
REPORT 4
(1215/13/IM)

REVIEW OF LOCAL AUTHORITY REMUNERATION SETTING

1. Purpose of Report

To obtain the Board's approval for the submission to the Remuneration Authority on the Review of Local Authority Remuneration Setting for elected members of local authorities.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Makara/Ohariu Community Board:

- 1. Receive the information.*
- 2. Approve the submission on the Review of Local Authority Remuneration Setting (attached to the report as appendix 1).*

APPENDIX 1

Remuneration Review - Memorandum from Mike Reid – 30 September 2011

Pool or specified salary?

As far as Makara/Ohariu Community Board (MOCB) is concerned, an amended pool system is probably preferable, as the first question regarding considerations was to be population serviced by the Board. While the population is relatively small, the area involved is extremely large, (65% of Wellington City's total land area) it is the only **Rural** Community Board in the Wellington area. It is important for many historical, environmental and recreational reasons, to retain the rural aspect of Wellington.

We see the MOCB as being a special case, the WCC needs first hand advice on many and varied rural issues. These would not be available if the Board was not in existence. We represent the rural view with advice to WCC on rural subdivision, building and resource consents, along with roading, rural fire, emergency management, and many other matters.

In the past few years, we have been involved with the Westwind and Mill Creek Wind Farms Resource Consents, which has required many, many hours of discussion and submissions to the Wellington City Council, and the Environment Court. The Board also has current representation on the Westwind Community Liaison Group, to assist the Makara Community and Meridian reach agreement on various issues, and the Westwind Recreation Group, formed to provide access to parts of Makara Farm by the public for walking, cycling and horse riding. Other groups involved in this are DoC, WCC, GRWRC, and Meridian.

We also have representation on the Westwind Community Fund, providing funds from Meridian to assist in local projects. We expect that the same types of groups may apply to the Mill Creek Wind Farm during its construction and into the future.

These are all local issues, which require the Board presence, and therefore the fact that there is only a small population, means nothing in terms of the effort involved.

We have a good working relationship currently with the WCC, where currently our salaries come from the existing pool. However as the total amount is less than \$40,000, in the scheme of things, we do not see that as a big issue with the Council, as there is only one other Community Board, that of Tawa, which is a case based on its own merits.

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Makara Ohariu Community Board.