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Dear Dr Stefanie Rixecker

Resource Management Act 1991: Streamlined Planning Process Decision on Proposed Change 1 to Chapter 6 of the Canterbury Regional Policy Statement

Following Environment Canterbury's completion of the Streamlined Planning Process directed by me on 29 April 2020, I am pleased to advise you that, under clause 84 of Part 5 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA), I am referring Proposed Change 1 to Chapter 6 of the Canterbury Regional Policy Statement (as submitted by the Council under clause 83(1) of Part 5 of Schedule 1 on 29 March 2021, back to Environment Canterbury **with my approval**.

The reasons for my decision are as follows:

- Environment Canterbury has complied with the procedural requirements, including timeframes required by the Direction 2020-go1780 and 2020-go3773 on Proposed Change to Chapter 6 of the CRPS;
- Environment Canterbury has had regard to the Statement of Expectations as:
 - the proposed change to the Canterbury Regional Policy Statement will enable district councils to provide higher density living environments, including mixed use developments and a greater range of housing types, and will enable the efficient provisions and use of network infrastructure within Future Development Areas;
 - the dates and anticipated timeframes for the process Steps (and updates as necessary) were placed on a publicly accessible website; and
 - submissions were made available on a publicly accessible website within four working days after the submissions period has closed. One late submission received on 2 March 2021 was made available within 2 working days on the same website.
- Environment Canterbury has complied with the Resource Management Act 1991, regulations made under it, and any relevant national direction;
- The purpose of the streamlined planning process has been met, being a process for the preparation of a planning instrument in order to achieve an expeditious planning process that is proportionate to the complexity and significance of the planning issues being considered; and

- I have had regard to the requirements of Part 2 of the Resource Management Act 1991 in deciding to approve Proposed Change 1 to Chapter 6 of the Canterbury Regional Policy Statement.

In accordance with clause 90(2) of Schedule 1 of the RMA, you are now required to publicly notify this decision. Proposed Change 1 to Chapter 6 of the Canterbury Regional Policy Statement will become operative in accordance with clause 20 of Schedule 1 of the RMA.

Thank you for undertaking the Streamlined Planning Process.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Parker', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Hon David Parker
Minister for the Environment