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Dear John O'Shaughnessy

Decision on the Proposed Plan Change 6 Severe Weather Emergency Response Streamlined Planning Process

Thank you for providing the required reports and documents under clause 83(1) Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) and clause 17 of the Severe Weather Emergency Recovery (Resource Management—Streamlined Planning Process) Order 2023 (OiC) to support my decision-making on the Severe Weather Emergency Response Streamlined Planning Process (SWER-SPP) for Proposed Plan Change 6 (PC6) to the Hastings District Plan (HDP).

Following Hastings District Council's (the Council's) completion of the SWER-SPP process set out in the OiC, I am **referring PC6 back to the Council with my approval** under clause 84(1)(a)(i) of Schedule 1 of the RMA.

The reasons for my decision are as follows:

- a. Approval of Proposed Plan Change 6 is consistent with the purpose of a Severe Weather Emergency Recovery Streamlined Planning Process to achieve an expeditious planning process that enables the development of housing that is necessary or desirable to provide permanent housing for people displaced by a severe weather event.
- a. Hastings District Council has advised that it considers that it has complied with the procedural requirements of the Severe Weather Emergency Recovery Streamlined Planning Process.
- b. On balance and having regard to the purpose of a Severe Weather Emergency Recovery Streamlined Planning Process, Proposed Plan Change 6 has met the requirements of the Resource Management Act 1991, regulations made under it, and any relevant national direction.

In making this decision, I have had regard to the relevant considerations in clause 84 of Schedule 1 of the RMA as amended by the OiC.

In accordance with clause 90 of Schedule 1 of the RMA, you are now required to publicly notify this decision. Proposed Plan Change 6 to the Hastings District Plan will then become operative in accordance with clause 20 of Schedule 1 of the RMA.

Thank you for your work on this SWER-SPP and I wish you all the best with the ongoing efforts in Hastings District to recover from the devastating effects of Cyclone Gabrielle.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Penny Simmonds". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "P".

Hon Penny Simmonds
Minister for the Environment