

Review of Representation Arrangements

Under sections 19H and 19J and clauses 1 and 2 of Schedule 1A of the Local Electoral Act 2001, the Far North District Council is required to carry out a review of its representation arrangements for at least the 2022 triennial local authority elections.

On 12 August 2021, Council resolved to adopt as its initial proposal for the review of representation arrangements for at least the 2022 triennial elections, the following:

- (a) The Far North District Council to comprise the Mayor elected at-large and 10 councillors elected under the ward system, specifically six general ward councillors and four Māori ward councillors;
- (b) The Far North District Council be divided into four wards, these being:
 - (i) **Kaikohe-Hokianga General Ward** (represented by one general ward councillor) comprising the area in the proposed Kaikohe-Hokianga General Ward map as shown on Attachment 1;
 - (ii) **Te Hiku General Ward** (represented by two general ward councillors) comprising the area in the proposed Te Hiku General Ward map as shown on Attachment 2;
 - (iii) **Te Pēwhairangi-Whangaroa General Ward** (represented by three general ward councillors) comprising the area in the proposed Te Pēwhairangi-Whangaroa General Ward map as shown on Attachment 3;
 - (iv) **Ngā Tai o Tokerau Māori Ward** (represented by four Māori ward councillors) comprising the whole district in the proposed Ngā Tai o Tokerau Māori Ward map as shown on Attachment 4.
- (c) The Bay of Islands-Whangaroa name be proposed as Te Pēwhairangi-Whangaroa (being the Māori name for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa).
- (d) The Māori ward be named Ngā Tai o Tokerau.
- (e) The above general wards are the current ward areas with the exception of the Kaikohe-Hokianga and the Te Pēwhairangi-Whangaroa ward boundaries to be altered as follows:
 - a. Meshblocks 0037202, 0036401, 0034600 and 0034800 be added to the Te Pēwhairangi-Whangaroa General Ward from the Kaikohe-Hokianga General Ward;
- (f) The number of Māori ward councillors complies with Schedule 1A of the Local Electoral Act 2001.
- (g) The Far North District Council be divided into three subdivided communities, these being:
 - (i) **Kaikohe-Hokianga Community** subdivided into:
 1. **Kaikohe Subdivision** comprising the area in the proposed Kaikohe Subdivision map as shown on Attachment 5;
 2. **North Hokianga Subdivision** comprising the area in the proposed North Hokianga Subdivision map as shown on Attachment 6;
 3. **South Hokianga Subdivision** comprising the area in the proposed South Hokianga Subdivision map as shown on Attachment 7;
 being the existing community board and subdivision areas with the exception of the Kaikohe-Hokianga Community Board subdivision boundaries to be altered as follows:
 - a. Meshblocks 0032600, 0033200, 0033100, 0032700, 0033000 be added to the Kaikohe Subdivision from the South Hokianga Subdivision;
 - b. Meshblocks 0039200, 0039500, 0040501, 0040502, 0040601 and 0040602 to be added to the South Hokianga Subdivision from the Kaikohe Subdivision.
 - (ii) **Te Hiku Community** subdivided into:
 1. **Doubtless Bay Subdivision** comprising the area in the proposed Doubtless Bay Subdivision map as shown on Attachment 8;
 2. **Kaitāia Subdivision** comprising the area in the proposed Kaitāia Subdivision map as shown on Attachment 9;
 3. **North Cape Subdivision** comprising the area in the proposed North Cape Subdivision map as shown on Attachment 10;
 4. **Whatuwhiwhi Subdivision** comprising the area in the proposed Whatuwhiwhi Subdivision map as shown on Attachment 11;
 being the current community board and subdivision areas with the exception of the Te Hiku Community Board subdivision boundaries to be altered as follows:
 - a. Meshblock 0012701 be added to the Whatuwhiwhi Subdivision from the North Cape Subdivision.
 - (iii) **Te Pēwhairangi-Whangaroa Community** subdivided into:
 1. **Kawakawa-Moerewa Subdivision** comprising the area in the proposed Kawakawa-Moerewa Subdivision map as shown on Attachment 12;
 2. **Kerikeri Subdivision** comprising the area in the proposed Kerikeri Subdivision map as shown on Attachment 13;
 3. **Paihia Subdivision** comprising the area in the proposed Paihia Subdivision map as shown on Attachment 14;
 4. **Russell-Ōpua Subdivision** comprising the area in the proposed Russell-Ōpua Subdivision map as shown on Attachment 15;
 5. **Waipapa Subdivision** comprising the area in the proposed Waipapa Subdivision map as shown on Attachment 16;
 6. **Whangaroa Subdivision** comprising the area in the proposed Whangaroa Subdivision map as shown on Attachment 17;
 being the existing community board and subdivision areas with the exception of the Te Pēwhairangi-Whangaroa Community Board subdivision boundaries to be altered as follows:
 - a. Meshblock 0047701 be added to the Kawakawa-Moerewa Subdivision from the Russell-Ōpua Subdivision;
 - b. Meshblocks 0046100, 0046400, 0046700, 0046801, 0047801 be added to the Russell-Ōpua Subdivision from the Kawakawa-Moerewa Subdivision;
 - c. Meshblocks 4009371, 4009372, 0043905, 0044701 be added to the Kerikeri Subdivision from the Whangaroa Subdivision;
 - d. Meshblocks 0033600, 0033800, 0043902, 0043904, 0043905, 0043907, 0044003, 0044004, 0044005, 0044008, 0044503, 0044504, 0044505, 0044506, 0044507, 0044508, 0044603, 0044604, 0044605, 0044606, 0044607, 0044608, 0044609, 0044701, 0044703, 0044801, 4007581, 4007583, 4008359, 4008360, 4008361, 4009371, 4009372, 4010073, 4011285, 4011286, 4011319 be added to the Waipapa Subdivision from the Kerikeri Subdivision.

