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Dear Cr Gretchen Robertson,

Approval of Otago Regional Council's request for an extension of time under clause 10A, Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991

On 01 June 2023, Otago Regional Council lodged an application for an extension of time (under clause 10A Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA)) until 31 March 2024 to issue a decision on the non-freshwater parts of the proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement.

I agree to this extension of time under clause 10A(4)(a) of Schedule 1 of the RMA. The decision on the non-freshwater parts of the proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement must be made on or before 31 March 2024. The reasons for my decision are:

- a. Otago Regional Council has met the statutory requirements for making an application under clause 10A of Schedule 1 of the RMA
- b. Otago Regional Council has advised that an extension of time until 31 March 2024 is needed to issue a decision on the non-freshwater parts of the proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement
- c. agreeing to an extension of time until 31 March 2024 for Otago Regional Council to issue a decision on the non-freshwater parts of the Otago Regional Policy Statement will ensure that there is an integrated decision with the Freshwater Planning Instrument and provides procedural certainty.

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

I wish you well for the remainder of your plan-making process.

Yours sincerely

Hon David Parker
Minister for the Environment