



LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION

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COMMISSION CONSULTS ON PROPOSAL FOR TRANSFER OF PART OF RODNEY DISTRICT (OKURA AREA) TO NORTH SHORE CITY

The Local Government Commission is calling for submissions on the proposal for the transfer of part of Rodney District to North Shore City.

The proposal was initiated by 142 Rodney District electors living in the Okura area. In December 2005 the Rodney District Council and the North Shore City Council each decided that the proposal should be referred to the Commission for consideration and a decision under the provisions of the Local Government Act 2002.

The area proposed to be transferred comprises meshblocks 0175816, 0176102, 0176101, and 0176003. The map of the area included with the petition 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 Tuesday 21 March 2006.

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

- The Commission provides the submissions it has received to the representative of the electors, and provides the opportunity for the representative of the electors 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- If the proposal is not withdrawn, the Commission decides whether to issue a draft reorganisation scheme (based on the proposal or on some modification or variation to the proposal), or not to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 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.

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