

## *Local Government New Zealand* Remit Policy

Proposed remits, other than those relating to the internal governance and constitution of *Local Government New Zealand*, should address only major strategic “issues of moment”. They should have a national focus articulating a major interest or concern at the national political level.

The criteria for considering remits were reviewed in March 1999 and National Council adopted the following Remits Screening Policy:

1. Remits must be relevant to local government as a whole rather than exclusively relevant to a single Zone or Sector Group (or an individual council).
2. Remits should be of a major policy nature (constitutional and substantive policy) rather than matters that can be dealt with by administrative action.
3. Remits must have formal support from at least one Zone or Sector Group meeting, or five Councils, prior to their being submitted, in order for the proposer to assess support, clarity of the proposal etc.
4. Remits defeated at the AGM in two successive years will not be permitted to go forward.
5. Remits will be assessed to determine whether the matters raised can be actioned by alternative, and equally valid, means to achieve the desired outcome.
6. Remits that deal with issues or matters currently being actioned by *Local Government New Zealand* may also be declined on the grounds that the matters raised are “in-hand”. This does not include remits that deal with the same issue but from a different point of view.
7. Remits must be accompanied by background information and research to show that the matter warrants consideration by delegates. Such background should show:
  - the nature of the issue
  - the background to it being raised
  - the issue’s relationship, if any, to the current Work Programme and its objectives (The 2009/10 work programme will be posted on the website following the 27 March 2009 National Council meeting)
  - the level of work, if any, already undertaken on the issue by the proposer, and outcomes to date
  - the outcomes of any Zone or Sector meetings which have discussed the issue
  - suggested actions that could be taken by *Local Government New Zealand* should the remit be adopted.

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