

Summary of Local Government Commission process

Steps	Comment
1. Application received by LGC and decision to decline or accept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any person, body or group can put in an application • Has to include how changes would promote good local government
2. LGC decides whether to assess application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needs information that demonstrates community support in each affected territorial authority area
3. LGC seeks alternative applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 20 working days for alternative applications to be submitted to the LGC¹
4. LGC determines a preferred option	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Range of criteria in the Act to guide, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Degree of demonstrated community support - Resource capability - Efficiency and cost savings - Simplified planning process - In the case of a unitary or regional council – ability for catchment-based flooding and water management issues to be dealt with
5. LGC prepares a <u>draft</u> proposal and releases for public comment and seeks views of various agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sets out the basic parameters behind the proposal including names, boundaries, transition body • LGC can defer including representation arrangements until the final scheme • Changes to the Bill mean this can now include a two tier model
6. LGC prepares <u>final</u> proposal (or a new draft proposal, or decides to proceed no further)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This decision will be made after consideration submissions, including any hearings
7. Affected electors may demand a poll by petition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires 10% electors enrolled in any affected district • 60 days to submit petition
8. Poll may be held	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proceeds to reorganisation scheme if 50% or more votes are for the final proposal
9. Transition body set up to work with LGC to prepare final scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up by Order in Council • Likely Transition Board needed - elected members must be majority and have voting rights. Non-elected members may have voting rights • May provides for appointment of interim CEO
10. Issuing of final reorganisation scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided by Order in Council • Must include full detail, including representation arrangements (if deferred from earlier process)

¹ Alternative applications are not required to provide evidence of demonstrable community support