



COR1496

21 September 2021

Gavin Ion
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Dear Gavin Ion

Application from Waikato District Council for a four-month extension of time (until 17 January 2022) to issue a decision on the Waikato District Plan under clause 10A Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991

On 13 July 2021, Waikato District Council lodged an application for a four-month extension of time (until 17 January 2022) to issue a decision on the proposed Waikato District Plan.

I agree to this extension under clause 10A(4)(a) of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA). Decisions on the Proposed Waikato District Plan must be made on or before 17 January 2022. The reasons for my decision are:

- i. Waikato District Council have met the statutory requirements for making an application under clause 10A of Schedule 1 of the RMA.
- ii. Waikato District Council has advised that:
 - A. Additional time is required to implement the National Planning Standards.
 - B. The hearings process is complete and it has secured sufficient resources for the Hearings Panel to draft their decisions.
- iii. Granting this extension provides a clear statutory basis for Waikato District Council to make a decision on the proposed Waikato District Plan after 17 September 2021 and by 17 January 2022.
- iv. While the four-month delay will result in some additional uncertainty for some stakeholders, the benefits of a well-integrated decision on the proposed Waikato District Plan that incorporates national direction will lead to greater plan certainty for all parties.

In accordance with clause 10A(6) of Schedule 1 of the RMA, you are now required to publicly notify this extension.

Yours sincerely

Hon David Parker
Minister for the Environment