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Commission initiates further work on the proposal for the abolition of Banks Peninsula District

The Local Government Commission has now completed its hearing of submissions on the proposal, initiated by a group of electors of Banks Peninsula District, for the abolition of Banks Peninsula District and its inclusion in Christchurch City. The submissions were heard at hearings held in Lyttelton and Christchurch on 9 September, and in Akaroa on 10 September.

“The Commission thanks those who have taken the time to make written submissions, and who appeared before the Commission at the hearings. The Commission has gained a significant amount of information from this process”, advised the Commission’s Chairman, Grant Kirby.

“The Commission has decided to engage an independent consultant to undertake an assessment of the financial issues associated with implementation of the proposal. This will provide important information to assist the Commission in making a decision on the proposal. The report will also be made available to the public.”

“The Commission is very aware of the general public desire that this matter be brought to a conclusion as soon as possible. However, the Commission needs to ensure that it makes a properly informed decision. Commissioning this work will provide information that will assist the Commission to reach an informed decision. It will also provide useful information to the public so that it can better understand the full range of issues associated with the proposal”, concluded Mr Kirby.

The Commission is also separately updating the study undertaken in 1998 of the communities of interest in the Banks Peninsula District. That study explored the linkages of communities in Banks Peninsula District, and the linkages of those communities with communities in adjoining districts.

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