

House of Representatives

Supplementary Order Paper

Thursday, 6 April 2023

Severe Weather Emergency Recovery Legislation Bill

Proposed amendment

Chris Penk, in Committee, to move the following amendment:

Clause 9

Replace *clause 9(1)(a)* (page 9, lines 11 to 15) with:

- (a) make available the document referred to in **subsection (2)** to—
 - (i) every local authority affected by the operation of the document; and
 - (ii) either—
 - (A) the persons or representatives of persons that the relevant Minister considers appropriate (including local Māori and local community groups), given the proposed effect of the order; or
 - (B) the public generally; and

Explanatory note

This Supplementary Order Paper (SOP) amends the Severe Weather Emergency Recovery Legislation Bill. This SOP would require that local authorities (being the councils defined in the legislation as such) are provided with a copy of the document explaining the proposed order. The Bill as introduced requires those documents to be provided in relation only to persons or groups that the Minister considers appropriate. This leaves open the possibility that affected councils would not be provided with such documents, thereby denying them the opportunity to engage with the Minister about the effects of orders on areas that they represent.
