

## Approval for rural assistance under Special Needs Grants Programme

Under clauses 18.2 and 18.6 of the Special Needs Grants Programme<sup>1</sup>, as established and approved on 18 December 1998 under section 124(1)(d) of the Social Security Act 1964 (**the programme**), and saved by clause 21 of Schedule 1 of the Social Security Act 2018, I give my approval for Part 6 of the programme to apply as follows:

### Rural Assistance – Farmers

- 1 Farmers in the affected areas whose primary industries are directly affected by drought or flood or by both drought and flood are eligible to be considered for financial assistance under Part 6 of the programme.
- 2 In relation to such farmers, Part 6 of the programme applies for the period beginning on 2 August 2021 and ending with the close of 1 August 2022.
- 3 In this approval, **affected areas** means the territories of the following local authorities:
  - (i) Marlborough District Council:
  - (ii) Kaikoura District Council:
  - (iii) Hurunui District Council:
  - (iv) Selwyn District Council:
  - (v) Waimakariri District Council:
  - (vi) Christchurch City Council:
  - (vii) Ashburton District Council:
  - (viii) Timaru District Council:
  - (ix) Mackenzie District Council:
  - (x) Waimate District Council:
  - (xi) Waitaki District Council:
  - (xii) Central Otago District Council:
  - (xiii) Queenstown Lakes District Council:
  - (xiv) Dunedin City Council:
  - (xv) Clutha District Council:
  - (xvi) Chatham Islands District Council:
  - (xvii) Buller District Council:
  - (xviii) Grey District Council:
  - (xix) Westland District Council:

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<sup>1</sup> New Zealand Gazette, 28 January 1999, notice 563, page 202

(xx) Tasman District Council.

Dated at *Auckland* this *25<sup>th</sup>* day of July 2021

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C Sepuloni', written over a horizontal line.

Hon Carmel Sepuloni  
Minister for Social Development and Employment