65 FIRST MEETING
The first meeting of the Stratford District Council:
(a) Shall be convened by the principal administrative officer of that Council; and
(b) Shall be held no later than the 14th day of November 1989.

66 CHIEF EXECUTIVE
(1) The Chief Executive of the Stratford District Council shall be the person holding the position of Chief Executive of the former Stratford District Council immediately before the date of commencement of this clause.
(2) The Chief Executive shall be the principal administrative officer of the Stratford District Council.

67 FUNCTIONS, DUTIES, AND POWERS
The functions, duties, and powers of the Stratford District Council shall be:
(a) The functions, duties, and powers of a territorial authority under—
   (i) The Local Government Act 1974; and
   (ii) Any other public Act relating to the Stratford District Council or any of the former authorities; and
   (iii) Any local Act relating to the Stratford District Council or any of the former authorities; and
(b) The functions, duties, and powers of an administering body under the Reserves Act 1977 in respect of those reserves being administered by the former authorities immediately before the date of commencement of this clause.

68 ADMINISTRATION HEADQUARTERS
The administration headquarters of the Stratford District Council shall be located in Stratford.

69 RATING
(1) The system of rating in the Stratford District shall be the land value system.
(2) Until the Valuer-General is able to produce a valuation roll for the Stratford District, Part XIV of the Rating Powers Act 1988 shall apply as if the Stratford District was the district of a special purpose authority and the areas from which it was formed were constituent districts.

70 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING
(1) The Stratford District Council shall not be required to prepare a new district scheme, immediately, for the Stratford District.
(2) The operative district schemes and the proposed district schemes under the Town and Country Planning Act 1977 of the former authorities shall be deemed to be the operative district scheme or, as the case may be, the proposed district scheme, of the Stratford District.
(3) Where any former authority had, prior to its dissolution, begun the preparation of any review of its district scheme or of any change or variation thereof, then, subject to any resolution of the Stratford District Council to the contrary, all such preparation shall be deemed to have been done by, or on behalf of, the Stratford District Council and may be adopted and acted upon by it.
(4) Where before the date of commencement of this clause any application had been made to any former authority by any person pursuant to any provision of the Town and Country Planning Act 1977, and:
   (a) No hearing by that former authority or any committee thereof had begun of such application or any objection thereto, the application shall be deemed to have been made to the Stratford District Council and shall be dealt with by it accordingly; or
   (b) Such application had been heard or otherwise disposed of by that former authority and either the time for any appeal against such decision had not expired or notice of such appeal had been given, any such appeal shall be deemed to be against the Stratford District Council; or
   (c) Such application had been either partly or fully heard or considered by that former authority but no decision thereon had been given, the application shall be heard or considered again by the Stratford District Council or, as the case may require, a committee or delegate thereof.

71 CIVIL DEFENCE
The operative local civil defence plan for the districts of the former authorities shall continue in force in the respective parts of the Stratford District until a new plan is approved for the Stratford District, in accordance with the Civil Defence Act 1983.

72 VESTING OF PROPERTY
(1) All property, real and personal, vested in the corporation of any former authority and situated in the Stratford District is hereby vested in the corporation of the Stratford District Council, subject to all existing encumbrances.
(2) All property, real and personal, vested in the corporation of the former Stratford District Council and situated in a district in which that former authority is not also a former authority, is hereby vested in the corporation of the Stratford District Council.

73 TITLE TO PROPERTY
Any reference, express or implied, to any former authority in any instrument or other document, or in any entry or record made in any register in relation to any property vested in the Stratford District Council by clause 72 of this order shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be read as a reference to “The Stratford District Council”.

PART V
South Taranaki District

74 CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH TARANAKI DISTRICT
There is hereby constituted a district, to be known as “The South Taranaki District”, which shall comprise the area delineated on S.O. Plan No. 13063 deposited with the Chief Surveyor of the Taranaki Land District.

75 SOUTH TARANAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL
A territorial authority, to be known as “The South Taranaki District Council”, is hereby constituted for the South Taranaki District.

76 INTERPRETATION
In this Part of this order, “the former authorities” means:
(a) The Egmont County Council; and
(b) The Waimate Plains District Council; and
(c) The Hawera District Council; and
(d) The Patea District Council; and
(e) The Eltham District Council; and
(f) The Wanganui County Council; and
(g) The Eltham Drainage Board; and
(h) The North Taranaki District Council; and
(i) In respect of the Patea Harbour and subject to Part VI of this order, the Taranaki Harbours Board, and any reference to “former authority” shall be a reference to any of the former authorities named in this clause.

77 WARDS
(1) The South Taranaki District is hereby divided into 5 wards:
(2) Those 5 wards are: