

# Kaipara District Council

## Representation Review 2018

Briefing 4, 21 September 2018

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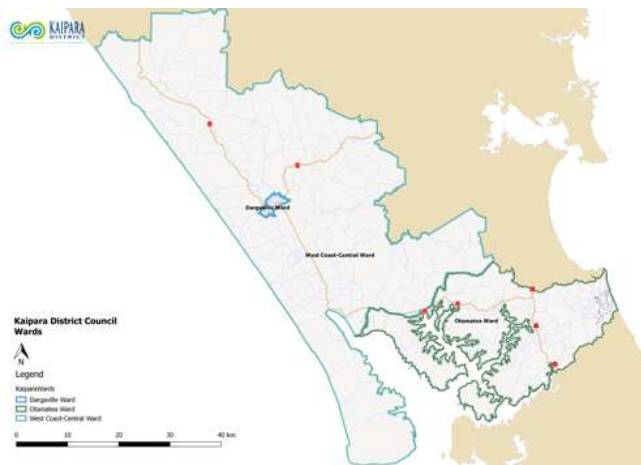


## Background

- Current situation
  - 8 councillors plus mayor
  - 3 wards
    - Dargaville (2)
    - Otamatea (3)
    - West Coast/Central (3)
  - no community boards
  - status quo does not comply with +/- 10% rule



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Population Statistics (Estimated Resident Population 30 June 2017)

**Status quo: 22,530/8 members = 2,816 +/- 10% = 2,534 – 3,097**

Status quo wards not comply with fair representation (+/- 10% rule)

Ward	Pop	Cnrs	Average	Fits Rule	% Variation
Dargaville	5,080	2	2,540	Yes	-9.8%
Otamatea	9,670	3	3,223	No	+14.45%
West Coast-Central	7,780	3	2,593	Yes	-7.92%

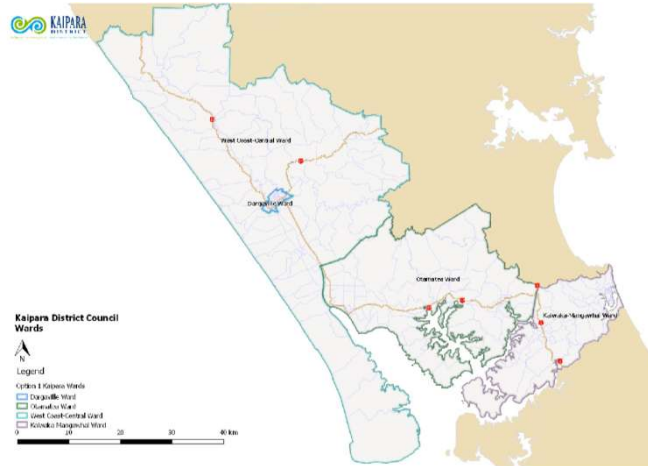


## Background

- Earlier briefings
  - 1 (13 April 2018), six options considered
  - 2 (30 May 2018), three options further explored
    - (1) 8 councillors, 4 wards, no community boards
    - (2) 9 councillors, 3 wards, no community boards
    - (3) 9 councillors, 4 wards, no community boards
  - 3 (20 June 2018), Option 1 preferred initial proposal
    - 8 councillors, 4 wards, no community boards
    - new Kaiwaka-Mangawhai Ward



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Population Statistics (Estimated Resident Population 30 June 2017)

**22,530/8 members = 2,816 +/- 10% = 2,534 – 3,097**

Wards comply with fair representation (+/- 10% rule)

Ward	Pop	Cnrs	Average	Fits Rule	% Variation
Dargaville	5,080	2	2,540	Yes	-9.8%
Kaiwaka-Mangawhai	6,170	2	3,085	Yes	+9.55%
Otamatea	5,480	2	2,740	Yes	-2.7%
West Coast-Central	5,830	2	2,915	Yes	+3.52%



