

Hurunui / Kaikōura Earthquakes Recovery Review Panel

5 February 2018

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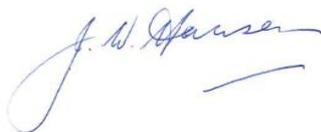
Dear Ministers

HURUNUI / KAIKŌURA EARTHQUAKES RECOVERY (LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2002 – KAIKOURA DISTRICT 3-YEAR PLAN) ORDER 2018

On 5 February, the Hurunui / Kaikōura Earthquakes Recovery Review Panel (the Review Panel) considered the above draft Order.

As required under section 14 of the Hurunui / Kaikōura Earthquakes Recovery Act 2016, please find attached the Review Panel's report on this draft Order, including our recommendations and brief comments.

Yours sincerely



The Honourable Sir John Hansen

Convenor, Hurunui / Kaikōura Earthquakes Recovery Review Panel

cc Chief Executive, Department of Internal Affairs
Director, Ministry of Civil Defence & Emergency Management

Hurunui / Kaikōura Earthquakes Recovery Review Panel

IN THE MATTER

of the Hurunui / Kaikōura Earthquakes Recovery Act 2016

AND

IN THE MATTER

of the Hurunui / Kaikōura Earthquakes Recovery Review Panel appointed under section 12 of the Hurunui / Kaikōura Earthquakes Recovery Act 2016 to provide advice for Orders in Council that may be required for the purpose of the Act

THE REVIEW PANEL

The Honourable Sir John Hansen (Convenor)

Mr James Gardner-Hopkins

Ms Yvette Couch-Lewis

Mr Basil Morrison

Mr Kelvin Coe

REPORT AND RECCOMMENDATION OF THE REVIEW PANEL

HURUNUI / KAIKŌURA EARTHQUAKES RECOVERY (LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2002 – KAIKOURA DISTRICT 3-YEAR PLAN) ORDER 2018

1. On 5 February 2018, the Hurunui / Kaikōura Earthquakes Recovery Review Panel (Review Panel) considered the above draft Order.
2. Having considered the reasons advanced by the relevant Minister and supporting documents from the Department of Internal Affairs, which we accept, we are satisfied that the Order in Council is necessary due to the level of uncertainty of critical information required for producing a standard long-term plan, and to enable the Council to continue to focus of the recovery efforts.

3. Our decision is predicated on the basis that if any substantive changes are made to the draft Order, that we will have to review this decision.
4. The Review Panel is of the view that the draft Order is necessary, expedient and meets the purpose of the Hurunui / Kaikōura Earthquakes Recovery Act 2016 (the Act).

Reasons Recommendations and Brief Comments

5. The Local Government Act 2002 requires local authorities to prepare a long-term plan with a 10-year horizon every three years. Kaikoura District Council's next long-term plan needs to be adopted by 30 June 2018.
6. The draft Order enables the Council to identify the key requirements for the upcoming three-year outlook rather than a 10-year one. Enabling a customised three-year planning document will ensure that Council resources are able to continue focusing on recovery efforts. A customised three-year plan will also provide Kaikōura communities with more useful information on the strategic planning for the district by focusing on these recovery efforts.
7. We are satisfied that the Order has properly balanced the interests of the community, whilst ensuring that the relevant financial planning, future council decision-making and accountability to the community will be provided.



The Honourable Sir John Hansen

Date: 5 February 2018

Convenor, Hurunui / Kaikōura Earthquakes Recovery Review Panel