

**High Court judgement on Tasman District Council's representation...**

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Dear Community Associations,

We are writing to you today to let you know that the Wellington High Court has recently found on our appeal against the Local Government Commission's determination for the representation arrangements in the Tasman District. We raised five grounds of appeal, one of which succeeded. However, the Court equally emphasised what the Local Government Commission had already noted, namely that the Council has a very strong mandate to test their current arrangements which may be necessary before the next statutory deadline in six years.

As Catherine Hubbard contacted us for a comment yesterday, we decided to write an article about the matter and to share it also with you all.

<https://tasman.org.nz/news/high-court-judgement-on-tasman-district-councils-representation-review>

This article contains a link to the Local Government Commission's determination as well as the High Court judgement. If you are interested in more information, feel free to contact us.

We hope the Council accepts that an early review would be useful given the circumstances. We hope that all community associations will be encouraged to engage in the process as the current ward structure appears really outdated and simply shuffling the boundaries around may not be sufficient for a solid and future-proof situation. As we have seen in the record of all documents provided to the Commission we believe there is much merit for opening up confidential workshops as the information shared there would without a doubt be of much benefit to the general public.

Many thanks for your consideration.

Kind regards
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