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Dear Peter,

Thank you for applying for an exemption to the plan stop policy under section 80V of the Resource Management Act 1991 (the Act). I have considered your exemption request according to the criteria set out under section 80W of the Act and have taken the decision to approve, in full, your request.

Waipā District Council applied for an exemption for Plan Change Plan Change 25 to the Operative Waipā District Plan (PC25) under s80W(2)(b) of the Act.

I am satisfied that PC25 meets the criteria under s80W(2)(b) of the Act and should proceed in full. I have taken this decision because PC25 will rectify plan provisions which have had unintended consequences, unworkable provisions, or have led to inefficient outcomes that have in turn limited rural productivity in the Waipā District through land use inefficiency, increased compliance costs, and risk compromising infrastructure safety.

Should you have any further questions about the process from here, you are welcome to contact my officials at plan.exemptions@mfe.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris Bishop'.

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