

Approval for rural assistance under Special Needs Grants Programme

Under clauses 18.2 and 18.6 of the Special Needs Grants Programme¹, 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 are eligible to be considered for financial assistance under Part 6 of the programme who are in the territory of the Tasman District local authority and whose primary industries are directly affected by the Tasman District fires.
- 2 Farmers are eligible to be considered for financial assistance under Part 6 of the programme who are in the affected areas and whose primary industries are directly affected by drought.
- 3 Part 6 of the programme applies to farmers covered by Clause 1 and 2 for the period beginning on 12 April 2019 and ending with the close of 12 October 2019, unless further extended by the Minister.
- 4 In this approval, **affected areas** means:
 - (a) The territories of the following local authorities:
 - (i) Buller District Council:
 - (ii) Marlborough District Council:
 - (iii) Nelson City Council:
 - (iv) Tasman District Council.

Dated at Wellington this 8th day of April 2019



Hon Carmel Sepuloni
Minister for Social Development

¹ New Zealand Gazette, 28 January 1999, page 202.