

STAFF REPORT

TO: Councillors

FROM: Administration Advisor

DATE: 15 February 2005

SUBJECT: Local Government New Zealand – Special Meeting
11 March 2005 - Re Proposed Change to LGNZ Rules

PURPOSE/REASON FOR REPORT

To inform councillors about a proposed change to Local Government New Zealand's rules to extend the term of the President.

BACKGROUND

At their December meeting the National Council resolved to initiate an alteration to the rules which would change the restriction on the term of office of the President from one to no more than two consecutive terms, a term being a period of three years.

A change of rules must be voted on at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting. The National Council decided to hold a Special General Meeting to enable the change, if adopted, to take effect in time for the next Presidential Elections, which is scheduled for the Annual General Meeting in July 2005.

COMMENT/DISCUSSION

Local Government New Zealand points out that a quorum for this meeting is 43, and any motion to change the rules must be passed by resolution of two-thirds of the majority of the valid votes cast, and therefore encourages member councils to either have a delegate present, or notify the appointment of proxy.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council resolves to support the rule change to extend the term of the office of President to no more than two consecutive terms, by way of proxy vote.

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