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27 March 2024	Signed amended direction	Hon Chris Bishop, Minister Responsible for RMA Reform

Note: The Gazette notice in Appendix 3 of BRF-4432 (Notice No. [2024-si1713](#)) contains a minor error, directing Christchurch City Council to notify decisions on the independent hearings panel's recommendations on parts of Plan Change 14 not subject to Policy 3 and Policy 4 of the National Policy Statement on Urban Development by 12 September 2025, instead of 12 December 2025. This error was corrected via a corrigendum in the *New Zealand Gazette*, published on 31 May 2024 (Notice No. [2024-si2581](#)).

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Summary of reasons for redaction

Some information has been withheld under Section 9(2)(a) of the OIA to protect the privacy of natural persons.

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Some information has been withheld under Section 9(2)(g)(i) of the OIA to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions.

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BRF-4432: Updated advice on Christchurch City Council's request for more time to complete its intensification planning instrument

Date submitted: 20 March 2024

Tracking number: BRF-4432

Security level: In-Confidence

MfE priority: Urgent

Actions sought from Ministers		
Name and position	Action sought	Response by
To Hon Chris BISHOP Minister Responsible for RMA Reform	Record decisions on recommendations Sign amended Direction and Gazette notice	27 March 2024
CC Hon Penny SIMMONDS Minister for the Environment	No action required.	N/A

Actions for Minister's office staff
<p>Return the signed briefing to the Ministry for the Environment (ministerials@mfe.govt.nz and RM.Reform@mfe.govt.nz).</p> <p>Ensure Direction and Gazette notice is signed.</p> <p>Present Direction to the House of Representatives within 20 working days of issuing the Direction.</p>

Appendices and attachments
<ol style="list-style-type: none">Appendix 1: Letter from Christchurch City Council requesting formal direction (dated 1 March 2024)Appendix 2: Minister Responsible for RMA Reform's amended Direction for the Intensification Streamlined Planning Process to Christchurch City CouncilAppendix 3: Draft Gazette notice – The Resource Management (Direction for the Intensification Streamlined Planning Process to the First Tranche of Specified Territorial Authorities) Amendment Notice 2024Appendix 4: Draft response to Christchurch City Council's request for an extension to its Intensification Planning Instrument

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Minister's comments

Updated advice on Christchurch City Council's request for more time to complete its intensification planning instrument

Key messages

1. This briefing seeks your agreement to grant the request from Christchurch City Council (CCC) for more time to complete the intensification streamlined planning process (ISPP) for those parts not subject to Policy 3 and Policy 4 of the National Policy Statement on Urban Development (NPS-UD). Policy 3 and 4 relate to requirements to apply appropriate building heights and densities in key areas, such as in and around centre zones. This time extension request relates to the remaining parts of the ISPP which apply the Medium Density Residential Standards (MDRS) outside of the aforementioned areas.
2. The Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) provides for the Minister for the Environment to issue and amend directions allowing extensions to the ISPP as set out in sections 80L(1)(c) and 80M(2).
3. If you agree to grant CCC's request (included in Appendix 1), this will result in an amendment to CCC's current Direction, "The Resource Management (Direction for the Intensification Streamlined Planning Process to the First Tranche of Specified Territorial Authorities) Notice 2022".
4. Officials recommend granting a 15-month extension for CCC to make decisions on parts of Plan Change 14 (PC14) relating to parts not subject to Policy 3 and Policy 4 on the NPS-UD. This would enable CCC to postpone decisions on these parts (which relate to the MDRS) until December 2025.
5. CCC have indicated that they are likely to opt out of the MDRS if it becomes possible. Changes relating to requirements under the NPS-UD would be required to follow the existing timeframes, which will result in additional development capacity being enabled in key areas within the original timeframe.
6. CCC have indicated that they will endeavour to complete the remaining parts of PC14 by the current deadline (12 September 2024), however have highlighted that this will be difficult and may not be achieved. The Independent Hearing Panel has indicated that they plan to release recommendations on the entirety of PC14, regardless of any extension granted to CCC¹. This would effectively provide CCC with the choice and responsibility of splitting out the MDRS elements when determining which recommendations to accept or reject.
7. We note that many councils are seeking certainty on proposed changes to the RMA and national direction. This timeframe extension may create a precedent for further requests from other councils.

