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Cr Andrew Noone
Otago Regional Council
By email: Andrew.Noone@orc.govt.nz

Dear Chairperson Noone

I have received the findings of Professor Skelton's Interim report under section 24A of the RMA which examined ORC's progress towards my 2019 recommendations, including the recommendation to notify a new LWRP by December 2023.

As you know, this investigation was initiated following your 28 March letter where you requested a discussion on a longer timeframe for the LWRP and that Council would welcome an indication from me by May 2022.

Based on Professor Skelton's interim findings, which I understand are not likely to change substantially in the final report, I am not persuaded that an extension of time beyond December 2023 is either needed or appropriate.

I am still considering all other the matters raised in Professor Skelton's interim report. I expect a final report by the end of June and will provide a more detailed response following that.

Yours sincerely

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

Hon David Parker
Minister for the Environment