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Dear Nigel Trainor

Resource Management Act 1991 – Notice of Decision (Clause 10A, Schedule 1 – Application to the Minister for the Environment for an extension of time) – Timaru District Council

Thank you for Timaru District Council's (TDC) application received on 8 August 2024, seeking an extension of time until 22 March 2026 to notify its decisions on the Proposed Timaru District Plan under clause 10A Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA).

I have decided to **agree** to the 18-month extension period under clause 10A(4)(a) of Schedule 1 of the RMA. The reasons for my decision are:

- a. Timaru District Council has met the statutory requirements for an application under clause 10A, Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991.
- b. Timaru District Council has advised that an extension until 22 March 2026 is needed to complete the hearing of submissions and issue a decision on the PTDP.
- c. Granting an extension to Timaru District Council for the PTDP until 22 March 2026 will provide procedural certainty for the community and all parties in the remainder of the plan-change process.

TDC is required to give its decision on the Proposed Timaru District Plan by 22 March 2026. You are now required to publicly notify this extension decision under clause 10A(6) Schedule 1 of the RMA.

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

Yours sincerely

Hon Penny Simmonds

Minister for the Environment