¹ <https://chch2023.ihp.govt.nz/assets/IHP-Minutes-Directions-Docs/IHP-Minute-34-Directions-on-resumption-of-Hearings-and-Right-of-Reply-8-March-2024.pdf>

Recommendations

We recommend that you:

either:

- a. **agree** to amend The Resource Management (Direction for the Intensification Streamlined Planning Process to the First Tranche of Specified Territorial Authorities) Notice 2022 to require Christchurch City Council to notify the decisions on the intensification planning instrument, Plan Change 14, that relate to parts not subject to Policy 3 and Policy 4 of the NPS-UD by 12 December 2025 (instead of the currently directed timeframe of 12 September 2024)

Yes | No

or:

- b. **agree** to retain current requirements for the Christchurch City Council to notify all decisions on the intensification planning instrument, Plan Change 14, by 12 September 2024

Yes | No

If you agree with recommendation a:

- c. **sign** the amended Direction in Appendix 2

Yes | No

- d. **sign** the Gazette notice in Appendix 3

Yes | No

- e. **agree** to send Christchurch City Council the letter in Appendix 4

Yes | No

- f. **note** the amended Direction for the Intensification Streamlined Planning Process will take effect on 20 April 2024

- g. **note** any signed amended Direction for the Intensification Streamlined Planning Process must be presented to the House of Representatives within 20 working days of issuing the Direction

- h. **agree** this briefing will be released proactively on the Ministry for the Environment's website within the next eight weeks

Yes | No

Signatures

Leah Clark

Leah Clark
Manager, Urban Implementation
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19 March 2024

Hon Chris Bishop
Minister Responsible for RMA Reform

Date

Christchurch City Council IPI Extension Request

Purpose

1. This briefing seeks your agreement to grant the request from Christchurch City Council (CCC) for more time to complete the intensification streamlined planning process (ISPP). This will provide CCC more time to make decisions on the parts of their intensification planning instrument, Plan Change 14 (PC14) that do not relate to Policy 3 and Policy 4 of the NPS-UD.

Background

2. The Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) requires CCC to use the ISPP to notify an intensification planning instrument (IPI). This is a plan change to incorporate the MDRS into its district plan and give effect to the intensification requirements of the National Policy Statement on Urban Development 2020 (NPS-UD).
3. The RMA sets out the process steps for the ISPP and required CCC to notify an IPI by 20 August 2022. Other timeframes for the ISPP and certain other matters can be prescribed by a direction from you. Any such direction is secondary legislation and must be notified in the New Zealand Gazette.
4. On 11 April 2022, the former Minister for the Environment directed CCC to notify decisions on its independent hearings panel's (IHP) recommendations by 20 August 2023. This is the last process step for a council to complete the ISPP. The Direction was published in the New Zealand Gazette on 27 April 2022.
5. On 7 June 2023, CCC requested an extension of time to notify decisions on the IHP's recommendations for its IPI by 12 September 2024. This extension was due to CCC's late notification of the IPI, wide public interest with the council receiving over 900 submissions, evidence preparation and the updating of the district plan maps. The former Minister for the Environment granted the request and the amended Direction, which was published on 16 August 2023.
6. On 8 December 2023, Phil Mauger, Mayor of Christchurch, wrote to the Minister for the Environment to request that a further extension be granted to the due date for Christchurch to implement the NPS-UD and MDRS. We provided advice on 18 December 2023 which recommended that you either grant the extension or meet with officials to discuss further s 9(2)(f)(iv)
7. You and the Minister for the Environment met with the Mayor of Christchurch on 13 February 2024 to discuss their current extension request.
8. MfE and HUD met with CCC officials to discuss next steps. s 9(2)(f)(iv)
9. On 1 March 2024, you wrote to the Mayor of Christchurch outlining that you expect CCC to continue with parts of PC14 that relate to implementing the NPS-UD without revisiting

those aspects. You also indicated that you would work with your officials to consider an appropriate extension for the parts relating to the MDRS. CCC responded to your letter on 1 March 2024, requesting a formal direction by way of a Gazette notice. This request is attached as Appendix 1.

