

3. DUAL MEMBERSHIP OF COMMUNITY BOARDS AND TERRITORIAL AUTHORITIES

The Community Advocate reported on behalf of the Chairperson, seeking support for the Private Members Bill to amend the Local Government Act 1974 as it related to membership of Community Boards.

A report dated 12 March 1999 from the Department of Internal Affairs outlined a Private Members Bill intended to solve problems in respect to dual membership of community boards and territorial authorities (where a person was elected to both).

However, if the change to the legislation did not occur through this Bill, it was possible it could be included in the Local Government Law Reform Bill. The Auckland City Council has given support to the Bill.

This Board has experienced dual membership in the current and the past electoral terms where a candidate was elected to both the community board and the council. Members agreed that it placed an unreasonable workload on the elected member in question.

Recommendation: That the Council be requested to support the Private Members Bill in respect of dual membership of community boards and territorial authorities, based on this Board's experience.