

**87 WARDS**

(1) The Westland District is hereby divided into 4 wards.

(2) Those 4 wards are:

(a) The Northern Ward, comprising the area delineated on S.O. Plan No. 11460 deposited with the Chief Surveyor of the Westland Land District:

(b) The Hokitika Ward, comprising the area delineated on S.O. Plan No. 11459 deposited with the Chief Surveyor of the Westland Land District:

(c) The Central Ward, comprising the area delineated on S.O. Plan No. 11461 deposited with the Chief Surveyor of the Westland Land District:

(d) The Southern Ward, comprising the area delineated on S.O. Plan No. 11462 deposited with the Chief Surveyor of the Westland Land District.

**88 MEMBERSHIP**

(1) The Westland District Council shall consist of a Mayor and 12 members.

(2) The members of the Westland District Council to be elected at the first election of that Council shall be elected as follows:

(a) One member shall be elected by the electors of the Northern Ward; and

(b) Four members shall be elected by the electors of the Hokitika Ward; and

(c) Three members shall be elected by the electors of the Central Ward; and

(d) Four members shall be elected by the electors of the Southern Ward.

**89 FIRST ELECTION**

(1) For the purposes of the first election of the Westland District Council, the Returning Officer and principal administrative officer for the Westland District shall be, respectively, the Returning Officer and the principal administrative officer for the Hokitika Borough.

(2) The first election of the Westland District Council shall be conducted by postal vote.

**90 FIRST MEETING**

The first meeting of the Westland 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.

**91 CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

(1) The Chief Executive of the Westland District Council shall be the person appointed to that position in accordance with clause 103 of this order.

(2) The Chief Executive shall be the principal administrative officer of the Westland District Council.

**92 FUNCTIONS, DUTIES, AND POWERS**

The functions, duties, and powers of the Westland 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 Westland District Council or any of the former authorities; and

(iii) Any local Act relating to the Westland 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 the reserves

being administered by the former authorities immediately before the coming into force of this clause.

**93 ADMINISTRATION HEADQUARTERS**

The administration headquarters of the Westland District Council shall be located in Hokitika.

**94 RATING**

(1) The system of rating in the Westland District shall be the land value system.

(2) Until the Valuer-General is able to produce a valuation roll for the Westland District, Part XIV of the Rating Powers Act 1988 shall apply as if the Westland District was the district of a special purpose authority and the areas from which it was formed were constituent districts.

**95 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING**

(1) The Westland District Council shall not be required to prepare a new district scheme, immediately, for the Westland 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 Westland District.

(3) Where any former authority had, prior to its dissolution, begun the preparation of any review of its district scheme or any change or variation thereof, then, subject to any resolution of the Westland District Council to the contrary, all such preparation shall be deemed to have been done by, or on behalf of, the Westland District Council and may be adopted and acted upon by it.

(4) Where before the coming into force 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 Westland 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 any such decision had not expired or notice of appeal had been given, any such appeal shall be deemed to be against the Westland 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 Westland District Council or, as the case may require, a committee or delegate thereof.

**96 CIVIL DEFENCE**

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

**97 VESTING OF PROPERTY**

(1) All property, real and personal, vested in the corporation of any former authority and situated in the Westland District is hereby vested in the corporation of the Westland District Council, subject to all existing encumbrances.

(2) All property, real and personal, vested in the corporation of any former authority, other than the Queenstown-Lakes 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 Westland District Council, subject to all existing encumbrances.