

PUBLIC NOTICE

Extension of time to make decisions on proposed Plan Change 7 to the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan and proposed Plan Change 2 to the Waimakariri River Regional Plan.

Pursuant to Clause 10A of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA), the Canterbury Regional Council (Environment Canterbury) gives notice of an extension of time to make its decisions on proposed Plan Change 7 (PC7) to the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan and Proposed Plan Change 2 (PC2) to the Waimakariri River Regional Plan.

The Minister for the Environment has granted Environment Canterbury an extension of time of 4.5 months to make decisions on PC7 and PC2.

The decisions on PC7 and PC2 must be made on or before **9 December 2021**.

The reasons for the Minister's Decisions are:

1. Environment Canterbury 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 Environment Canterbury 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 Environment Canterbury 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 Environment Canterbury 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.

Further information on PC7 and PC2, is available at:

ecan.govt.nz/lwrppc7 and ecan.govt.nz/wrrppc2

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