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Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) is an incorporated society based in Wellington. LGNZ provides a link between the activity and policy work of local government and the same activity undertaken by central government. A key role of LGNZ is to bring together the diverse views of the local government sector to provide a national voice to central government.

All local authorities are voluntary members of LGNZ, and membership entails an annual subscription to fund LGNZ activities.

Structure of Local Government New Zealand

The different tiers within LGNZ are set out below with a brief explanation of the function:

- National Council – The LGNZ organisation is governed by a 15 person National Council, with members elected for a three-year term. The president and the other 14 members are elected from the country's local government groupings to ensure both geographical and sector representation.
- Zone one – New Zealand is divided into six zones, with local authorities in Auckland and Northland being part of Zone One.
- Following the Auckland local government amalgamation, LGNZ Constitution was amended to enable local board members to become part of the Zone One Committee. There are generally four meetings each year, at different locations throughout the zone.
- Sectors – The following three sectors bring together councils by type: metropolitan involving the 10 largest councils, including Auckland Council; regional and unitary; and rural / provincial.
- Community Boards Executive Committee – The executive committee is an advisory group to the LGNZ national executive and ensures that the interests and voice of Community Boards is heard at the national level. There are no community boards for the Auckland region.