



# Local Government Commission

*Mana Kāwanatanga ā Rohe*

21 August 2015

Bill Townson  
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Dear Bill

## **DECISION ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION APPLICATION FOR A NORTH RODNEY COUNCIL**

This is to inform you that at its meeting on 13 August 2015, the Local Government Commission agreed to assess the Northern Action Group's application for a North Rodney Council separate from the Auckland Council.

This decision took into account the decision of the High Court in respect of the Commission's determination of 30 June 2014 not to assess the application and further information provided by the Northern Action Group subsequent to the issue of the High Court's decision.

The next immediate steps the Commission has to take in respect of this application are 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 will keep you updated on the Commission's progress with the assessment and will let you know if any further information about the definition of the affected area or community support for reorganisation is required.

We look forward to working with you further. Should support for local government reorganisation be demonstrated, the Commission will 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.

In the meantime, if you wish to discuss this matter please contact Sarah Polaschek, Lead Advisor, on 04 495 7286, or at [sarah.polaschek@dia.govt.nz](mailto:sarah.polaschek@dia.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely

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