## Background

- Initial proposal resolution (26 July 2018)
- Public notice made (1 August 2018)
- One-month submission period (August 2018)
- Public engagement plan undertaken
  - Statement of Proposal
  - community engagement
  - Four drop-in sessions



## Submissions

- 81 submissions received
  - 28 (34.6%) supported, 53 (65.4%) opposed
  - of 53 opposed, 24 (45.3%) pro-forma submissions
  - 73 (90%) from Otamatea Ward, 6 (7.5%) from West Coast-Central Ward, 2 (2.5%) from Dargaville Ward
- Those in support submitted:
  - makes sense (sensible boundary alterations)
  - allows for better and fair local representation
  - support for new Kaiwaka-Mangawhai Ward
  - new ward be called 'Eastern Ward'



## Submissions

- Those opposed submitted:
    - east/west imbalance not adequately addressed
    - Mangawhai (fastest growing area) not adequately represented
    - Mangawhai rating revenue supports greater representation (not part of review)
    - use of outdated population data
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## Submissions

- communities of interest not appropriately recognised (Kaiwaka/Maungaturoto, Ruawai etc)
  - proposal undemocratic (not providing equal or fair representation)
  - Alternatives suggested
    - 4 wards, 9 councillors (3 for Kaiwaka-Mangawhai)
      - *Comment:* Would not comply +/- 10% rule (on initial proposal wards)
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## Submissions

- 2 wards (east and west), 4 councillors
    - *Comment:* Minimum 5 councillors (by law), councillor workload issues, 6 councillors (3/3) with extended Otamatea Ward would comply +/- 10% rule
  - 3 wards (west and two east), 7 councillors
    - *Comment:* Would not comply +/- 10% rule (on joining initial proposal wards)
  - 3 current wards, 9 councillors (most common)
    - *Comment:* As proposed 2012 - 400 submissions largely opposed, rejected by LGC, complies with +/- 10% rule
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## Submissions

- Hearing held 11 September 2018
  - 6 submitters presented oral submissions
    - 5 opposed, 1 supported



## Process

- Council now required, after considering submissions, to either:
    - adopt initial proposal as final proposal
    - amend initial proposal as final proposal
      - if amend, amend to what?
      - if amend, can only make changes resulting from submissions (not new changes)
  - Must provide reasons for any changes and reasons why any submissions are rejected
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## Discussion

- Adopt initial proposal as final proposal?
    - 8 councillors, 4 wards, no community boards
      - Dargaville Ward (2 councillors)
      - Kaiwaka-Mangawhai Ward (2 councillors)
      - Otamatea Ward (2 councillors)
      - West Coast Central Ward (2 councillors)
    - complies +/- 10% rule
  - Amend initial proposal as final proposal?
    - if amend, to what?
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## Reasons

- If adopt initial proposal as final proposal
  - must provide reasons why any submissions were rejected
    - e.g. Council believes the initial proposal provides fair and effective representation to individuals and communities within its district
- If amend initial proposal as final proposal
  - must provide reasons why changes were made
    - e.g. as a result of submissions received



## Reasons

- must provide reasons why any submissions were rejected
  - e.g. outside of legal requirements, required to use certain population statistics, unable to reflect non-residents etc
- Reasons must be publicly notified as part of final proposal notice



## Final proposal

- Extra-ordinary Council meeting 9 October 2018 (resolve final proposal)
  - Public notice of final proposal 12 October 2018 (last legal date)
  - One-month appeal/objection period
    - 12 October 2018 to 12 November 2018
  - If initial proposal is final proposal, only submitters to initial proposal can appeal final proposal
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## Final proposal

- If initial proposal is amended, anyone can object to final proposal
  - Any appeal/objection received, matter forwarded to LGC
  - LGC makes a determination (by 10 April 2019)
  - Determination final and to be used for 2019 elections
    - challengeable only on point of law
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