

18. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL – SUBMISSION

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The purpose of this report is to advise of recent action taken in preparing a submission to the Local Government Bill, which was released just prior to Christmas, and to seek ratification for the action taken in forwarding the submission to the Council, and to the Select Committee.

BACKGROUND

Members will recall that Community Boards were involved during June and July 2001 in formulating comment/submissions on the (then) consultation document covering the review of the Local Government Act.

The Board, through a Forum held on 9 July, prepared a submission which was forwarded to the Strategy and Resources Committee for consideration in the Committee's preparation of a draft Council submission. Following that, on 31 July, the Board resolved to endorse the Council's submission.

RECENT ACTION

With the release of the Bill prior to Christmas, and with the Legal Services Manager calling for input by 26 January, the opportunity was taken to convene a meeting of the Chairmen/Deputy Chairmen of the 3 Western Community Boards to consider the preparation of a submission. This forum was later expanded to cover all Boards.

The combined forum was held on Monday 21 January and a submission prepared for forwarding to both the Council (via the legislation subcommittee) and the Parliamentary Select Committee. A copy of the submission will be **separately circulated**.

- Recommendations:**
1. That the information be received.
 2. That the action taken by the Board Chairmen/Deputy Chairmen on behalf of the six Community Boards be confirmed.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the foregoing recommendation be adopted.