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Dear Dr Borren

Thank you for Otago Regional Council's sixth progress report and response to my July letter.

I am pleased that progress is being made across all of the s24 recommendations. I would particularly like to commend the Council on the completion of Plan Changes 1, 7 and 8. Progressing these plan changes directly through the Environment Court has been efficient but has nonetheless involved considerable effort from Council, staff, iwi partners and stakeholders.

I acknowledge the recent High Court decision in relation to your RPS. I am advised no party has appealed and so you now have guidance to split the RPS into freshwater and non-freshwater parts.

I am aware that the decision has put pressure on your timeframes, and I appreciate the confirmation of your intention to renotify the new freshwater Regional Policy Statement by 30 September 2022.

I am also pleased to see your ongoing commitment to notification of a new Land and Water Plan by December 2023.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Parker'.

Hon David Parker
Minister for the Environment