- (h) There be 19 community board members, being:
 - (i) Seven members elected from the Te Pēwhairangi-Whangaroa Community Board comprising:
 1. **Kawakawa-Moerewa Subdivision** - one member
 2. **Kerikeri Subdivision** - two members
 3. **Paihia Subdivision** - one member
 4. **Russell-Ōpua Subdivision** - one member
 5. **Waipapa Subdivision** - one member
 6. **Whangaroa Subdivision** - one member
 and one member of the Council representing the Te Pēwhairangi-Whangaroa General Ward appointed to the community board by Council.
 - (ii) Six members elected from the Kaikohe-Hokianga Community Board comprising:
 1. **Kaikohe Subdivision** - three members
 2. **North Hokianga Subdivision** - one member
 3. **South Hokianga Subdivision** - two members
 and one member of the Council representing the Kaikohe-Hokianga General Ward appointed to the community board by Council.
 - (iii) Six members elected from the Te Hiku Community Board comprising:
 1. **Doubtless Bay Subdivision** - one member
 2. **Kaitāia Subdivision** - three members
 3. **North Cape Subdivision** - one member
 4. **Whatuwhiwhi Subdivision** - one member
 and one member of the Council representing the Te Hiku General Ward appointed to the community board by Council.

- (i) The reasons for the boundary alterations to the wards and community board subdivisions are:
 - (i) the adjustments ensure that communities of interest that were split are now rectified;
 - (ii) in rectifying the communities of interest, the adjustments largely comply with section 19V Local Electoral Act 2001 (the fair representation criteria) with the exceptions of:
 - Te Hiku General Ward
 - North Cape Subdivision of the Te Hiku Community Board
 - Whangaroa Subdivision of Te Pēwhairangi-Whangaroa Community Board
 - Russell-Ōpua Subdivision of Te Pēwhairangi-Whangaroa Community Board
 - South Hokianga Subdivision of Kaikohe-Hokianga Community Board
 - Kaikohe Subdivision of Kaikohe-Hokianga Community Board
 - (iii) the affected meshblocks are contiguous, have no physical divisions and are similar to the surrounding land.

