18. REVIEW OF BASIS OF 2001 LOCAL BODY ELECTIONS - COMMUNITY BOUNDARIES

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The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's support for an adjustment to the Pegasus ward boundary with the Ferrymead ward boundary (application 2). This proposal is the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board's response to this Board's request from its meeting on 29 May 2000 for a review of the Pegasus/Ferrymead ward boundaries.

BACKGROUND

The Burwood/Pegasus Community Board sought a boundary adjustment to include in the Pegasus ward (1) Cuthberts Green/Cowles Stadium and Oxidation Ponds and (2) the eastern edge of the Avon/Heathcote Estuary (including the Pleasant Point Yacht Club).

The Board's resolution when related to the existing meshblocks on which boundaries have been determined shows that Cuthberts Green, Cowles Stadium, and the Oxidation Ponds are included in meshblocks 2,578,800 (application 4) and meshblock 2,580,100 (application 5).

The Hagley/Ferrymead Community Focus Committee on Wednesday 21 June 2000 did not support the proposal that these areas be included in the Pegasus ward. The Board considers that there is a community of interest with the Bromley area of the Ferrymead ward and decided to recommend that this proposal be declined. The Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board did support this Board's view that the Pleasant Point Yacht Club be included in the Pegasus ward.

PROPOSAL

On the initiative of the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board an informal discussion on these issues and other boundary issues with the Spreydon/Heathcote and Shirley/Papanui Community Boards was convened on Thursday 29 June 2000. The meeting was attended by the Council's Secretary and Returning Officer, Max Robertson.

This meeting provided an opportunity for informal round table discussion between representatives of the Community Boards on the possible adjustments.

PLEASANT POINT YACHT CLUB AND ESTUARY EDGE

The Board's Chairperson, Chrissie Williams, outlined to the meeting the concerns of the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board noting the community of interest between the Pleasant Point Yacht Club and the Pegasus ward. The Board's interest in the Estuary Edge and its relationship with the residents of Southshore was also noted. It was agreed that both the Hagley/Ferrymead and Burwood/Pegasus Community Boards have an interest in the Estuary. The importance of the Estuary could be emphasised by including it within both Community Board areas.

The Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board members present supported this view and agreed to take to their Board the proposal that three meshblocks bordering the eastern edge of the Estuary and including the Pleasant Point Yacht Club be transferred from the Ferrymead ward to the Pegasus ward. These meshblocks are: 2,700,800; 2,555,500; and 2,555,800. The meshblocks have no resident population. The Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board members will be recommending this proposal to the Board's meeting on 5 July 2000.

- **Recommendations:** 1. That the Board not pursue the proposal to include Cuthberts Green, Cowles Stadium and the Oxidation Ponds in the Pegasus ward.
 - 2. That the Board agree to the transfer of the area within the three meshblocks 2,700,800; 2,555,500; and 2,555,800 from the Ferrymead ward to the Pegasus ward.

Chairperson's Recommendation:

- **:** 1. That recommendation 2 be adopted by the Board.
 - 2. That the Board negotiate the proposed boundary change to include Cowles Stadium/Cuthberts Green and the Oxidation Ponds with the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board over the next three years.