

Hon Chris Bishop

Attorney-General
Minister of Housing
Minister for Infrastructure
Minister Responsible for RMA Reform
Minister of Transport
Associate Minister of Finance



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Hon Tama Potaka
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Dear Minister

Transfer of responsibility in relation to Costco Fast-track application

- 1 My responsibilities as Minister for Infrastructure include considering applications made under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act).
- 2 One of the applications recently received by my office relates to a proposed Costco store near Christchurch International Airport (the Project).
- 3 I wish to avoid a perception of a conflict of interest between a personal interest and my responsibilities as Minister for Infrastructure.
- 4 Accordingly, I am transferring to you, under section 7 of the Constitution Act 1986 and with the Prime Minister's agreement, my responsibilities as Minister Infrastructure for matters relating to consideration of the Project under the Fast-track Approvals Act.
- 5 As a consequence of this:
 - 5.1 officials will report directly to you on anything relating to the Project under the Act;
 - 5.2 any information relating to the Project under the Act will be referred to you;
 - 5.3 I will not receive Cabinet papers or official papers or reports relating to the Project under the Act;
 - 5.4 if consideration of the Project under the Act is discussed at Cabinet committee or Cabinet meetings, I will declare my interest and withdraw from the meeting (or seek the agreement of colleagues to continue to take part).
- 6 You should sign off on decisions relating to the Project under the Act as the Acting Minister for Infrastructure. You should not discuss matters connected to the Project under the Act with me or otherwise consult me on them.

Yours sincerely

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

Hon Chris Bishop

cc Prime Minister
Secretary of the Cabinet
Secretary for Cities, Environment, Regions and Transport
Chief Executive of the Environmental Protection Authority