



10 August 2021

Mr Gavin Ion
Chief Executive
Waikato District Council
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Dear Gavin

Acknowledgement of request for an extension of time under clause 10A, Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) and suggested additional information to provide to the Minister for the Environment

Thank you for your application received on 13 July 2021 on behalf of Waikato District Council (WDC), requesting that the Minister for the Environment agree to a 4-month extension until 17 January 2022 for WDC to give its decision on the Proposed Waikato District Plan.

Officials have reviewed your application and consider that additional information would assist the Minister in making his decision under clause 10A, Schedule 1 of the RMA.

This includes further explanation of:

- a. how the time extension sought until 17 January 2021 relates to the Council's process to issue a decision, including any delegated responsibilities to the hearings panel.
- b. how the Council has taken into account the interest of persons who may be directly affected by the extension, under Clause 10A(3)(a), ie, what conclusion has the Council drawn? What is the Council's view on the scale or significance of the impacts of the delay on those persons' interests?

If you have any questions, please contact Matthew Barbati-Ross (Manager – RM Systems) matthew.barbati-ross@mfe.govt.nz in the first instance.

Yours sincerely



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