

Finance and Performance Committee

MINUTES ATTACHMENTS

Date:Wednesday 23 July 2025

Time:9.30 am

Venue:Council Chambers, Civic Offices,
53 Hereford Street, Christchurch

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- Overall, we are supportive of changes to national direction but we are concerned about:
 - Balance between enabling growth and managing environmental and social impacts; and
 - Balance between national direction and allowing Councils to set rules specific to their context.
- **Package 1:**
 - Generally supportive of the principle
 - Number of clarifications and amendments sought to improve interpretation and application.
 - Seek to ensure that growth and development does not come at a cost that is too high for the environment and communities (e.g. impact on amenity).
- **Package 2:** Main concerns around impact of proposals on environmental health and biodiversity, e.g. stock exclusions. Seeking ability to still set more stringent rules for afforestation.
- **Package 3:**
 - Key priority is to maintain the health of our freshwater and aquifers,
 - Do not support proposals to rebalance hierarchy of obligations, rebalance Te Mana o te Wai and amending the National Objectives Framework.
 - We do not support option of removing cap on synthetic nitrogen fertiliser.