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Mr Stuart Macaskill
Chair
Wellington Regional Council

Dear Stuart

Workshop to discuss how the relationship between Territorial Authorities and Regional Authorities would work under the new Local Government Act

As I have noted previously one of the most contentious issues within the proposed Local Government Act review is the dual empowerment of both regional and territorial authorities, and how to sort out who does what. *Local Government New Zealand* keen to develop (if at all possible) a resolution to this issue that is broadly acceptable within the sector.

Accordingly, I would like to invite you and your Chief Executive to a workshop to discuss empowerment, and to develop a workable proposal for managing the process of sorting out responsibilities and who does what.

The workshop will be on Wednesday 11 July at *Local Government New Zealand* from 9.00am until 1.00pm.

Most of you will now have had a chance to review the Governments proposals for handling the transfer of responsibilities between Territorial and Regional Councils. *Local Government New Zealand* disagrees with the draft proposal in the consultation document as being unworkable in practice.

We previously convened a group of Chief Executives and senior managers to discuss this issue. That group developed an alternative approach, which our Working party endorsed. That approach is outlined in our paper entitled "Response to the Questions raised in the LGA Consultation Document" which is attached.

We are deliberately trying to create a modest sized group that reflects the diversity of views on this matter and brings together both the political perspectives the operational perspectives of Chief Executives. The list of people that we have invited is attached.

We hope that this group can provide leadership to the sector as a whole and develop a response that can be presented to members and debated at the Conference the following week.

I appreciate the very short notice and hope that you will be able to make time available for this workshop.

Please RSVP to Jacqui Tebbs by 9am Tuesday 10 July.

Yours sincerely

Peter Winder
Chief Executive
Local Government New Zealand

CC: Chief Executive

Invitees

Mr Richard Johnson, Chair, Environment Canterbury
Dr Ian Cumming, CE, Environment Canterbury
Mr Philip Warren, Chair, Auckland Regional Council
Ms Jo Brosnahan, CE, Auckland Regional Council
Mr Stuart Macaskill, Chair, Wellington Regional Council
Mr Howard Stone, CE, Wellington Regional Council
Mr Ross Allen, Chair, Taranaki Regional Council
Mr Basil Chamberlain, CE, Taranaki Regional Council
Mr Garry Moore, Mayor, Christchurch City Council
Mr Mike Richardson, City Manager, Christchurch City Council
Mr Bob Harvey, Mayor, Waitakere City Council
Mr Harry O'Rourke, CE, Waitakere City Council
Mr Mark Blumsky, Mayor, Wellington City Council
Mr Garry Poole, CE, Wellington City Council
Mr John Terris, Mayor, Hutt City Council
Mr Paddy Clifford, CE, Hutt City Council
Ms Suhki Turner, Mayor, Dunedin City Council
Mr Jim Harland, CE, Dunedin City Council
Miss Mary Bourke, Mayor, South Taranaki District Council
Mr Toby Hall, CE, South Taranaki District Council
Mr Basil Morrison, Mayor, Hauraki District Council
Mr Langley Cavers, CE, Hauraki District Council
Mr Bob Francis, Mayor, Masterton District Council
Mr Wes ten Hove, CE, Masterton District Council