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Dear Geoff

Direction to enter the Streamlined Planning Process to prepare a change to the Rotorua District Plan (Plan Change 2: Pukehangi Heights)

On 12 September 2019 your Council applied to use the Streamlined Planning Process (SPP)[1] to change the operative Rotorua District Plan to rezone land for residential development in Rotorua (Plan Change 2: Pukehangi Heights). I subsequently undertook consultation on the application to use the SPP in November/December 2019.

Following this consultation process I have decided to issue Rotorua Lakes Council (RLC) with the attached Direction to use the SPP (which includes the procedural steps, timeframes, my statement of expectations and reporting requirements) for the Pukehangi Heights Plan Change (under clause 78 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991).

The reasons for my decision to issue the Direction are:

- The SPP to be implemented will allow urban growth issues to be responded to in a timely way, and is proportionate to the complexity and significance of this planning issue. RLC has demonstrated that use of the SPP is appropriate in this case as an alternative to using the standard Schedule 1 process; and
- RLC has demonstrated that it is satisfied that the proposed planning instrument will implement a national direction, being the National Policy Statement for Urban Development Capacity and meet a significant community need for housing.

I look forward to receiving an update on the progress of this SPP.

Yours sincerely

Hon David Parker
Minister for the Environment

(Attached: Direction to Rotorua Lakes Council)

[1] Under Section 80C of the Resource Management Act 1991

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