



Report of the proceedings and operations of the
Local Government Commission
Mana Kāwanatanga ā Rohe
For the year ended 30 June 2009

*Presented to the House of Representatives pursuant to
clause 31 of Schedule 4 of the Local Government Act 2002.*

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Minister

We forward, in terms of clause 31 of Schedule 4 of the Local Government Act 2002, the report of the Local Government Commission to 30 June 2009.

Yours sincerely

The Local Government Commission

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Review of the operation of the Local Government Act 2002 and the Local Electoral Act 2001

The Commission was required to undertake this review by section 32 of the Local Government Act 2002. An overview of the findings of the report is contained in the report of the Commission for the year ending 30 June 2008.

A summary report was sent to the Minister of Local Government on 14 July 2008 and a full report on 26 August 2008.

Reorganisation proposals

Proposed abolition of Kaikoura District and inclusion in Hurunui District

On 12 August 2008 the Commission called for submissions on a proposal for the abolition of Kaikoura District and its inclusion in Hurunui District. A total of 152 submissions were received by the closing date of 13 October 2008. A further five submissions were received after this date.

A hearing of submissions was held in Kaikoura on 2 and 3 December 2008.

After the hearing the Commission decided that, in order to be satisfied as to whether the proposal would promote good local government or not, it required further information focused on council financial capacity and service delivery implications of the proposal.

Following the meeting and consideration of submissions and after its further inquiries the Commission decided not to proceed with the proposal.

Proposed transfer of islands from Auckland City to Thames-Coromandel District

A petition seeking a boundary change between Auckland City and Thames-Coromandel District, to provide for the transfer of most of the Hauraki Gulf Islands from the City to the District, was lodged with Thames-Coromandel District Council on 26 September 2008 and subsequently lodged with Auckland City Council, Auckland Regional Council and Environment Waikato.

On 5 November 2008 the Commission received advice that the Thames-Coromandel District Council, after consulting with the other affected local authorities, had resolved to refer the proposal to the Commission for consideration. Similar advice was received from the Auckland City Council, Auckland Regional Council and Environment Waikato.

On 9 December 2008 the Commission agreed, under clause 36 of Schedule 3 of the LGA, to appoint Nobilangelo Ceramalus as representative of electors in relation to the proposal.

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The Commission publicly notified the proposal on 16 February 2009 and called for submissions by 20 April 2009. A total of 365 submissions were received by the closing date with a further 31 late submissions subsequently received. A meeting with the proposer, affected local authorities and organisations representing particular areas and interests has been arranged for 16 July 2009.

Following the meeting and consideration of submissions and after further inquiries the Commission decided not to proceed with the proposal.

Proposed boundary alteration between Clutha District and Dunedin City

On 3 September 2008 the Commission held a hearing in Balclutha of submitters on a proposal to transfer the Mahinerangi area from Clutha District to Dunedin City.

Following the meeting and after further inquiries the Commission decided not to proceed with the proposal.

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