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Dear Minister Parker


Section 24A investigation, Otago Regional Council

Thank you for your letter of 13 November 2019 and our subsequent conversation.

You asked me to review your draft correspondence to Otago Regional Council, and provide you with any comments I had on it.

As we discussed, I agree that an alternative to amending the Resource Management Act 1991 to extend the date for expiry of the deemed permits would be for Otago Regional Council to advance a narrow plan change that enables it to issue new consents on a short-term basis. The new consents could be issued for a certain time period, or until the new land and water regional plan becomes operative, whichever comes first.

Yours sincerely



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