

**9. PROPOSED BANKS PENINSULA/CHRISTCHURCH CITY
AMALGAMATION: SUBMISSION TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT
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The purpose of this report is to establish a timetable for the Council to develop its submission on the proposed Banks Peninsula/Christchurch City amalgamation.

Members will recall that last month the Committee adopted a range of techniques for seeking community views on the Draft Re-organisation Scheme. These techniques included holding community workshops, production of a special issue of City Scene, placing information on the Council's Web site, and undertaking research.

Action is being taken to gain community views as proposed.

It was originally envisaged that a Special Council meeting be held, on or around 17 May, to consider community feedback and develop a submission for forwarding to the Commission by 20 May.

Given that the Council's ordinary meeting is scheduled for 27 May the Commission has been asked to extend the date for lodging submissions until 28 May.

In anticipation of this extension the Strategy and Resources Committee resolved to hold a seminar meeting at 12 noon on 24 May 1999 for the purposes of being briefed on the outcome of the seeking community views exercise and developing a Council position on the proposed amalgamation of Banks Peninsula and Christchurch City. All Councillors will be invited to attend the seminar.

The outcomes of the seeking community views exercise will be presented to the seminar, and following discussion and direction from the Committee a draft submission prepared for presentation to the Council meeting on 27 May.

At the meeting concerns were expressed by several members of the Committee that the time frame imposed by the Local Government Commission for completing this part of the process did not allow time for the community to be consulted on the proposed ward and community boundaries presently being prepared by the Commission appointed at the last meeting of this Committee. To address this concern, the Committee proposes that the boundary proposal be referred to the Commission in draft form and that it be released for public consultation following the May Council meeting.

Recommendation: That the proposal for ward and community boundaries be submitted to the Local Government Commission as a draft and be the subject of public consultation; the form of consultation to be decided.