

# Update for Ōtorohanga District [altered from Otorohanga District] noted by the NZGB at its 20 June 2019 meeting

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## Progress

At its 11 April 2019 meeting the NZGB considered submissions on the proposal to alter Otorohanga District to **Ōtorohanga District**, resolving to reject the objecting submissions.

However, Otorohanga District Council (ODC) had not requested or consented to the alteration as required in terms of section 11(2) NZGB Act 2008. Until the NZGB receives a resolution from ODC supporting the proposal, the Minister for Land Information cannot make a final determination.

On 16 May 2019 ODC advised that it would be considering the proposal at its next meeting on 18 June 2019. The Secretariat advised ODC on the legal and practical effects of officially altering the district's name.

The Secretariat advised that if ODC resolve in support of the proposal, and if the Minister agreed with the NZGB's recommendation, official alteration of the district name might still take some time as an Order In Council is required to go through Cabinet Legislation Committee (LEG).

The Secretariat will verbally update the NZGB on the outcome of ODC's meeting at the 20 June 2019 Teleconference hui.

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### NZGB discussion

The NZGB noted the report and information provided (LinZone ID A3488437). The NZGB noted that despite requests it has not yet received a resolution from Otorohanga District Council (ODC) consenting to or requesting the alteration. The NZGB noted that it could make its recommendation to the Minister for Land Information, but without the ODC's resolution the Minister would not be able to make a final decision. The NZGB agreed that it would not report to the Minister until it receives the resolution from the ODC. The NZGB agreed to advise ODC accordingly.

### Resolution

*That the NZGB **consider** all submissions on the proposal to alter Otorohanga District to **Ōtorohanga District**, and their reasons,*

**and**

**Reject** the objecting submissions based on:

- one objector not giving a reason for supporting the existing name, and
- the addition of a macron being the correct orthography advised by a licenced Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori translator,

**and**

**Confirm** the NZGB's earlier decision to alter Otorohanga District to **Ōtorohanga District**,

**and**

**Subject** to Otorohanga District Council's resolution consenting to or requesting the alteration, **report** the NZGB's decision to the Minister for Land Information,

**and**

**Request** the Minister to make the final determination on the proposal.

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## Supporting information

1. Submission report - Ōtorohanga District - 2019-04-11