



LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION

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Proposal for Abolition of Banks Peninsula District

The Local Government Commission today received a proposal from a group of electors of the Banks Peninsula District seeking the abolition of the District and its inclusion in Christchurch City.

The Commission has referred the proposal to the Electoral Officer of the Banks Peninsula District Council for him to check whether the proposal has been signed by the required number of electors. To be valid the proposal must have been signed by not less than 10% of the electors of the district. The Electoral Officer has one month to notify the Commission whether the proposal has been made by the required number of electors.

If the Electoral Officer determines that the proposal has been made by the required number of electors, it will be considered by the Commission in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002.

Consideration of the proposal would advance within the following statutory framework:

- The Commission invites public submissions on the proposal; consults with the affected and adjoining local authorities, the proposer, relevant government agencies, affected Maori organisations identified by Te Puni Kōkiri; and makes any inquiries that it considers appropriate.
- The Commission provides the submissions received to the proposer and provides the opportunity for the proposer to withdraw the proposal.
- If the proposal is not withdrawn the Commission decides whether to issue a draft reorganisation scheme (based on the proposal or on some modification or variation to the proposal) or not to proceed with the proposal.

- If the Commission issues a draft reorganisation scheme it invites submissions on the draft scheme.
- The Commission considers any submissions received and decides whether to issue a final reorganisation based on the draft scheme (with or without modifications) or to decline to proceed with the scheme.
- The nature of any final reorganisation scheme issued by the Commission determines whether any poll or polls are required in one or more local authority districts.
- If a poll or polls are required, a final scheme would be put into effect if a majority of those who vote in each poll are in favour of the final scheme.

Further information on the process may be found on the Commission's website – www.lgc.govt.nz - by clicking the "Guidelines" button.

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