

# Hon Chris Bishop

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Phil Mauger  
Mayor of Christchurch  
By email: mayor@ccc.govt.nz

Dear Mayor Mauger

## **Request for extension to completion date for Christchurch City Council Plan Change 14**

Thank you for the constructive discussion we had on 13 February 2024 regarding your request for an extension for Christchurch City Council to complete its intensification plan change, Plan Change 14 (PC14).

As verbally agreed at our meeting, I expect the council will continue with aspects of PC14 that relate to implementing the National Policy Statement on Urban Development (NPS-UD), without revisiting any part of those aspects of PC14. While I appreciate the council's position that it already has significant development capacity, I am still of the view that it is important to enable NPS-UD related capacity as fast as possible.

I do not support a further extension of time for the council to complete the NPS-UD aspects of PC14. As such, these aspects should be completed by the current deadline of 12 September 2024.

I will work with my officials to continue to consider an appropriate extension for the Medium Density Residential Standards (MDRS) components of PC14.

The Government wants to work with councils to ensure there is flexibility around the implementation of the MDRS while ensuring sufficient development capacity is provided in the right places.

I encourage council officials to continue to engage with my officials on PC14.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris Bishop'.

Hon Chris Bishop  
**Minister Responsible for RMA Reform**  
**Minister of Housing**