure that the community has access to up-to-date information on which buildings have been identified as earthquake-prone and also what their earthquake rating is.