

## Damage to properties from P laboratories

### Key messages

- Between March 2004 and June 2008 there were 24 Corporation properties tested and found to have methamphetamine contamination.
- The average cost to test and decontaminate a house is approximately \$4,500 per house.

### Further detail

- To date, the Corporation has had to demolish two of the 24 houses (Napier in February 2005 and Hamilton in August 2006) due to the extent of methamphetamine contamination. These two demolitions have cost the Corporation approximately \$440,000.
- In September 2008 the Corporation won a case in the Napier District Court for damages against tenants who manufactured 'P' in a Corporation house.
- Housing New Zealand does not tolerate tenants using their premises for criminal acts and seeks to evict tenants when evidence is obtained.
- On Tuesday 2 December 2008 the Police gained entry to a Corporation owned property at <sup>s9(2)(a)</sup> Manurewa. A substantial methamphetamine laboratory was located at the property (estimations of the value were that it would produce \$15 million worth of methamphetamine).
- The Corporation worked in collaboration with the Police and provided information to assist the operation.