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Local Government Commission issues decision on the appeals against the decision of the Opotiki District Council not to proceed with the draft Local Government (Paparoa) Reorganisation Scheme 2003

The Local Government Commission has issued its decision on the appeals lodged by Mr John Arthur Renouf and 38 others, and the Whakatane District Council, against the decision of the Opotiki District Council, as the principal local authority, to not proceed with the draft Local Government (Paparoa) Reorganisation Scheme 2003. The scheme provided for the transfer of an area from Opotiki District to Whakatane District.

The Commission has decided to uphold the appeals, and dismiss the decision of the Opotiki District Council, as it is satisfied that the draft Local Government (Paparoa) Reorganisation Scheme 2003 meets the requirements for altering a district boundary set out in sections 37ZQA and 37ZR of the Local Government Act 1974.

Having reached this decision, the Commission will refer the Local Government (Paparoa) Reorganisation Scheme to the Minister of Local Government for the preparation of an Order in Council to give effect to it. This will alter the boundary between the Opotiki District and the Whakatane District by transferring an area, comprising meshblocks 1338101 and 1338102, from Opotiki District to Whakatane District. The affected area is located on the southern side of Ohiwa Harbour, and includes Paparoa Road and Burke Road.

Full details of the Commission's decision are contained in its determination, which is available at www.lgc.govt.nz

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