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Dear H Goertzen

Official information request on the timeline of the Environment Canterbury (Transitional Governance Arrangements) Act 2016

Thank you for your email of 28 May 2018 requesting information under the Official Information Act:

- *I would like some information on the timeline of the Environment Canterbury [sic] (Transitional Governance Arrangements) Act 2016.*
- *How long will the current commissioners continued to be employed?*

The return to a fully elected council will occur at the normal time of the triennial local government elections in October 2019. The five government-appointed council members will leave office the day after the release of the official election results.

At this point it is not known how many councillors will be elected in 2019, or which areas they will represent. Environment Canterbury is currently undertaking a representation review to determine how many councillors will be needed for each geographical area within the region.

The initial proposal is due to be considered and agreed by Council on 21 June 2018 and a public consultation period will then commence. Guidelines for this process can be found on the Local Government Commission website at www.lgc.govt.nz/representations-reviews/representation-review-guidelines/.

Environment Canterbury is also exploring the opportunity to continue mana whenua representation around the Council table after the 2019 elections.

Yours sincerely



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