

12. ELECTORAL REVIEW AND WARD BOUNDARIES

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The purpose of this report is to advise Board members of the response to consultation on the electoral review and ward boundaries undertaken at the New Brighton Library and The Palms Mall.

The Council is inviting submissions on the review of ward boundaries and electoral process by 14 October 2003.

The Council has advertised the proposals in newspapers and copies of the Council reports and resolutions are available at the Civic Offices and Service Centres. Public meetings have been held in some areas of Christchurch.

The Burwood/Pegasus Community Board members considered options to give residents further access to the information and it was agreed to arrange two information sessions, one at the New Brighton Library from 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm on Thursday 2 October 2003 and at The Palms Mall 10.00 am to 4.00 pm on Saturday 4 October 2003. The Community Advocate manned the sites and was joined for two hours at The Palms Mall by the Community Advocate, Shirley/Papanui.

NEW BRIGHTON LIBRARY

An excellent site was provided at the Library, four metres from the entrance. The Library patrons showed some interest, however only ten persons stopped for discussion on the proposals.

All who sought information were aware of the proposed changes and were seeking more information on ward boundaries and how they would be individually affected. They took away information and submission forms.

THE PALMS MALL

This stand was also well placed and supported by Mall management. The site at the entrance to the supermarket was easily visible from the north end of the Mall.

Thirty-seven persons stopped and discussed the proposals and again the prominent intent was in which ward the person was to be located. The majority had heard about the proposal but wanted more information. All agreed with the proposal to reduce the size of the Council.

The opportunity was taken to note other issues raised, and these will be referred for action. Less than half took submission forms with them. Several expressed appreciation of the opportunity to view the plans and to be advised of the options considered by the Council.

Staff

- Recommendations:**
1. That the information be received.
 2. That The Palms Mall management and the New Brighton Librarian be thanked for allocating prominent places at both sites.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the abovementioned recommendations be adopted.