



## LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION

### **Media Release**

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#### **Consultancy work now well underway on the proposal for the abolition of Banks Peninsula District**

“The consultancy work initiated by the Local Government Commission relating to the Banks Peninsula District abolition proposal is now well underway”, advised Donald Riezebos, the Commission’s Chief Executive Officer.

Following its hearings in September of submissions on the proposal, the Commission initiated two studies to gather information to assist it to make a decision on the proposal.

“The first study, of communities of interest in Banks Peninsula District, of the links between those communities and with communities in adjoining districts, is due for completion in January 2005.”

“The other study is focusing on the financial and operational impacts of the proposal. That study is expected to be completed in March 2005.”

Mr Riezebos advised that while it is not possible to accurately set a timeframe for the completion of the Commission’s consideration of the proposal, it is likely that the Commission would be able to make a decision on the proposal in mid-2005. Under the Local Government Act 2002 the Commission may issue a draft reorganisation scheme based on the proposal, or on some modification or variation of the proposal, or to decide not to proceed with the proposal.

“If a draft reorganisation scheme were issued as an outcome of the Commission’s consideration of the proposal, the Local Government Act 2002 requires that the draft scheme be open for public submissions for at least two months”, concluded Mr Riezebos.

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