



**LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION**  
**MANA KĀWANATANGA Ā ROHE**

## **Local Government reorganisation in Auckland**

The Local Government Commission gives notice in accordance with clause 13(1)(a) of Schedule 3 of the Local Government Act 2002 that it has determined its preferred option for local government in the Auckland Council affected area is the existing local government arrangements in Auckland.

The Commission's reasons for this decision are that:

- a) The options that meet the specific statutory requirements for a reasonably practicable option in Auckland and were therefore identified by the Commission as reasonably practicable were:
  - i) The existing local government arrangements in Auckland; and
  - ii) Two local boards for the current Rodney Local Board area.
- b) A number of other potential options were considered and determined not to meet the specific requirements under the Local Government Act 2002 for being a reasonably practicable option in Auckland.
- c) In particular, the options for a North Rodney Unitary Authority and/or a Waiheke Unitary Authority were considered not to meet the tests for being reasonably practicable options set out in the Local Government Act 2002 because:
  - i) neither would have the resources necessary to carry out effectively the responsibilities, duties and powers of a unitary authority in the relevant area; and
  - ii) neither would have a region that is appropriate for the efficient performance of their role.
- d) Having considered all relevant matters under Schedule 3 of the Local Government Act 2002, the Commission is satisfied that the existing local government arrangements in Auckland is the preferred option for the Auckland Council affected area as they will, in the affected area, best promote the purpose of local government and will facilitate improved economic performance.
- e) The Commission considered that an additional local board in Rodney was unlikely to improve the existing local government arrangements in the Auckland Council area or result in efficiencies overall, due to the additional cost and uncertain benefits.

The Commission's full decision is available at [www.lgc.govt.nz](http://www.lgc.govt.nz)

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