



LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION

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COMMISSION CONSULTS ON PROPOSAL FOR TRANSFER OF PART OF CLUTHA DISTRICT TO DUNEDIN CITY

The Local Government Commission is calling for submissions on a proposal for the transfer of the area surrounding Lake Mahinerangi from Clutha District to Dunedin City.

The proposal was initiated by a petition signed by 14 Clutha District electors living in the area. In December 2007 the Clutha District Council and the Dunedin City Council decided that the proposal should be referred to the Commission for consideration and decision rather than being dealt with by the Councils.

A map of the area affected by the proposal can be viewed at the Commission's website: www.lgc.govt.nz.

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

- whether or not the proposal should proceed; and
- whether some modification or variation of the proposal should be adopted.

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 29 May 2008.

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

- The Commission sends copies of the submissions it has received to the representative of the electors¹, and provides the opportunity for the representative of the electors to withdraw the proposal.
- If the proposal is not withdrawn, the Commission decides whether to issue a draft reorganisation scheme (based on the proposal or on some modification of or variation to the proposal), or not to proceed with the proposal.
- As part of making that decision the Commission will meet with the proposers, the affected and neighbouring local authorities and those submitters who wish to meet with the Commission. In addition, the Commission may make any further inquiries and investigations that it considers appropriate.
- If the Commission issues a draft reorganisation scheme, it invites submissions on the draft scheme.
- The Commission considers all submissions it has 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.

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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¹ The representative of electors may act on behalf of the proposers. The representative of electors is one of the proposers appointed by the Commission to carry out that role.