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LGC WELCOMES BANKS PENINSULA POLL RESULT

"The Local Government Commission welcomes the decision of Banks Peninsula District voters to support the inclusion of the district in Christchurch City", Commission Chairman, Grant Kirby, said today.

Preliminary results of the poll on the Local Government Commission's proposal announced by the Banks Peninsula District electoral officer today show a majority favouring the proposal.

Mr Kirby said that he was particularly heartened by the high turnout of voters at the poll. "With a turnout of over 75% it was a good reflection of the thinking of the community", Mr Kirby said.

"The positive result of the poll held on the proposal means that the challenges facing local government on Banks Peninsula can be dealt with by a significantly better resourced local authority. It also means that the opportunity exists for savings to be passed on to ratepayers", said Mr Kirby.

The next step will be for the Minister of Local Government to arrange for the implementation of the Commission's reorganisation scheme by Order in Council and then for arrangements to be made for elections in the New Year of a member to represent the new Banks Peninsula Ward on the Christchurch City Council and for members of the two community boards covering the peninsula.

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