

Prime Minister Opens Anderson Lloyd House in Christchurch's Central City

Prime Minister John Key officially opened Anderson Lloyd House on Thursday 12 June – the first multi-storey office building to receive urban design consent after the release of the Christchurch Central Recovery Plan.

Anderson Lloyd Lawyers, has taken naming rights of the six level construction at 70 Gloucester Street. The \$20 million building was developed by Amherst Properties and Anderson Lloyd will occupy level three.

Before the February 2011 earthquake the firm was situated on the 10th floor of Clarendon Towers, which was subsequently demolished. On the day of the earthquake staff were trapped for several hours and were escorted down broken stairwells by rescue workers.

The firm has since been operating out of a converted warehouse in Birmingham Drive.

Chief executive Richard Greenaway says being back in the CBD was important for Anderson Lloyd from a Christchurch leadership perspective.

“We have always signalled our intention to be an early mover back to the heart of the CBD and we wanted to be a visible part of the central city redevelopment. Anderson Lloyd is committed to Christchurch and will continue to play an integral role in its rebuild.

“We now have 35 staff in Christchurch, with partner numbers increasing by 50 percent in the past six months.

“These offices allow us to continue to grow that number as we move into our third decade of operating in Christchurch, which is a critical market for us. It is the largest economy in the South Island and we are a part of its future growth.”

“We were involved in the development of the Blueprint and we wanted to take a leadership role in the resurgence of commercial activity.”

Anderson Lloyd House is situated in the midst of professional firms Deloitte, Mediterranean Shipping and Lewis and Bradford, in an area that is quickly developing as a core professional precinct on the banks of the Avon River.