



LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION
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**COMMISSION HEARING ON PROPOSAL FOR
ABOLITION OF KAIKOURA DISTRICT**

The Local Government Commission is holding a hearing of submitters on the elector-initiated proposal for the abolition of the Kaikoura District and its inclusion in the Hurunui District.

On 12 August 2008, the Commission called for written submissions on the proposal. A total of 152 submissions were received by the submission closing date of 13 October 2008. Fifty submitters have indicated they wish to speak to the Commission at a hearing of submitters.

The representative of the proposers has reviewed the submissions and indicated that he wishes the Commission to proceed with consideration of the proposal.

The hearing will be held at the Kaikoura District Council's main meeting room, 34 The Esplanade, Kaikoura on 2 and 3 December 2008:

- from 12:30 to 5:30 on Tuesday 2 December; and
- from 9am until approximately 4pm on Wednesday 3 December 2008.

Further information available

The following additional information is now available:

- An indicative hearing schedule;
- A booklet containing all of the submissions on the proposal;
- A summary of the submissions; and
- A briefing on the reorganisation process.

This information can be accessed as follows:

- at www.lgc.govt.nz (click on 'proposals' then 'current proposals');
- at the Kaikoura, Cheviot, Hamner Springs, and Amberley libraries (reference only); and
- by contacting Michael Coles on (04) 460 2283 or at michael.coles@lgc.govt.nz

Statutory process

Following the hearing, the process is as follows -

- The Commission may make any further inquiries and investigations that it considers appropriate.
- 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 scheme based on the draft scheme (with or without modifications) or to decline to proceed with the scheme.
- If a final reorganisation scheme is issued, a poll of electors of the Kaikoura District will 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.

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