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**Ordinary meeting of the
Nelson City Council**

**Tuesday 15 September 2015
Commencing at 9.00am
Council Chamber**

Civic House

110 Trafalgar Street, Nelson

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From: [Administration Advisers](#)
To: [Administration Advisers](#)
Subject: FW: Collaborative Governance
Date: Monday, 14 September 2015 4:51:35 p.m.

On 14/09/2015, at 12:54 pm, Moira B
<moira_bauer@hotmail.com> wrote:

To the elected representatives of the Nelson City Council.

Means of promoting collaborative governance are up for discussion in the representation review deliberations on the agenda for tomorrow's council meeting.

My purpose in writing to you today is to illustrate some examples of collaborative governance implemented around the country using the legislative framework of Community Boards.

The staff report on the Representation Review on the Agenda for Tuesday's meeting identifies that the Nelson Communities Nelson East/The Brook and Whangamoa are not sufficiently populated to justify the establishment of distinct representation, either by way of wards or through the establishment of Community Boards.

While the structural framework may not be appropriate for the Nelson City, there is much that can be learned by those who have utilised it around the country, and ideas and principles that can most likely be adapted to suit Nelson's local environment.

What are the benefits of Community Boards?
Most residents want an opportunity and a means to be heard and involved in council decisions that affect them directly, they don't want to get involved in the finer details of local government by standing for Council. Community Boards are designed to provide a point of contact between the Council and its communities, to effectively facilitate that interaction.

What's in it for Council?
- Reduced workload;
Delegating non-essential services to community boards empowers Council to direct more time and energy towards essential services and visionary governance.

- Enhanced community representation;

Instead of trying to gain an overview of public opinion by dealing with the general public at large, Council can confer with the community board, which is ideally situated to engage the community on local issues.

The respective roles of Council and a Community Board are sufficiently different. My focus on Community boards comes from a case study of the Thames Coromandel district which has achieved wide ranging positive results, (link included) and because this is a statutorily enabled avenue for promoting collaboration between council and its community. There are lessons and principles that could be applied in Nelson, in the interest of productive and effective means of local governance, and perhaps through engaging with those at the forefront of community empowerment around the country, we can innovate a solution for Nelson City.

Thank you for your time in reading this, I hope it may contribute to the representation review deliberation on the agenda tomorrow, which presents a significant opportunity to evaluate how things are done at the local level.

Kind Regards,
Moiria Bauer.

Links;

- <http://www.lgnz.co.nz/home/nzs-local-government/community-boards/>

- <http://www.lgnz.co.nz/assets/Publications/Coromandel-Surfing-the-Community-Empowerment-Wave.pdf>

15 September 2015

Memo To: Her Worship the Mayor and Councillors
Memo From: Penny Langley
Manager Administration
**Subject: Late Submission – Proposed Representation Arrangements
2016-2019**

Please find attached an email from Moira Bauer, received yesterday, which relates to representation arrangements.

We have tried to contact Moira to confirm she would like her email treated as a submission but have not had a response. Moira does not request the opportunity to speak to council in her email.

If Council wishes to consider this email as a submission it would be appropriate to pass the following recommendation:

THAT the email from Moira Bauer (A1426845) be received as a late submission to the Proposed Representation Arrangements 2016-2019.

In doing so, please be aware that it is clear from Moira's email that she has read the staff report on today's agenda which was not available during the consultation period.

Due to the requirements of the process around a representation review, should Council accept this email as a late submission, it is advised that an adjournment be taken to ensure councillors have had the opportunity to read and consider this information prior to making any decisions on submissions.

Similarly, due to the requirements of the representation review process, the reason for Council's decisions in response to submissions must be included in the resolution passed by Council at today's meeting. To that end, should Moira's email be received as a late submission, a subsequent amendment to the recommendation in the officer report would be required.

This submitter requests that Council consider the use of Community Boards. No indication is given as to the community such a community board might represent. Therefore, it is hard to assess if that community would meet the appropriate requirements to be considered for representation by a community board. However, based on the fact that Council in its initial proposal identified no communities or communities of interest which would benefit from a representation arrangement other than 'at large', this submission provides no evidence to the contrary. It is therefore recommended that the following be added as bullet point three to the officer recommendation in the report attached to the agenda for today's meeting:

•There is insufficient evidence to suggest that Nelson has a community (as defined under Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act 2002) that would meet the fair representation threshold for a community board.

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