Analysis and advice

CCC's request

10. CCC's letter to you dated 1 March 2024 (Appendix 1) requests that you issue a Gazette notice enabling them to separate out the MDRS elements of Plan Change 14 and proceed with the remainder of the plan change.

Advice on setting and amending ISPP timeframes

11. You may make a direction under section 80L to direct one or more specified territorial authorities in relation to a number of ISPP requirements, including "1 or more periods of time within which the specified territorial authority must complete 1 or more stages of the ISPP" (section 80L(1)(c)).
12. For amendments to a direction under s80M of the RMA, the same process is required as was followed for the original direction.
13. In deciding the content of the direction, you must have regard to providing "a process for the preparation of an IPI by a specified territorial authority in order to achieve an expeditious planning process" (sections 80L, 80M, and 80D of the RMA).

Extension scope and timeframe

14. We recommend that the extension sets a date by which CCC is required to make decisions on the IPI. This approach is aligned with the powers available under section 80L(1)(c) of the RMA which specifies that the Minister may direct territorial authorities to complete 1 or more stages of the ISPP.
15. There are two main elements to PC14; changes to give effect to the MDRS requirements and changes to give effect to Policy 3 and 4 of the NPS-UD². We recommend that the extension applies to parts not subject to Policy 3 or Policy 4 of the NPS-UD, as opposed to providing an extension explicitly on MDRS parts of PC14.
16. We recommend a 15-month extension for those parts of PC14 that do not relate to Policy 3 or Policy 4 of the NPS-UD. This would mean that CCC's decisions on the elements of its IPI relating to MDRS would be deferred until 12 December 2025.
17. The existing Direction includes a reporting requirement that requires CCC to provide a quarterly report to MfE on its ISPP progress. We recommend retaining this reporting requirement, as it is a useful mechanism to ensure we are aware of progress on the IPI and can provide advice to you on any potential issues that arise.

² Policy 3 and 4 relate to requirements to apply appropriate building heights and densities in key areas, such as in and around centre zones.

Expeditious planning process

18. Granting more time to CCC on parts of PC14 not subject to Policy 3 and Policy 4 of the NPS-UD would retain an expeditious planning process due to the reduced appeal rights in the ISPP compared to the standard process in Schedule 1, Part 1 of the RMA. This is anticipated to result in a significant reduction in the timeframe for when provisions are made operative.
19. The retention of existing timeframes for parts of PC14 subject to Policy 3 and Policy 4 of the NPS-UD would enable an increase in development capacity to still be introduced expeditiously.
20. For these reasons, officials consider an extension of time will achieve an expeditious planning process.

Request for technical assistance

21. In CCC's letter of 1 March 2024 to you (Appendix 1), Mayor Mauger suggested that they would benefit from technical assistance by MfE/HUD staff. In follow-up discussions with MfE and HUD officials, CCC staff indicated that this would include mapping and policy assistance for splitting out parts not subject to Policy 3 and Policy 4 of the NPS-UD from the remainder of PC14.

