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Dear Jocelyn Mikaere

Resource Management Act 1991: Streamlined Planning Process Decision on Plan Change 2 to the Rotorua District Plan (Pukehāngi Heights)

Following Rotorua Lakes Council's completion of the Streamlined Planning Process directed by me on 14 Jan 2020, I am pleased to advise you that, under clause 84 of Part 5 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA), I am referring Proposed Plan Change 2 to the Rotorua District Plan (as submitted by the Council under clause 83(1) of Part 5 of Schedule 1 on 15 December 2020 and 22 January 2021), back to Rotorua Lakes Council **with my approval**.

The reasons for my decision are as follows:

- Rotorua Lakes Council has complied the procedural requirements, including timeframes required by the Direction (2020-go106) on proposed Plan Change 2 to the Rotorua District Plan: Pukehāngi Heights
- Rotorua Lakes Council has had regard to the Statement of Expectations:
 - the structure plan and plan change enables sufficient development capacity for approximately 790 dwellings to be constructed, and for a range of housing typologies and site sizes to be developed within the constraints of the site
 - submissions and further submissions on the proposed Plan Change 2: Pukehāngi Heights were placed on a publicly accessible website within five working days after each submission period closed
 - Rotorua Lakes Council continued to engage with Tangata Whenua, Bay of Plenty Regional Council, Rotorua Lakes Trust, and Residents throughout the streamlined planning process
 - Rotorua Lakes Council considered the skills required to appropriately consider the issues relevant to proposed Pukehāngi Heights Plan Change when appointing members of the hearing panel
 - the dates and anticipated timeframes for the process steps (and updates as necessary) were placed on a publicly accessible website.

- Rotorua Lakes Council has complied with the RMA, regulations made under it, and any relevant national direction
- the purpose of the streamlined planning process has been met, being a process for the preparation of a planning instrument in order to achieve an expeditious planning process that is proportionate to the complexity and significance of the planning issues being considered
- I have had regard to the requirements of Part 2 of the Resource Management Act 1991 in deciding to approve Proposed Plan Change 2 to the Rotorua District Plan: Pukehāngi Heights.

In accordance with clause 90(2) of Schedule 1 of the RMA, you are now required to publicly notify this decision. Proposed Plan Change 2 to the Rotorua District Plan: Pukehāngi Heights will become operative in accordance with clause 20 of Schedule 1 of the RMA.

Thank you for undertaking the Streamlined Planning Process.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Parker', is positioned above a horizontal line.

Hon David Parker
Minister for the Environment

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