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Dear Mayor Smith

Outcome of investigation into the request to alter the boundary of Palmerston North City

The Commission has decided to not adopt a reorganisation plan for Opiki and Tokomaru to join Palmerston North City and to complete our investigation into the related request for a boundary alteration.

We reached these decisions because our investigation identified that the requested alteration would not meet the range of criteria that must be considered under clause 12(2) of Schedule 3 of the Local Government Act 2002. A copy of our decision is enclosed.

We identified an opportunity for the Horowhenua District Council and Palmerston North City Council to work together to explore ways to enhance local government services in Opiki and Tokomaru. We agreed, pursuant to clause 9(1) of Schedule 3 of the Local Government Act 2002, to recommend that the two Councils work together to explore ways to enhance local government services in Opiki and Tokomaru.

We are interested in your Council's response to this recommendation and wish to receive updates by 30 November 2021 and 31 May 2022. Please provide the updates to the Commission's Chief Executive, Penny Langley (penny.langley@dia.govt.nz).

Any questions about the Commission's decision on the requested boundary alteration and its related recommendation should also be directed to Ms Langley.

Yours sincerely

Sue Piper
Lead Commissioner

Encl. Decision on adopting a reorganisation plan for a boundary alteration between Horowhenua District and Palmerston North City

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