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The Commission has recently considered the timetable for considering the reorganisation proposal for the union of Nelson City and Tasman District. It has decided to publicly notify the proposal and call for submissions as soon as possible. This results in the following approximate timetable -

Early September	Public notice
Early November	Submissions close
" "	Submissions sent to representative of electors who may withdraw proposal within 1 month
Mid-December	Hearings

The Commission noted that the closing date for submissions will be soon after the triennial local authority elections and that the new Nelson and Tasman Councils were unlikely to be able to formulate substantive submissions by that date. Commissioners considered it was desirable to progress the proposal as expeditiously as possible and that any delay to the timetable would then see it run into the Christmas/New Year period and beyond. It was suggested that the councils could make initial submissions by the deadline and then submit more detailed information at the time of the hearing.

It is expected that hearings will be held in mid-December. The Councils would therefore have until then to prepare and submit further submissions - an additional 6 weeks beyond the likely closing date for general submissions.

Attached is a copy of the letter from Aldo Miccio accompanying the reorganisation proposal/petition forms. This contains arguments from him for the proposal.

As you may be aware the reorganisation procedure is explained in the Commission's guidelines which can be found at the following link -

http://www.lgc.govt.nz/lgcwebsite.nsf/wpg_URL/Guidelines-Procedures-for-Changing-the-Structure-of-Local-Government-Index!OpenDocument

The criteria against which the reorganisation proposal must be assessed are contained in clauses 3 to 5 of Schedule of the Local Government Act 2002.

This information is being sent to both affected councils ahead of any public notice or general call for submissions.

I am forwarding a copy of this e-mail to Aldo Miccio.

I would be grateful for your advice on what iwi, sector and community organisations you consider the Commission should consult with over the proposal.

Regards

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