

Submission to the Royal Commission on Auckland Governance

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My submission is that –

1. I support to continuance of both regional and local levels of government but with fewer councils.
2. I ask that Rodney District Council be dis-banded and, Hibiscus Coast / Orewa be absorbed by North Shore City Council. Other parts of Rodney should be absorbed as is appropriate, for example Hellensville might be a good fit with Waitakere City Council.
3. Critical infrastructure such as the “three waters” should be a function of a “regional council”.
4. Any regional body should be accountable to the Local Government Minister who must ensure the provisions of the Local Government Act are met. The present situation where the Minister will only intervene where there “are serious and ongoing problems” is not quantifiable and does not provide the community with the protection implied by the act.
5. Community Boards will be essential to ensure democratic representation.
6. Consideration should be given to the position of an Auckland Local / Regional Council Ombudsman.

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