



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

### **Invitation for alternative applications for local government reorganisation in Hawke's Bay Region**

The Local Government Commission has received an application from 'A Better Hawke's Bay' Trust for reorganisation of local government in Hawke's Bay Region. The application meets certain statutory requirements and, as a result, the Commission is now required to invite alternative applications for Hawke's Bay Region being the affected area.

The application from 'A Better Hawke's Bay' Trust is for the union of the districts of Wairoa, Napier, Hastings and Central Hawke's Bay and the constitution of a new local authority, called the Hawke's Bay Council. The new council would assume the responsibilities and functions currently held by the existing territorial authorities for these four districts and of the Hawke's Bay Regional Council which would all be abolished.

The Commission decided at a meeting on 15 March 2013 that, in relation to the 'A Better Hawke's Bay' application, the districts of Wairoa, Napier, Hastings and Central Hawke's Bay are affected areas along with the areas of Rangitikei and Taupo Districts currently within Hawke's Bay Region. Accordingly the local authorities for these areas and the Hawke' Bay Regional Council are affected local authorities.

The Commission also decided that the application and further information provided by the applicant meets the requirements of Schedule 3 of the Local Government Act 2002 and as a result the Commission has agreed to assess the application, publicly notify it and invite alternative applications as it is required to do. Alternative applications may be made by any person, body or group.

Any alternative applications received will be considered by the Commission along with the original application made by 'A Better Hawke's Bay' Trust. The Commission will then identify the reasonably practicable options for Hawke's Bay Region, which will include existing local government arrangements, before identifying its preferred option.

**The deadline for the Commission to receive alternative applications is Friday, 3 May 2013.** Alternative applications received after that date may be declined.

A description of the required contents of an alternative application is set out in clause 10 of Schedule 3 of the Act. A link to the legislation is available on the Commission's website – see below. Alternatively the relevant legislation can be accessed via the New Zealand Government website [www.legislation.govt.nz/browse.aspx](http://www.legislation.govt.nz/browse.aspx). It is likely that access to online legislation may also be obtained through assistance from staff of local public libraries.

Alternative applications should be addressed to:

Chief Executive Officer  
Local Government Commission  
PO Box 5362  
Wellington 6145

Electronic versions of alternative applications are acceptable and may be emailed to [info@lgc.govt.nz](mailto:info@lgc.govt.nz). In this case supplementary hard copies would be appreciated particularly for appendices and other background information difficult to read in electronic form.

A copy of the Commission's full decisions and explanatory information on the 'A Better Hawke's Bay' application may be obtained from the Commission, along with any requests for further information or queries, as follows:

Phone: (04) 494 0552  
Fax: (04) 494 0501  
email: [info@lgc.govt.nz](mailto:info@lgc.govt.nz)  
Postal Address: PO Box 5362, Wellington 6145

The decisions, the Commission's reorganisation guidelines and the original application from 'A Better Hawke's Bay' Trust are also available on the Commission's website [www.lgc.govt.nz](http://www.lgc.govt.nz)

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