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Banks Peninsula community of interest report completed

The report into the linkages between communities in Banks Peninsula, and their linkages with communities in adjoining districts has today been made available by the Local Government Commission.

The report, undertaken for the Commission by independent consultants, Taylor Baines and Associates, updates a previous community of interest study prepared in 1998 by Martin Ward for the Commission.

“In general the report shows that the links between the communities of Banks Peninsula with Christchurch City have continued to develop since the 1998 study”, advised Grant Kirby, the Commission’s Chairman.

“I recommend that those with an interest in the proposal for the abolition of Banks Peninsula District and its inclusion in Christchurch City read the report. As well as a source of useful information for the public, the report provides valuable information to assist the Commission in making its decision on the proposal.”

Mr Kirby advised that significant progress has been made on the separate study into the financial and operational costs of the proposal. That study is expected to be completed and publicly available by early April 2005.

The community of interest report can be accessed at the Commission’s website: www.lgc.govt.nz. Hard copies are available from the Commission on request.

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