

STAFF REPORT

TO: Community Services Committee

FROM: Manager Community Services

DATE: 8 May 2007

SUBJECT: Possible Name Change of St Arnaud back to Rotoiti

PURPOSE/REASON FOR REPORT

The Rotoiti District Community Council have agreed to put a case to the NZ Geographic Board to change the current name of the township and locality of St Arnaud to the original name of Rotoiti. They have asked:

“That, (with regard to the proposal to change the name of St Arnaud to Rotoiti or other such derivative incorporating Rotoiti), the Community Services Committee of the Tasman District Council takes a neutral stance on which name should apply, but supports the matter being referred to the NZ Geographic Board for determination by the statutory process”.

BACKGROUND

As advised in the attached letter, the Community Council has embarked upon the process of putting a case to the NZ Geographic Board to change the name and as a first step a survey of local residents was initiated.

Their letter provides the results of the survey and gives the reason why it has been decided to put a case to the Board.

COMMENT/DISCUSSION

The attached letter is self explanatory and the request is not for Council to decide to support or not support the name change, but to support the matter being referred to the NZ Geographic Board for determination.

Also attached are the maps and other attachments referred to in the letter.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Community Services Committee agrees to the request from the Rotoiti District Community Council that Tasman District Council takes a neutral stance on

which name should apply and supports the matter being referred to the NZ Geographic Board for determination by the statutory process.

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