

The Resource Management (Direction for the Intensification Streamlined Planning Process to the First Tranche of Specified Territorial Authorities) Amendment Notice 2025

The Minister Responsible for RMA Reform (in accordance with section 7 of the Constitution Act 1986) gives notice of the following direction made under sections 80L and 80M of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA). The direction is secondary legislation for the purpose of the Legislation Act 2019 and is administered by the Ministry for the Environment.

Title and Commencement

(1) This notice is the Resource Management (Direction for the Intensification Streamlined Planning Process to the First Tranche of Specified Territorial Authorities) Amendment Notice 2025.

(2) The direction comes into force on **28 February 2025**.

Minister Responsible for RMA Reform's amended direction for the Intensification Streamlined Planning Process to Waimakariri District Council

(3) In accordance with sections 80L and 80M of the RMA, the Minister Responsible for RMA Reform directs Waimakariri District Council to make decisions on the Independent Hearings Panel's recommendations for Variation 1: Housing Intensification in accordance with clause 101 of Schedule 1 of the RMA by 30 June 2025.

(4) In accordance with sections 80L and 80M of the RMA, the Minister Responsible for RMA Reform directs Waimakariri District Council to notify its decisions on the Independent Hearings Panel's recommendations for Variation 1: Housing Intensification in accordance with clause 102 of Schedule 1 of the RMA by 14 July 2025.

Principal notice amended

(5) This direction amends "The Resource Management (Direction for the Intensification Streamlined Planning Process to the First Tranche of Specified Territorial Authorities) Notice 2022" published in the [New Zealand Gazette, 27 April 2022, 2022-s11594](#), only to the extent specified in this notice.

Previous amendment notice revoked

(6) The "Resource Management (Direction for the Intensification Streamlined Planning Process to the First Tranche of Specified Territorial Authorities) Amendment Notice 2023" published in the [New Zealand Gazette, 12 April 2023, 2023-s11497](#), is revoked.

Copies of the above notices are available free of charge on the Ministry for the Environment's website, <http://environment.govt.nz>.

Dated at Wellington this 9th day of February 2025.

HON CHRIS BISHOP, Minister Responsible for RMA Reform.

Notes

- i. This direction must be complied with.
- ii. Part 6 of Schedule 1 of the RMA specifies the requirements of any Intensification Streamlined Planning Process.
- iii. Section 80M of the RMA provides the Minister the ability to amend this direction on their own initiative or following a request from one or more of the specified territorial authorities named in this direction.
- iv. Waimakariri District Council may, in accordance with section 80M of the RMA, apply in writing to the Minister Responsible for RMA Reform for an amendment to the direction.