



LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION

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COMMISSION CONSULTS ON PROPOSAL FOR ABOLITION OF BANKS PENINSULA DISTRICT

The Local Government Commission is calling for submissions on the proposal for the abolition of Banks Peninsula District and its inclusion in Christchurch City. The proposal was initiated by a petition of Banks Peninsula District electors in November.

Submissions may be made on any matter relevant to the proposal, including –

- Whether or not the proposal should proceed;
- Whether some variation of the proposal should be adopted; and
- If a proposal is implemented, details such as representation and community board structures and functions.

The Commission is also consulting with the affected and adjoining local authorities, the proposer, relevant government agencies, and iwi.

The closing date for submissions is 30 April 2004.

After the closing date for submissions the process is as follows -

- The Commission provides the submissions received to the proposer and provides the opportunity for the proposer to withdraw the proposal.
- In addition to calling for submissions the Commission may make any further inquiries and investigations that it considers appropriate.
- If the proposal is not withdrawn the Commission decides whether to issue a draft reorganisation scheme (based on the proposal or on some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.
- If a final reorganisation scheme were issued a poll would be held. A scheme is put into effect if a majority of those who vote in the 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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