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Dear Gavin Ion,

**Application from Waikato District Council for a 14-month extension of time to give a decision on the Proposed Waikato District Plan (Stage 1 of the Waikato District Plan Review) under clause 10A Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991**

On 7 October 2019, Waikato District Council lodged an application for a 14-month extension of time to issue a decision on the Proposed Waikato District Plan being stage 1 of the Waikato District Plan Review. I agree to this extension under clause 10A(4)(a) of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA). The decision on the Proposed Waikato District Plan (stage 1) must be made on or before 18 September 2021.

The reasons for my decision are the following:

- a. the proposed time extension will enable an integrated decision to be made across the two stages of the Waikato District Plan Review, which will ensure strategically required growth and land use change would only be enabled in appropriate locations, where land is able to be serviced and does not have an inherent unreasonable risk from natural hazards and effects of climate change to people and property
- b. the entire Plan will be issued earlier than if the two stages of the Waikato District Plan Review were progressed separately
- c. the integrated decision will ensure informed, well-considered plan provisions are provided that promote sustainable land use in Waikato District
- d. the 14 month duration of the extension is reasonable, as the net benefits of progressing the Waikato District Plan Review with a 14-month extension outweigh the costs resulting from the extension of time
- e. the requirements for delivery of the National Policy Statement–Urban Development Capacity have been considered. The proposed process enables an efficient and effective delivery of those requirements which includes

identification of land where development is feasible.

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 with the remainder of your plan-making process, and am looking forward to seeing the final integrated Waikato District Plan.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Parker', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Hon David Parker  
**Minister for the Environment**