

## 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 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 March 2020 and ending with the close of 2 November 2020, unless further extended by the Minister.
- 3 In this approval, **affected areas** means:
  - (a) The territories of the following local authorities:
    - (i) Far North District Council:
    - (ii) Whangarei District Council:
    - (iii) Kaipara District Council.
  - (b) The following ward areas of the Auckland Council:
    - (i) Albany Ward:
    - (ii) North Shore Ward:
    - (iii) Rodney Ward:
    - (iv) Waitākere Ward:
    - (v) Waitematā and Gulf Ward:
    - (vi) Whau Ward.

Dated at Wellington this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020



Hon Carmel Sepuloni  
Minister for Social Development

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