

**Hottest News!!**



# The Northern Action Group Incorporated

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Dear Member/Supporter,

You may have seen the news on Friday, but NAG is delighted to advise that the Local Government Commission have at long last decided to assess our application. We received the decision on Friday.

We will put the letter from Sandra Preston (the LGC CEO) up on our website and, as I noted in the last newsletter, this is the first formal step in the process.

The Commission have indicated they now want to:

- Determine the affected area, i.e. whether it is the North Rodney area or the whole of Auckland;
- Assess whether there is demonstrable community support for local government reorganisation in the area affected by the application; and
- if the Commission is satisfied that there is such support, call for alternative applications for local government reorganisation in the affected area.

We consider that the first two of those bullet points have been resolved by the High Court decision and the additional information we subsequently provided to gain assessment, and are following up with the Commission on these points.

However, we are obviously delighted that the process has now formally started and we can engage with the Commission to, in their words, “work with stakeholders in North Rodney to consider the long term challenges the community faces and look at the options for local government that can best meet those challenges.”

So its still lot's of hurdles yet to jump but we are determined to keep pushing ahead.

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