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Dear Samuel

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT REQUEST

Your request of 25 May 2012 refers and it is noted you have requested information on amalgamation for the past two years.

Attached is a letter received by the Council against amalgamation which has been acknowledged.

Also attached is an extract from the Management Team minutes held on 24 May where Governance and the proposed changes to the Local Government Act were discussed.

The Mayor and Chief Executive have been involved with discussions at a Mayoral Forum which included the options regarding the future of local reform across New Zealand. These discussions are Chaired by Mayor Bob Parker from the Christchurch City Council. You may have already contacted that organisation with your question on amalgamation. Their web site address is: www.ccc.govt.nz

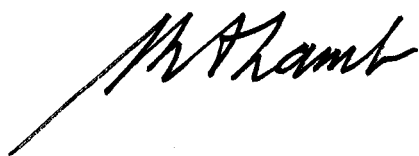
There has also been discussions at the Local Government NZ Zone 5 and more recently the Zone 5 and 6 meetings about the prospect of a South Island Strategic Alliance, but these are discussion points, which do not involve amalgamation. The Local Government office is in 114-118 Lambton Quay, Wellington and the web site address is: www.lgnz.co.nz

As you are aware there would be a charge for the other information you outlined in your request which you have advise you are not prepared to pay at this time.

This information is released under section 13 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

You may appeal the council's decision at the Office of the Ombudsman in Christchurch (03) 357 4555.

Yours sincerely



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To Waimakariri Mayor David Ayeis

Dear Sir,

As a Rangiora resident and ratepayer
I would not "vote" for amalgamation
with Christchurch.

Waimakariri is a well run entity with
our unique country towns and we
wish to retain our District Council
largely unchanged.

Yours Sincerely

**Extract from Waimakariri District Council Management Team Strategy meeting notes
held on 24th May 2012.**

South Island Strategic Alliance development and implications of Auckland Council.

This is being driven by Richard Kempthorne out of Tasman, and there is some strategic alliance being developed in Wellington which goes south of the straight to include Nelson, Tasman and Marlborough.

Other Matters

Morris Williamson wanting regional or centralized building consenting framework. We probably have regionalization of civil defence/rural fire activities to try and push those together.

There is the Better Local Government initiative which will be the enabler of all of these things. In the background you have CERA who are still there in Christchurch.

The challenge for us is that in the political arena we are lightweight in the influence in its framework of New Zealand. What might this mean for our community and what is the best community position for us.

What does this mean for us

Simon and Nick – policy and planning to look at initiatives. Ecan around planning.

This district – risk that it will get split, or a Waimakariri local ward. Building a district identity.

District Plan review – what is the point, fix what we need to fix now.

CERA – Creation of CCDU. Risk of sudden destabilisation of the city.

Airport / CIAL – designation activity, should be getting done with CIAL.

WDC, Selwyn, Ashburton, and Hurunui - what do we have in common and what could we learn from each other

Being aware of IT system development about minimizing redundancy.

What should we do with the council in the way of a heads up - in a month or two will need to raise with them.