



LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION

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Commission decides to constitute a Community for the Otago Peninsula

The Local Government Commission today announced that it has decided to constitute a Community for the Otago Peninsula.

The Commission was required under the Local Government Act 1974 to make a determination on the proposal initiated by the Otago Peninsula Community Petition Committee following the receipt of appeals against the decision of the Dunedin City Council to not constitute a Community for the Otago Peninsula.

The announcement was made by Commissioner Linda Constable at a public meeting in the Portobello Coronation Hall.

In announcing the decision, Commissioner Constable advised that the Commission is satisfied that the constitution of the Otago Peninsula Community Board will promote the good local government of the Otago Peninsula.

The Commission has determined that the first election of the Otago Peninsula Community Board will be held on 6 April 2002. The Board will comprise six elected members and one appointed member.

The Commission has also determined that the Otago Peninsula Community Board will have additional functions to those provided to the other Community Boards of the City in order that it may effectively address issues of particular concern to the residents of the Otago Peninsula area. The additional functions empower the Board to determine a traffic management plan for its Community, consult with any organisation on issues of local concern, input into local tourism strategies and initiatives and to participate in Council decision-making processes on matters impacting on the area of the Community.

Full details of the Commission's determination may be obtained from the Commission (PO Box 5362, Wellington), the Commission's website – www.lgc.govt.nz, or may be viewed at the principal office of the Dunedin City Council (50 The Octagon, Dunedin).

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