

A Seismic Building Rating System – The New Zealand Experience.

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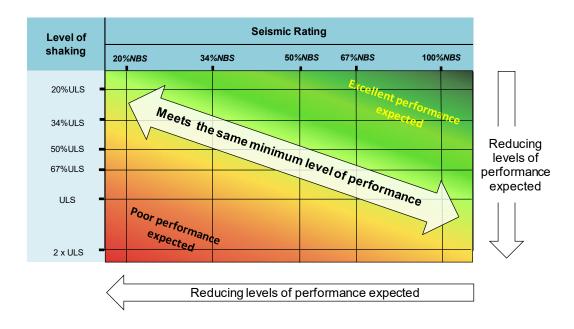
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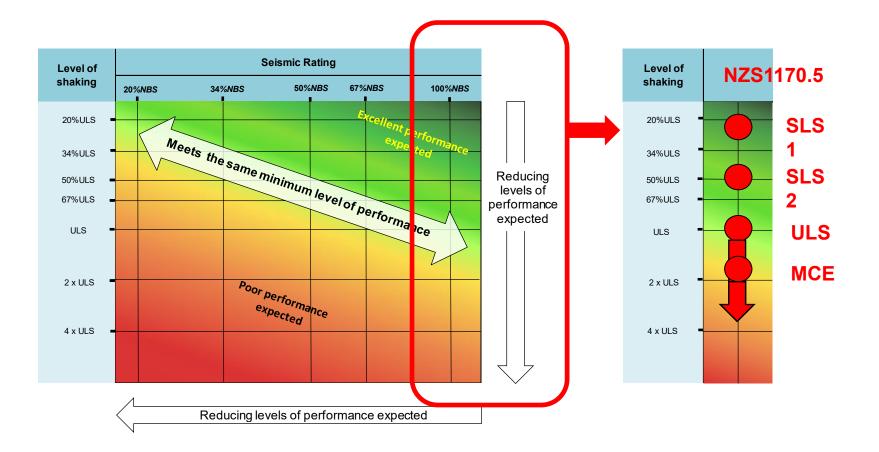
% NBS (New Building Standard)

%NBS	0%	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	60%	70%	80%	90%	100%	
Seismic Grade		E		D	С			В		А	A+	
Relative Risk		> 25 times	10-2	5 times		5-10 times		2-5 time	es	1-2 times	< 1 times	
Designation as per Building Act 2004		Earthquake Prone Building (%NBS <=33)				Earthquake Risk Building (%NBS <67)			Low Potential Earthquake Risk (%NBS >=67)			











Objectives of the %NBS rating system

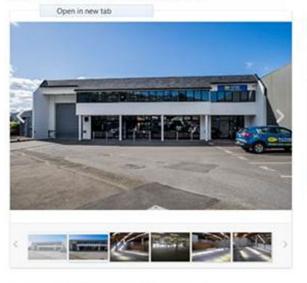






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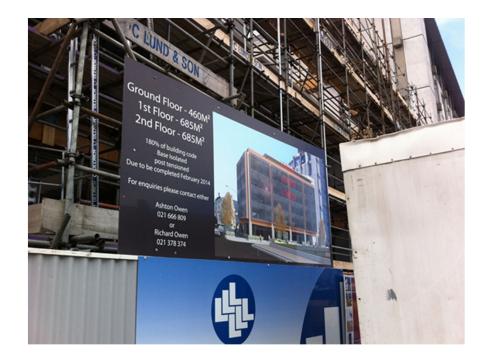
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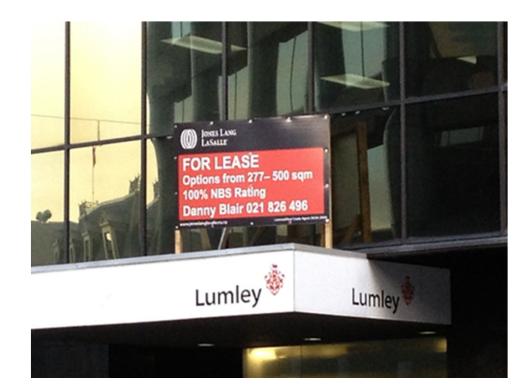
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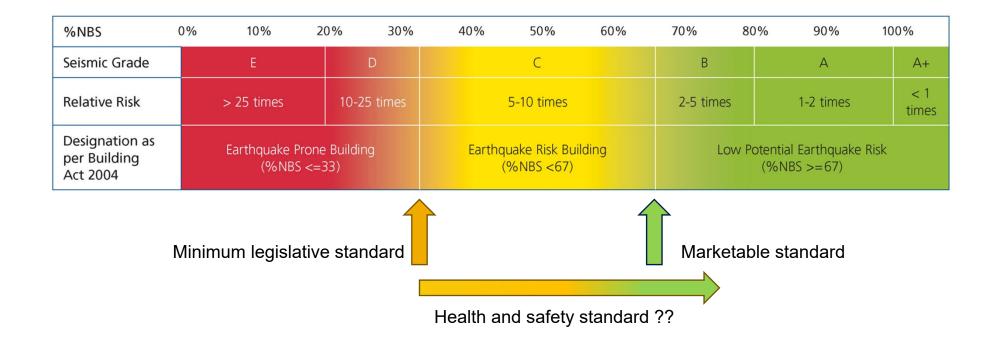




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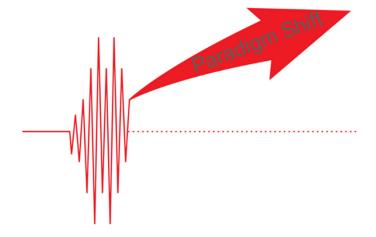
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Observations

- Clarity of a single number rating.
- Seismic risk is a difficult concept for even sophisticated clients to understand.
- Some people don't get that %NBS is normalised for seismic hazard across NZ.
- Incorporating future code changes?
- · Life safety focus of NZ codes
- " Is a building safe?"
- Reliability of a %NBS rating?
- Seeming precision of modern analysis techniques.
- Impact of the rating system on many small NZ communities is only now starting to become apparent.
- And ...





Building Performance in Kaikoura Earthquake











