



LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION

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COMMISSION CONSULTS ON PROPOSAL FOR TRANSFER OF PART OF TARARUA DISTRICT TO PALMERSTON NORTH CITY

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

The proposal was initiated in March 2005 by a petition of Tararua District electors residing in the Woodville area. In April 2005 the Tararua District Council and the Palmerston North City Council each decided that the proposal should be referred to the Commission for consideration and decision under the provisions of the Local Government Act 2002.

The area proposed to transfer comprises meshblocks 1543500, 1543600, 1543800, 1543900, 1540500, 1540600, 1540700, 1540800, 1540900, 1541000, 1541100, 1541200, 1541300, 1541400, 1541500, 1541600, 1541700, 1541800, 1541900, 1542000, 1542100, 1542200, 1542300 and 1542400 - covering the Woodville township and an area of land to the north and west of the township. 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 Friday, 29 July 2005.

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

- The Commission provides the submissions 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- If the proposal is not withdrawn the Commission decides whether to issue a draft reorganisation scheme (based on the proposal or on some modification or variation to the proposal), or not to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 any submissions received and decides whether to issue a final reorganisation based on the draft scheme (with or without modifications), or decline to proceed with the scheme.

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