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Dear Allan

Request to call in consent applications for Project Kea

I have decided that the South Island Resource Recovery Limited's (SIRRL) application for the resource consents required for the construction and operation of a waste to energy plant in the Waimate District is a proposal of national significance and attach my direction to you.

Yours sincerely

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Hon David Parker
Minister for Environment

Ministerial direction to refer the South Island Resource Recovery Limited resource consent applications to the Environment Court

Having had regard to all the relevant factors, I consider that South Island Resource Recovery Limited's (SIRRL) application for the resource consents required for the construction and operation of a waste to energy plant in the Waimate District (the matters) are a proposal of national significance. Under section 142(2) of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA), I direct these matters to be referred to the Environment Court for decision.

My reasons are as follows:

National Significance

I consider the matters are a proposal of national significance having had regard to the following relevant factors in accordance with section 142(3) of the RMA the matters:

- a) have aroused widespread public concern or interest regarding its actual or likely effect on the environment, including greenhouse gas emissions;
- b) involve or are likely to involve the significant use of natural and physical resources;
- c) may affect or may be likely to affect a structure, feature, place, or area of national significance;
- d) are relevant to New Zealand's international obligations to the global environment;
- e) are likely to result in or contribute to significant or irreversible changes to the environment (including the global environment);
- f) involve technology, process, or methods that are new to New Zealand and that may affect its environment;
- g) are significant or are likely to be significant in terms of section 8 of the RMA;
- h) may assist the Crown in fulfilling its public health, welfare, security or safety obligations or functions; and
- i) do or are likely to affect more than one region or district.

I have also have had regard to the Aotearoa New Zealand Waste Strategy and waste sector reform work as an additional relevant factor.

Direction to the Environment Court

I direct that the matters be referred to the Environment Court for decision having had regard to the following in accordance with section 142(4) of the RMA:

- a) the views of the applicant and the relevant local authorities (being the Waimate District Council and Environment Canterbury Regional Council);
- b) the capacity of the relevant local authorities to process the matter; and
- c) the recommendations of the Environmental Protection Authority.

Dated at Wellington this

31st
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day of

August

2023



Hon David Parker

Minister for the Environment