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Dear Lianne

**Support for seeking a bespoke intensification framework for Christchurch**

It was a pleasure to see you at the service we attended on Sunday.

As discussed, I fully support the Council's view that it is most appropriate for it to provide bespoke regulatory provisions for implementing the National Policy Statement on Urban Development for Christchurch.

My experience as an Environment Court Judge and latterly as Commissioner and Councillor at the Canterbury Regional Council throughout the earthquake sequence and recovery period has enabled me to see first-hand the extensive planning for housing supply and intensification in the Greater Christchurch area.

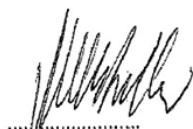
The Greater Christchurch Partnership had strategic long term planning for housing supply and intensification in place before the Canterbury Earthquake Sequence. Following the Canterbury Earthquake Sequence, bespoke recovery and regeneration planning under the earthquake legislation ensured that short, medium and long term housing needs, and provision for intensification were maintained. This was reinforced in decision-making by the Independent Hearings Panel on the Replacement Christchurch District Plan, in a focussed and streamlined process to assist earthquake recovery.

As a result of this unique situation of thorough planning for housing supply and intensification in Christchurch over many years, the appropriate design for regulatory provisions in Christchurch is substantively different from other population centres.

Accordingly, I support the Christchurch City Council's objectives of working with central government to develop bespoke provision for Christchurch to achieve the government's housing supply, affordability and intensification objectives.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is anything that I can do to assist. You are welcome to pass this letter of support to the relevant ministers.

Yours sincerely



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