

# Hon Simeon Brown

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Mayor Anita Baker  
Porirua City Council

Chair Daran Ponter  
Wellington Regional Council

Dear Mayor Baker and Mr Ponter,

You recently requested to meet to discuss a proposal for Wellington Region.

Changes to the structure or responsibilities of local authorities and local boards is overseen by the Local Government Commission (the Commission), with the purpose of promoting good local government through enabling and facilitating improvements to local governance.

Under the Local Government Act (2002) (the Act), requests for reorganisation must be made to the Commission, which considers reorganisation initiatives such as requests to unite two districts or alter boundaries. Schedule 3 of the Act also provides local authorities with the option of developing and adopting their own reorganisation plans and making application to the Commission for approval. All participating councils would need to be in agreement.

I have asked officials at the Department of Internal Affairs to get in touch with you in the first instance and to support you with any further questions about the process or any other additional information you require.

I look forward to meeting again at the Wellington Mayoral Forum on 22 March 2024 and working alongside you to promote the region's continued economic development.

Thank you again.

Yours sincerely,

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Hon Simeon Brown  
**Minister of Local Government**