

Local Government Reorganisations

The process that a reorganisation follows depends on how it is initiated. Both processes are outlined below. Note, these diagrams have been simplified for ease of viewing.

Commission-led process

Proposed reorganisation initiative submitted, or investigation requested by one or more, but not all the affected councils, a group of at least 10% electors in the area and/or Minister of Local Government

LGC seeks view of relevant local authorities (and other stakeholders as required)

LGC decision - whether to undertake investigation

No *

Notify stakeholders

Yes

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Commission seeks view of relevant stakeholders on process

Commission determines and adopts a process for investigation

Commission undertakes investigation

Commission decision – should a reorganisation plan be undertaken

No *

Yes

Develop and adopt one or more reorganisation plans for the affected area

Poll of electors

Poll not in favour *

Poll in favour
Order in council

Establishment of a transition body and reorganisation implementation scheme

*** Process complete, no reorganisation undertaken**

Council-led process

Proposed reorganisation where local authorities agree the intended outcome of the reorganisation

Local Authorities reach a consensus of direction of reorganisation

Give written notice to the Local Government Commission of intention to develop plan

Local authorities work together to develop reorganisation plan

Adopt a reorganisation plan

Submit reorganisation plan to the Commission

Commission reviews reorganisation plan

Do not approve *
Commission notifies each local authority

Approve
Notify each local authority

*** Process complete, no reorganisation undertaken**

Minister of Local Government to determine whether to recommend making of an order in council

Not recommended *

Recommended
Order in council

Establishment of a transition body and reorganisation implementation scheme