

**BEFORE INDEPENDENT HEARING COMMISSIONERS
IN CHRISTCHURCH**

TE MAHERE Ā-ROHE I TŪTOHUA MŌ TE TĀONE O ŌTAUTAHI

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER of the hearing of submissions on Plan Change 14
(Housing and Business Choice) to the Christchurch
District Plan

**MEMORANDUM OF COUNSEL FOR CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL
REGARDING MINISTERIAL APPROVAL OF EXTENSION REQUEST**

10 September 2024

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MAY IT PLEASE THE INDEPENDENT HEARINGS PANEL:

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to inform the Panel that Hon Chris Bishop has granted Christchurch City Council's (**Council**) request for an extension to the timeframe for the Council to notify decisions on the Panel's recommendations relating to the parts of Plan Change 14 (**PC14**) subject to Policy 3 and Policy 4 of the NPS-UD to 20 December 2024.
2. The Council requested this extension by way of letter on 22 August 2024, and the request was granted by Minister Bishop on 10 September 2024. A letter from Minister Bishop confirming this decision is attached as **Appendix A**.
3. The Council is working on a schedule that will allow it to meet this new deadline, which will include (among other things) seeking any further clarifications for the Panel (which is anticipated to occur before the end of September 2024) and work to re-draft Chapter 14 (anticipated to be complete by early November 2024).

Dated: 10 September 2024



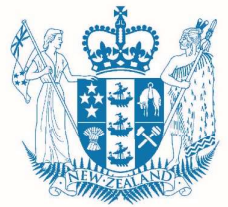
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Appendix A – Letter from Hon Chris Bishop to Christchurch City Council, 10 September 2024

(Overleaf)

Hon Chris Bishop

Minister of Housing
Minister for Infrastructure
Minister Responsible for RMA Reform
Minister for Sport and Recreation
Leader of the House
Associate Minister of Finance



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Phil Mauger
Mayor
Christchurch City Council
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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

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

Hon Chris Bishop
Minister Responsible for RMA Reform