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Christchurch city fully operational following NZ earthquake

It is business as usual for Christchurch city's tourism operators following a 7.5 magnitude earthquake centred near Hanmer, 130 kilometres north of Christchurch, early this morning.

Christchurch and Canterbury Tourism chief executive Vic Allen says the airport, hotels, car and campervan hire companies, conference and meeting venues and visitor attractions in Christchurch are all operating as normal. Damage in the Christchurch CBD appears to be minimal, although building assessments are still being carried out.

"Christchurch is now one of the safest cities in the world, following our infrastructure rebuild and strengthening upgrades," Mr Allen says.

"We are encouraging people to keep their plans to come to Christchurch."

Further north of Christchurch, the popular visitor centres of Hanmer Springs and Kaikoura are currently inaccessible by road and rail. More information will be available later today, following detailed assessment.

Updates will be available at www.christchurchnz.com

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