

15. SCENARIOS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO 2010

The Board considered a report seeking confirmation of the action previously taken in supporting proposed draft submissions on the document “Scenarios for Local Government to 2010”, which had been produced as a foresight planning exercise by the Department of Internal Affairs, Local Government New Zealand and the Society of Local Government Managers.

The Board **resolved** to confirm the action taken by Board members present at the informal meeting on 18 February 1999 and to approve the submission forwarded to the Department of Internal Affairs on the discussion document “Scenarios for Local Government to 2010” with the addition of the following words at the end of submission (d) The Ideal Future

“While there is a preference for Scenario 3, the Council believes the community should be free to choose whether the Council or other parties should provide services. It does not accept that private provision is necessarily more effective than public and notes that contracting out in small parcels can lead to lack of flexibility and reduction in corporate knowledge”.