

**SPEECH NOTES FOR GRANT KIRBY,  
CHAIRMAN, LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION**

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINAL REORGANISATION SCHEME FOR  
THE ABOLITION OF BANKS PENINSULA DISTRICT AND ITS  
INCLUSION IN CHRISTCHURCH CITY**

**11.00AM, FRIDAY 19 AUGUST 2005  
LYTTELTON CLUB, LYTTELTON**

**Your Worships, Mr Bob Parker, Mayor of Banks Peninsula District, and  
Mr Garry Moore, Mayor of Christchurch City.**

**Ladies and Gentlemen.**

**I am Grant Kirby, Chairman of the Local Government Commission. I am  
accompanied by my fellow Commissioners, Sue Piper and Gwen Bull,  
and by Donald Riezebos, the Commission's Chief Executive Officer, and  
Francis Ryan, Senior Advisor.**

**We are here today to outline the Commission's final decision on the  
proposal, initiated by electors of Banks Peninsula District, for the  
abolition of Banks Peninsula District and its inclusion in Christchurch  
City.**

**Firstly, I wish to thank those of you who made submissions on the draft  
reorganisation scheme based on the proposal, which was issued by the  
Commission in April this year.**

**The Commission received 71 written submissions and heard 37 of the  
submitters in Akaroa, Lyttelton and Christchurch last month. On behalf**

of the Commission, I wish to acknowledge the quality of the submissions that came forward. They identified a number of matters that the Commission has had to work through in its final decision-making processes.

After consideration of all the issues raised in the submissions, and the completion of its inquiries and consultations, the Commission has decided to issue a final reorganisation scheme for the abolition of Banks Peninsula District and its inclusion in Christchurch City in accordance with clause 46 of Schedule 3 of the Local Government Act 2002.

In issuing its final scheme the Commission is satisfied that the implementation of the final scheme would promote good local government, and would meet the other reorganisation criteria set out in the Local Government Act 2002.

The final scheme is based on the draft scheme, but includes modifications in a number of areas.

The key modifications are:

- The boundaries and membership of the Banks Peninsula Ward may not be altered for a period of three years from the time that the final scheme comes into effect;
- Each of the two proposed Banks Peninsula community boards will have absolute discretion over the implementation of a discretionary funding allocation of \$15,000 per financial year; and
- The delegations conferred through the final scheme on each of the proposed Banks Peninsula community boards will apply for a period of three years, and during that time the Christchurch City

Council will have the ability to confer additional delegations on the boards.

The final scheme provides that the first election for the Banks Peninsula Ward, Lyttelton-Mount Herbert Community Board and the Akaroa-Wairewa Community Board will be held on 25 February 2006.

The final scheme also provides that the Banks Peninsula District Council will be dissolved, and the Banks Peninsula District will be abolished, on the day after the day on which the electoral officer of the Christchurch City Council declares the results of the first election of the member of the Banks Peninsula Ward, and the members of the Lyttelton-Mount Herbert Community Board and Akaroa-Wairewa Community Board.

The final decision on whether the final scheme proceeds now rests with the electors of Banks Peninsula District. A poll will be held in Banks Peninsula District, and the final scheme will be put into effect by Order in Council if over 50% of the votes cast in the poll are in favour of the proposal as specified in the Commission's final scheme.

The Commission will set the date for the poll following consultation with the electoral officer of the Banks Peninsula District Council. I expect that the consultation will take place next week.

The final reorganisation scheme and explanatory statement will now be circulated.

I wish to thank those of you who have made a contribution to the process that the Commission is required to follow under the Local Government Act 2002. This proposal has been the first significant reorganisation proposal dealt with by the Commission under the new legislation and your input and patience with the process is appreciated.

Finally, the Commission wishes the electors of the Banks Peninsula District well in their consideration of this important matter as the time approaches when they will have the opportunity to determine the outcome of this proposal.

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