

**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

27 March 2024

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MAY IT PLEASE THE INDEPENDENT HEARINGS PANEL:

1. Further to the memorandum of counsel for Christchurch City Council (**Council**) dated 25 March 2024, this memorandum provides an additional update to the Panel and submitters on the Council's request that the Minister for the Environment allow further time for the Council to complete the Plan Change 14 (**PC14**) process.
2. Hon Chris Bishop, Minister Responsible for RMA Reform and Minister for Housing, has now responded to the Council's request by way of a letter to his Worship the Mayor of Christchurch, Phil Mauer, dated 26 March 2024 (attached in an **Appendix**). The letter alludes to an imminent Ministerial direction that will:

*"(...) [extend] the timeframe for Christchurch City Council to notify decisions on the Independent Hearings Panel's recommendations relating to parts not subject to Policy 3 and Policy 4 of the NPS-UD to **12 December 2025**. The notification of decisions on the remainder of Plan Change 14 is still required by **12 September 2024**."*

3. Counsel will update the Panel further once an associated *Gazette* notice has been published.

Date: 27 March 2024



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APPENDIX – LETTER FROM HON CHRIS BISHOP

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



26 MAR 2024

Phil Mauger
Mayor
Christchurch City Council
mayor@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 our constructive conversation on 13 February 2024, where we discussed Christchurch City Council's request for additional time to complete Plan Change 14.

I have received your letter dated 1 March 2024 requesting 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 for elements of Plan Change 14 that relate to parts not subject to Policy 3 and Policy 4 of the NPS-UD. My direction extends the timeframe for Christchurch City Council to notify decisions on the Independent Hearings Panel's recommendations relating to parts not subject to Policy 3 and Policy 4 of the NPS-UD to 12 December 2025. The notification of decisions on the remainder of Plan Change 14 is still required by 12 September 2024.

I consider that this extension request will still maintain an expeditious planning process, as required by the Resource Management Act, particularly in light of the additional development capacity that will be introduced this year through the implementation of the NPS-UD parts of Plan Change 14.

The amended Direction will take effect on 20 April 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