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Tim King
Mayor of Tasman
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By email: mayor@tasman.govt.nz

Dear Tim,

Decision to grant your request to amend and extend timeframes for the PC81/C1 Streamlined Planning Process

Thank you for your letter of 17 September 2026 requesting that I amend the Direction for the Streamlined Planning Process (SPP) for Plan Change 81 to the Tasman Resource Management Plan and Change 1 to the Tasman Regional Policy Statement.

I have decided to grant your requests for an additional 40 working days and for the internal processing timeframes for further submissions to be removed.

My reasons are:

a. to ensure a robust and procedurally fair consideration of submissions and evidence, the additional 40 working days are reasonable in light of constraints on the availability of Tasman District Council's appointees and the remaining steps in the process. The revised timeframe remains expeditious and proportionate to the complexity and significance of the planning issues being considered.

b. that removal of the internal timeframes for further submissions accommodates the corrective renotification process undertaken by TDC following errors in the summary of submissions, to ensure procedural fairness.

I nevertheless encourage TDC to maintain momentum in completing the SPP, particularly in the context of the wider transition to the new resource management system.

The SPP will now need to be completed by 18 June 2027. An amendment notice will be published in the Gazette shortly reflecting these changes. In accordance with clause (vi) of the Statement of Expectations, please also update this information on your website.

Yours sincerely,

Hon Chris Bishop
Minister Responsible for RMA Reform