

LTAP3.127.361 Topic: Representation – Issue: Amalgamation - Submission Ids 24, 51, 64, 99, 108, 180, 364

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LTAP3.127.362 Topic: Representation – Issue: Amalgamation - Submission Id 330

Council considers it is too early to make decisions on the issue of amalgamation as the Government has only recently notified its intentions regarding reforms to the Local Government sector. The details of changes proposed to the future form and function of Local Government will not be finalised until later in the 2012/2013 year, at the earliest. Until this occurs Council will continue to operate under existing Local Government legislation. Both Councils already work successfully together as members of the Bay of Plenty Local Authority Shared Services group on procurement and other operational issues. Any consultation with the community associated with these Local Government reforms, including governance arrangements will be undertaken separately from the Annual Planning or Long Term Plan process.

LTAP3.127.363 Topic: Representation – Issue: Amalgamation - Submission Id 114

Council considers it is too early to make decisions on reorganisation issues as the Government has only recently notified its intentions regarding reforms to the Local Government sector. The details of changes proposed to the future form and function of Local Government in general and including regional councils will not be finalised until later in the 2012/13 year. Until this occurs Council will continue to operate under existing Local Government legislation. Any consultation with the community associated with these Local Government reforms will be undertaken separately from the Annual Planning or Long Term Plan process.

LTAP3.127.364 Topic: Representation – Issue: Amalgamation - Submission Id 124

The details of changes proposed to the future form and function of Local Government will not be finalised until later in the 2012/13 year, at the earliest. Until this occurs Council will continue to operate under existing Local Government legislation.

The specific issue of the Waihi Beach ward has been the focus of three previous reorganisation proposals, and reviewed by the Local Government Commission. Council has no plans to revisit this issue under the current local government environment.

Any consultation with the community associated with the Local Government reforms will be undertaken separately from the Annual Planning or Long Term Plan process.

From the minutes of the Long Term and Annual Plan Sub Committee – responses to submitters on the topic of amalgamation raised by submission to the Long Term Plan process for Council’s 2012-2022 Long Term Plan.