

# James Hight Central Library, University of Canterbury

Hawkins Construction

## Seismic strengthening and refurbishment works

### Scope

Following the Canterbury earthquakes, Farrell Construction was engaged by Hawkins as a super sub-contractor to support the seismic remediation and refurbishment of the James Hight Central Library – one of the University of Canterbury's most significant buildings and the first major campus facility to be strengthened.

### Process

Our role covered extensive remediation works, including careful removal and storage of thousands of library books, demolition, concrete slab repair and replacement, and a full interior fit-out. Farrell also provided Hawkins with project management expertise, supplying site managers, trade foremen, carpenters and labourers. With more than 120 staff mobilised at peak, the scale of our resourcing reflected the project's complexity.

### Solution

Delivered in 15 months, the project successfully strengthened and refurbished the library, enabling it to reopen as a safe, modern facility for students and staff, while setting the standard for further remediation works across the campus.

### Principal

Super  
Sub-contractor  
to Hawkins  
Construction

### Service

Seismic strengthening  
and refurbishment, and  
provided management  
for Hawkins Construction

### Timeframe

15 months  
Completed 2014