The three general wards, the number of general councillors per ward, the ward populations (estimated as at 30 June 2020) and the population ratio per general councillor are as follows:

General Ward	Population	No. Councillors	Average	% Variation
Kaikohe-Hokianga	7,630	1	7,630	-0.58%
Te Hiku	13,260	2	6,630	-13.61%
Te Pēwhairangi-Whangaroa	25,160	3	8,387	+9.27%

In accordance with section 19V(2) of the Local Electoral Act 2001, the population that each general councillor represents must be within the population range of 7,675 plus or minus 10% (6,907 - 8,442).

The three communities, the number of members per community, the community board populations (estimated as at 30 June 2020) and the population ratio per member are as follows:

Kaikohe-Hokianga Community Board	Population	No. Members	Average	% Variation
Kaikohe Subdivision	8,800	3	2,933	+10.34%
North Hokianga Subdivision	2,490	1	2,490	+6.3%
South Hokianga Subdivision	4,660	2	2,330	-12.35%

In accordance with section 19V(2) of the Local Electoral Act 2001, the population that each member represents must be within the population range of 2,658 plus or minus 10% (2,392 - 2,923).

Te Hiku Community Board	Population	No. Members	Average	% Variation
Doubtless Bay Subdivision	4,010	1	4,010	+8.58%
Kaitāia Subdivision	11,280	3	3,760	+1.81%
North Cape Subdivision	3,250	1	3,250	-12%
Whatuwhiwhi Subdivision	3,620	1	3,620	-1.97%

In accordance with section 19V(2) of the Local Electoral Act 2001, the population that each member represents must be within the population range of 3,693 plus or minus 10% (3,323 - 4,062).

Te Pēwhairangi-Whangaroa Community Board	Population	No. Members	Average	% Variation
Kawakawa-Moerewa Subdivision	4,560	1	4,560	+3.1%
Kerikeri Subdivision	10,180	2	5,090	+8.16%
Paihia Subdivision	5,030	1	5,030	+6.88%
Russell-Ōpua Subdivision	4,210	1	4,210	-10.53%
Waipapa Subdivision	4,800	1	4,800	+2%
Whangaroa Subdivision	4,160	1	4,160	-11.6%

In accordance with section 19V(2) of the Local Electoral Act 2001, the population that each member represents must be within the population range of 4,705 plus or minus 10% (4,234 - 5,175).

Further Information

Copies of the Statement of Proposal - Representation Arrangements Review, including copies of the maps referred to above, are available from the following Council offices:

- Council's Main Office, Memorial Avenue, Kaikohe
- Kaitāia Service Centre, Te Ahu, corner Matthews Avenue and South Road, Kaitāia
- Kerikeri Service Centre, Kerikeri Road, Kerikeri

Copies of this document are available on request from Far North District Council, Memorial Avenue, Private Bag 752, Kaikohe 0440, or by phoning 0800 920 029. You can also view this document on Council's website: www.fnrc.govt.nz.

Submissions

Any interested person or organisation may lodge a written submission to the above representation arrangements review. Submissions should be addressed to: Freepost Authority 6124, Representation Review 2021, Far North District Council, Memorial Avenue, Kaikohe, or Private Bag 752, Kaikohe 0440. Submission forms, which are available at Council Service Centres and Libraries, and from the Council website www.fnrc.govt.nz should state your name, address, telephone number and email address (if you have one) and should reach the Council no later than 4.30pm on Friday 1 October 2021.

Council will read and consider all submissions. Please clearly state if you wish to speak in support of your submission. Please note that any submission made will be available to the public. Hearings and meetings on the review will be open to the public.

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