


NOTICE OF MOTION

We the undersigned have given notice of the following resolution:

That the Motueka Community Board adopts the following draft submission to the Local Government Commission in regard to the Draft Scheme for the union of the Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council.

Signed:

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"We, the Motueka Community Board **do not** support the Local Government Commission Draft Scheme for a union of the Nelson and Tasman Councils, as we believe that the proposed Draft Scheme:

- Fails to deliver any financial savings
- Could increase rates in the Motueka ward, especially those rates applying to commercial properties
- Reduces local representation and accountability at the Council table, by reducing the number of locally elected councillors

We ask the Commission note that the Tasman District Council has already offered the Motueka Community Board all the delegated powers suggested in the Draft Scheme, and that there is no need for a merger for this degree of local autonomy to come into being.

We support further delegations of authorities to the board, provided they can be shown to be managed in a more efficient manner and at a lesser cost than is currently being managed by the Tasman District Council.

We do not support the mandatory formation of Community Boards for outer wards in the Tasman District Council area that already have Community Councils or Associations that are proven to represent their communities in a cost effective manner in liaison with local council representatives.

We do not support the loss of rural Motueka or Takaka Ward representative council persons. It is at the council table that our rural votes count, and under the Local Government Commission Draft Scheme this will see the rural communities disadvantaged.

We would like to take this opportunity to state that we are clearly disappointed the Commission's recommendations were based on inaccurate reports and information supplied within the Strateg.Ease report.

We are further disappointed that out of 451 submissions, 57% clearly stated their opposition to the amalgamation in its entirety."