22. s 9(2)(g)(i) [Redacted]
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Other considerations

Consultation and engagement

23. No consultation with other agencies has been undertaken.

s 9(2)(g)(i) [Redacted]

24. s 9(2)(g)(i) [Redacted]
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25. s 9(2)(g)(i) [Redacted]
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s 9(2)(g)(i) [Redacted]

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26. s 9(2)(g)(i) [Redacted]

27. s 9(2)(g)(i) [Redacted]

28. s 9(2)(g)(i) [Redacted]

s 9(2)(h) [Redacted]

29. s 9(2)(h) [Redacted]

30. s 9(2)(h) [Redacted]

31. s 9(2)(h) [Redacted]

32. s 9(2)(h) [Redacted]

33. s 9(2)(h) [Redacted]

Next steps

34. You can sign the amended Direction and Gazette notice.
35. The Direction needs to be published in the New Zealand Gazette. If you sign the Direction and Gazette notice, officials will work with your office to present the Direction to the House of Representatives and publish the Gazette notice. Officials propose that the Direction will take effect on 20 April 2024, which gives sufficient time for it to be published in the New Zealand Gazette.
36. Should you agree to issue the Direction in this briefing, we recommend you send Christchurch City Council the letter in Appendix 4. Officials will also inform the council of your decision.

Appendix 1: Letter from Christchurch City Council requesting formal direction (dated 1 March 2024)

1 March 2024

Hon Chris Bishop
Minister Responsible for RMA Reform
Private Bag 18041
Parliament Buildings
Wellington 6160

By email: c.bishop@ministers.govt.nz

Dear Minister

Plan Change 14

Thank you for your consideration of our request for an extension to the completion date for Plan Change 14 and for taking the time to meet with me. I also want to note my appreciation of your comments earlier this week excluding Christchurch from your concerns around housing capacity and availability in Tier 1 cities.

As we agreed at our 13 February meeting, we will now work to separate out the Medium Density Residential Standards components of Plan Change 14 and proceed with the remainder of the Plan Change. To action this, we will need a formal direction from yourself to the Council by way of a Gazette Notice. Attached is a draft proposed Gazette Notice for your consideration.

Once the Gazette Notice is issued, we will endeavour to complete Plan Change 14 by September 2024, but as per our staff advice to your officials, this will be difficult to achieve and there is a possibility that we may not be completed by September 2024.

One way to deliver in a timely manner would be for some of your existing technical staff within the Ministry for the Environment or Ministry for Housing and Urban Development to provide assistance to our staff. Council will engage directly with Ministry officials on what assistance they may require, but I would appreciate your approval for Ministry staff to action this request.

As also noted on 13 February, I anticipate that our Council will pursue a permanent exemption from the MDRS once legislative changes have occurred. I ask that your office please keep us informed of progress on this work.

Thank you again for your consideration of our request and I look forward to catching up again soon when you next visit Christchurch.

Yours sincerely



Phil Mauger
Mayor of Christchurch

Cc: Hon Penny Simmonds, Minister for the Environment

**Appendix 2: Minister Responsible for RMA Reform’s
amended Direction for the Intensification Streamlined
Planning Process to Christchurch City Council**

Minister Responsible for RMA Reform’s amended Direction for the Intensification Streamlined Planning Process to Christchurch City Council (made under section 7 of the Constitution Act 1986)

The Minister Responsible for RMA Reform (under section 7 of the Constitution Act 1986) makes the following direction made under sections 80L and 80M of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA). The direction is secondary legislation for the purpose of the Legislation Act 2019 and is administered by the Ministry for the Environment.

Commencement

(1) The direction comes into force on 20 April 2024.

Minister Responsible for RMA Reform’s amended Direction for the Intensification Streamlined Planning Process to Christchurch City Council (made under section 7 of the Constitution Act 1986)

(2) In accordance with section 80L of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA), the Minister Responsible for RMA Reform directs Christchurch City Council to notify decisions on the independent hearings panel’s recommendations on parts of the plan subject to Policy 3 and Policy 4 of the National Policy Statement on Urban Development in accordance with clause 102 of Schedule 1 of the RMA by 12 September 2024, and notify decisions on the independent hearings panel’s recommendations on parts not subject to Policy 3 and Policy 4 of the National Policy Statement on Urban Development by 12 December 2025.

Minister Responsible for RMA Reform’s additional Direction for the Intensification Streamlined Planning Process to Christchurch City Council

(3) In accordance with clause 80L(1)(d) of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA), the Minister Responsible for RMA Reform directs Christchurch City Council must provide a report to the Ministry for the Environment every three months from the date of this notice about its progress of the intensification streamlined planning process for Plan Change 14.

