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cc: mark.stevenson@ccc.govt.nz

Dear Mayor Phil Mauger

Approval of Christchurch City Council's request for an amendment to its Direction under section 80M of the Resource Management Act 1991

Thank you for your letter dated 22 August 2024 requesting additional time to complete the parts of Plan Change 14 subject to Policy 3 and Policy 4 of the NPS-UD through an amendment to The Resource Management (Direction for the Intensification Streamlined Planning Process (ISPP) to the First Tranche of Specified Territorial Authorities) Notice 2022.

I am granting this extension request. My direction extends the timeframe for Christchurch City Council to notify decisions on the Independent Hearings Panel's recommendations relating to parts subject to Policy 3 and Policy 4 of the NPS-UD to 20 December 2024. The notification of decisions on the remainder of Plan Change 14 is still required by 12 December 2025.

I consider that this extension request will maintain an expeditious planning process, as required by the Resource Management Act, particularly in light of the relatively short duration of the extension, the amount of work required by the Council, and the lack of practical alternatives to undertaking this work.

The amended Direction will take effect on 26 September 2024.

Thank you for all your work to date. Housing supply is a critical issue for the Government and I encourage council staff to continue to work with government officials.

Yours sincerely

Hon Chris Bishop

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