

**7. BANKS PENINSULA AMALGAMATION
COMMUNITY BOARD DELEGATIONS**

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The purpose of this report is to obtain the Council's views on a proposal by the Local Government Commission to include the terms of reference and delegations for Community Boards in the Final Reorganisation Scheme.

On Tuesday 1 June 1999 Council representatives presented the City Council's submission on Banks Peninsula Amalgamation to the Local Government Commission in Lyttelton.

One of the issues that arose during the presentation of that submission was the matter of community board delegations in any Final Reorganisation Scheme that may be issued by the Commission. The City Council's submission stated that the Council's view was that the issue of delegations for community boards, if amalgamation was to occur, should be left to the new Council after the elections in 2001 and delegations should not be prescribed in the Final Reorganisation Scheme.

The Commission raised the alternative approach of having the existing City Council delegations to community boards provided for in the Final Reorganisation Scheme, with the new Council retaining the ability to confer additional delegations on community boards if it saw fit. In the Commission's view this would enable people taking part in polls, particularly in the current Banks Peninsula area, to be assured that any community boards for that area would have at least the level of delegations set out in the Final Reorganisation Scheme. The Commission requested that the views of the City Council to this option be obtained, and this is the purpose of this report.

It is not considered that this should be seen as a make or break issue for the City Council in terms of the Banks Peninsula amalgamation, and it is felt that it would be appropriate for the Council to state to the Commission that it would prefer the Commission not prescribe any delegations in the Final Reorganisation Scheme. If the Commission does include delegations however, then the City Council would support the attached schedule of delegations included in the Final Reorganisation Scheme as terms of reference and minimum delegations for Community Boards.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Local Government Commission be asked to note that the Council would prefer the Commission not to prescribe any delegations in the Final Reorganisation Scheme.
 2. That should the Commission include delegations in the Final Reorganisation Scheme, the Council would support the current delegations it makes to its existing Community Boards.

(Councillor O'Rourke requested that his vote against the foregoing recommendation be recorded.)