Signed

Hon Chris Bishop

Minister Responsible for RMA Reform

Date

Notes

- i. This direction must be complied with.
- ii. Part 6 of Schedule 1 of the RMA specifies the requirements of any Intensification Streamlined Planning Process.
- iii. Section 80M of the RMA provides the Minister the ability to amend this direction on their own initiative or following a request from one or more of the specified territorial authorities named in this direction.
- iv. Christchurch City Council may, in accordance with Section 80M of the RMA apply in writing to the Minister Responsible for RMA Reform for an amendment to the direction.

Appendix 3: Draft Gazette notice – The Resource Management (Direction for the Intensification Streamlined Planning Process to the First Tranche of Specified Territorial Authorities) Amendment Notice 2024

The Resource Management (Direction for the Intensification Streamlined Planning Process to the First Tranche of Specified Territorial Authorities) Amendment Notice 2024

The Minister Responsible for RMA Reform (under section 7 of the Constitution Act 1986) gives notice of the following direction made under sections 80L and 80M of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA). The direction is secondary legislation for the purpose of the Legislation Act 2019 and is administered by the Ministry for the Environment.

Title and Commencement

- (1) This notice is the Resource Management (Direction for the Intensification Streamlined Planning Process to the First Tranche of Specified Territorial Authorities) Amendment Notice 2024
- (2) The direction comes into force on 20 April 2024.

Minister Responsible for RMA Reform’s amended Direction for the Intensification Streamlined Planning Process to Christchurch City Council (made under section 7 of the Constitution Act 1986)

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- (4) In accordance with clause 80L(1)(d) of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA), the Minister Responsible for RMA Reform directs Christchurch City Council must provide a report to the Ministry for the Environment every three months from the date of this notice about its progress of the intensification streamlined planning process for Plan Change 14.

Principal notice amended

- (5) This direction amends “The Resource Management (Direction for the Intensification Streamlined Planning Process to the First Tranche of Specified Territorial Authorities) Notice 2022” published in the New Zealand gazette, 27 April 2022, 2022-sl1594, only to the extent specified in this notice.

Previous amendment notice revoked

- (6) The Resource Management (Direction for the Intensification Streamlined Planning Process to the First Tranche of Specified Territorial Authorities) Amendment Notice 2023 (No.2) published in the New Zealand gazette, 16 August 2023, 2023-sl3774, is revoked.

Copies of the above notices are available free of charge on the Ministry for the Environment's website, <https://environment.govt.nz>.

Dated at _____ this ____ day of March 2024.

Hon Chris Bishop

Minister Responsible for RMA Reform

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Appendix 4: Draft response to Christchurch City Council’s request for an extension to its Intensification Planning Instrument

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 CCC's request for additional time to complete Plan Change 14.

On 1 March 2024 I received a letter from Christchurch City Council (the Council) 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

Hon Chris Bishop
Minister Responsible for RMA Reform

Signed letter to Mayor Phil Mauer, Christchurch City Council

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.

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Chris Bishop'.

Hon Chris Bishop

Minister Responsible for RMA Reform

Signed amended direction

Minister Responsible for RMA Reform's amended Direction for the Intensification Streamlined Planning Process to Christchurch City Council (made under section 7 of the Constitution Act 1986)

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Minister Responsible for RMA Reform's additional Direction for the Intensification Streamlined Planning Process to Christchurch City Council

3. In accordance with clause 80L(1)(d) of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA), the Minister Responsible for RMA Reform directs Christchurch City Council must provide a report to the Ministry for the Environment every three months from the date of this notice about its progress of the intensification streamlined planning process for Plan Change 14.

Signed



Hon Chris Bishop
Minister Responsible for RMA Reform

Date 27/3/24

Notes

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- ii. Part 6 of Schedule 1 of the RMA specifies the requirements of any Intensification Streamlined Planning Process.
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