

15. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL - COUNCIL SUBMISSIONS

At its December 2001 meeting the Council resolved that the Strategy and Finance Committee be authorised to approve the submissions on the Local Government Bill on behalf of the Council. Submissions closed on Friday 22 February 2002.

The Legislation Subcommittee met on Wednesday 13 February 2002 to consider the draft submissions prepared by Council staff. The Subcommittee made a number of changes to the draft and an amended submission incorporating those changes was submitted to the Committee.

In addition, Christchurch City Holdings Ltd sought the support of the Council for its submission. The Legislation Subcommittee recommended to the Committee that this submission also be supported by the Council.

During consideration of the draft submissions Councillor Harrow moved by way of amendment:

"That the Council oppose the provision in the Bill relating to the creation of separate Maori wards."

The amendment was seconded by Councillor Stewart and when put to the meeting was declared lost on division no 4, the voting being as follows:

For (4): Councillors Corbett, Harrow, Stewart and Wright

Against (5): Councillors Anderton, Austin, Baker, James and O'Rourke.

The Committee **resolved:**

1. That the submissions on the Local Government Bill be approved.
2. That the Chairman of the Legislation Subcommittee (Councillor Alpers) be authorised to approve late technical submissions.
3. That Councillors Alister James, Oscar Alpers and Sue Wells, together with appropriate officers, represent the Council before the Select Committee at the hearing on the submissions.