

**From:** [Macaela Flanagan](#)  
**To:** [Andrew Parrish](#)  
**Cc:** [Zella Smith](#); [Bianca Cabe](#); [Mick O'Donnell](#); [Antonela Larango](#); [Rowan Taylor](#); [Alison Grayston](#)  
**Subject:** RE: PS-COR0907 | Letter from Minister Penny Simmonds  
**Date:** Friday, 14 February 2025 12:19:18 pm  
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Hi Andrew

Thank you for your email and your thanks. We are looking forward to discussing this with you.

Would any of these times suit you and your team for an initial discussion?

Weds 19 Feb 10-11

Thursday 20 Feb 1-2

Friday 21 Feb 10-11

Looking forward to working with you!

Nga mihi

Macaela

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**From:** Andrew Parrish <Andrew.Parrish@ecan.govt.nz>

**Sent:** Thursday, 13 February 2025 10:57 am

**To:** Macaela Flanagan <Macaela.Flanagan@mfe.govt.nz>

**Cc:** Zella Smith **9(2)(a)**; Bianca Cabe **9(2)(a)**; Mick O'Donnell

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**Subject:** FW: PS-COR0907 | Letter from Minister Penny Simmonds

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Hi Macaela

We received this letter from Minister Simmonds. If you have had a part in its creation – thanks and thanks to the other Ministry staff who have supported.

I am writing to you to progress our mahi on Plan Change 8. I presume you know that there are three parts to Plan Change 8.

- Addressing the unintended consequences arising from the supreme court decision which will require changes to the Land and Water Plan to allow the change of use of water in overallocated catchments and enable stormwater infrastructure development in over allocated zones.
- Making constructed wetlands easier to develop
- Embedding in restrictions on intensive farming

Plan Change 8 has been drafted and has received comments from a range of parties under clause 3 of schedule 1 to the RMA. We have not discussed the clause 3 feedback with Council yet – and we would like their guidance to help resolve this feedback. We have not yet undertaken clause 4A feedback yet.

Once these steps are complete – the Council will be a position to notify Plan Change 8 – assuming we achieve the exemption requirements.

I am keen to talk to you and your team about Plan Change 8 prior to us going to Council to resolve the Clause 3

Feedback – the work we have done to date on plan change 8 allows us to remove any of the components of Plan Change 8. I would like to fully understand if all the elements of plan change 8 meet the exemption criteria, and whether there is any sort of ‘approval’ needed to achieve an exemption?

Would you also be keen to discuss? When can we make this happen?

Talk soon

Ngā mihi nui

Andrew

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**From:** Katherine Trought <[Katherine.Trought@ecan.govt.nz](mailto:Katherine.Trought@ecan.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Monday, 10 February 2025 2:56 pm  
**To:** Andrew Parrish <[Andrew.Parrish@ecan.govt.nz](mailto:Andrew.Parrish@ecan.govt.nz)>  
**Cc:** Cameron Smith <[Cameron.Smith@ecan.govt.nz](mailto:Cameron.Smith@ecan.govt.nz)>; Jenna Nielson 9(2)(a)  
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As anticipated! Cheers, K

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**From:** Stefanie Rixecker <[Stefanie.Rixecker@ecan.govt.nz](mailto:Stefanie.Rixecker@ecan.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Monday, 10 February 2025 1:49 pm  
**To:** All Directors <[Directors@ecan.govt.nz](mailto:Directors@ecan.govt.nz)>  
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FYI – see attached

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**From:** Dianne Chester 9(2)(a)  
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**Cc:** Patrick Lindsay 9(2)(a); Natalie Heath 9(2)(a)  
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Kia ora koutou

Forwarding response from Hon Penny Simmonds.

Our letter of 13 December is also attached for your reference.

Ngā mihi  
Dianne

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**From:** Environment Portfolio <[Environment.Portfolio@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Environment.Portfolio@parliament.govt.nz)>  
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Dear Craig,

On behalf of Minister Penny Simmonds, please see the attached letter.

Kind regards,

Office of Hon Penny  
Simmonds  
Environment Portfolio



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