

INTRODUCTION

The structure of local government in New Zealand currently consists of:

- 12 regional councils
- 73 territorial authorities, ie
 - 16 city councils including Nelson City Council which has regional responsibilities
 - 56 district councils, including the Gisborne, Tasman, and Marlborough district councils, which have regional responsibilities
 - The Chatham Islands Council.

Our directory contains contact information for all New Zealand regional and territorial authorities, such as addresses, the names of their chairpersons and mayors, chief executives, and telephone and facsimile numbers. Additionally we have included email and internet addresses, and contact information for Departments and Offices of Local Government in New Zealand.

The directory also contains a list of community boards. These boards provide a level of local government below city and district councils. Their purpose is twofold. The first is to promote greater community involvement in decision-making by helping to ensure the 'parent' territorial authority knows and meets community needs. The second is to carry out those functions that are delegated to the board by the territorial authority. It should be noted that community boards are not local authorities, and that not every territorial authority district contains communities. As at the beginning of April 2007 there were 144 community boards established.

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