



## **Royal Commission of Inquiry into Auckland Governance**

**Media Release/Advisory**

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### **Royal Commission meets with Auckland councils**

The Royal Commission into Auckland Governance is meeting with all seven Auckland local councils over the next week, ahead of the call for public submissions in early March.

The Commission has already met with the Auckland Regional Council.

The Commission, consisting of chair, Hon Peter Salmon QC, Dame Margaret Bazely and David Shand, was appointed last year to report on what is needed to achieve Auckland's potential to be a truly internationally competitive city to live, work and do business.

It is due to report back to the Governor General by 1 December.

“The success of this inquiry depends on getting the widest feedback possible from all of our diverse communities and people from every walk of life,” said Mr Salmon.

“Our first task is to have preliminary discussions with the newly-elected councils, which represent the people of Auckland.

“Our next step will be to announce the process for public submissions, which is designed to encourage a wide cross-section of Aucklanders to participate.”

The Terms of Reference for the Inquiry are available on the Royal Commission's website ([www.royalcommission.govt.nz](http://www.royalcommission.govt.nz)).

#### **Media photo opportunity:**

**The Commissioners will meet with the North Shore City Council this Thursday.**

**Time: 4pm Thursday, 24 January**

**Place: Councillors' Lounge, Level 3, Council Offices, 1 The Strand, Takapuna**

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