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Dr Stefanie Rixecker
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Dear Dr Stefanie Rixecker

On 9 July 2021, Environment Canterbury Regional Council (ECan) lodged an application for a 3-month extension of time, which was extended on 30 August 2021 to 4.5 months, to enable decisions to be made by 9 December 2021, on proposed Plan Change 7 to the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan and proposed Plan Change 2 to the Waimakariri River Regional Plan.

I agree to this extension under clause 10A(4)(a) of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA). Decisions on the PC2 and PC7 must be made on or before 9 Dec 2021. The reasons for my decision are the following:

1. ECan has met the statutory requirements for making an application under clause 10A of Schedule 1 of the RMA
2. granting an extension would provide a clear statutory basis for ECan to make its decision on PC2 and PC7 by 9 December 2021
3. ECan has the responsibility under the RMA to plan on PC7 and PC2, and it is reasonable for ECan to seek to determine its view on whether the OVERSEER reports relate to those responsibilities before making a statutory decision
4. While the 4.5-month delay will result in some additional, short-term uncertainty, providing additional time for ECan to consider the implications of the OVERSEER report for PC7 and PC2 before proceeding to make a decision, will provide greater clarity for all parties.

In accordance with clause 10A(6) of Schedule 1 of the RMA, you are now required to publicly notify this extension.

I wish you well with the remainder of your plan-making process.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Parker'.

Hon David Parker
Minister for the Environment