

The role of earthquakes in developing an indigenous New Zealand architecture



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ABSTRACT: As globalisation influences everything we do, national and regional characteristics become more significant. Architecture and urban design probably have the most influence of any activity on society and New Zealand, like other countries, must develop its own unique response to its needs. But how influential are earthquakes and the work of the New Zealand Society for Earthquake Engineering on how we build our cities and towns?

Is the focus of NZSEE too narrow, and should it be concerned with other than technical issues?

It is suggested in this presentation that there is an important role for NZSEE to play in the development of our nation - if it so chooses.