

Council Briefing

Representation Review

Date: 13 April 2018

Time: 9.00am

Venue: Paparoa Sports Pavilion, Paparoa

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Kaipara District Council

Representation Review 2018

Workshop 1, 13 April 2018

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Programme Overview

- Earlier processes
- What is a presentation review?
- Current arrangements
- What needs to be considered?
- Possible options and variations
- Preliminary consultation
- Timetable
- Guidance



Representation Review

- Related processes before representation review:
 - electoral system
 - choice between STV and FPP
 - MUST consider every 3 years (by 12 September 2017)
 - Council resolved STV (on 8 May 2017)
 - Māori wards
 - precursor to representation review
 - MAY consider every 3 years (by 23 November 2017)
 - Council not considered this



Representation Review

- What is a representation review?
 - a review of Council's membership and basis of election includes:
 - number of councillors (excluding mayor)
 - how councillors are elected (wards, 'at large', mixture)
 - if wards, number, boundaries, names, number councillors elected from each)
 - community boards (establish, disestablish, number, names, number elected members, subdivided)



Representation Review

- must be undertaken by all local authorities at least once every 6 years
 - 57 local authorities undertaking this in 2018
 - prescribed formal process Local Electoral Act 2001
 - complex process
 - need to get it right
 - legal compliance, documentation, community consultation
 - initial proposal 1 March – 31 August 2018
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- Current arrangements:
 - last reviewed in 2012 (for 2013, 2016 elections)
 - initial proposal 9 councillors, 3 wards
 - 403 submissions received (mainly against increase to 9 councillors)
 - final proposal 8 councillors, 3 wards
 - one appeal received, determination made by LGC
 - determination supported Council's final proposal
 - no election 2013 (commissioners), basis used for 2016 election
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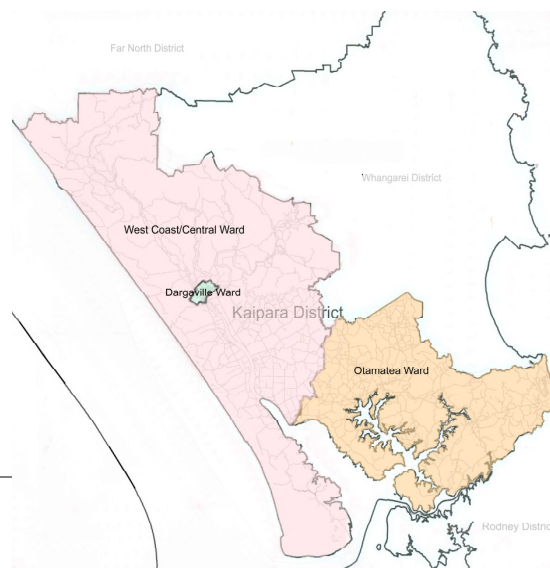


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- 8 councillors plus mayor
- 3 wards
 - Dargaville (2)
 - Otamatea (3)
 - West Coast/Central (3)
- no community boards
- retain status quo not an option
 - does not comply with +/- 10% rule



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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%



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- What needs to be considered?
 - identify communities of interest
 - provide effective representation to those communities of interest
 - provide fair representation (each councilor represents about the same number of people within +/-10%)



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- Communities of interest
 - need to be identified
 - area where one feels sense of community and belonging
 - access to daily goods and services
 - physical and topographical features
 - can change over time



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- LGC Guidelines identify three dimensions for recognising communities of interest
 - perceptual: a sense of belonging to an area or locality
 - functional: the ability to meet the community's requirements for services
 - political: the ability to represent the interests and reconcile conflicts of the community
- *Question: What are Kaipara's communities of interest?*
 - similar communities of interest can be grouped



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- Effective representation
 - consider how communities of interest are most effectively represented
 - total number of elected members (range 5-29)
 - elected members elected from wards/'at large'/mixture
 - ward names, boundaries
 - communities and community boards (establish, number, names, boundaries, members, subdivisions)
 - *Question: What is the best number of councillors and how should they be elected?*
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- Fair representation
 - population equity (+/- 10% of average)
 - generally means each elected member represents about same number of people (within +/-10%)
 - current wards do not comply
 - *Question: How do we ensure each councillor represents about the same number of people?*
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- Possible options/variations
 1. status quo
 - 8 councillors, 3 wards, need to rework ward boundaries, no community boards
 2. increase number wards, same number councillors
 - 8 councillors, 4 wards, need to rework ward boundaries, no community boards
 3. increase number wards and councillors
 - 9 councillors, 4 wards, need to rework ward boundaries, no community boards
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4. increase number wards, reduce number councillors
 - 7 councillors, 4 wards, need to rework ward boundaries, no community boards
 5. mixture 'at large' and wards
 - 8 councillors, 4 elected 'at large', 4 elected from 4 wards, need to rework ward boundaries, no community boards
 6. 'at large'
 - 8 councillors, elected 'at large', no community boards
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- other considerations or variations?
- need to consider community boards
 - establish, number, names, number members, subdivided etc



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- Informal preliminary consultation
 - not mandatory but recommended (LGC)
 - provides guidance to councillors
 - who should we consult?
 - iwi
 - community and business groups
 - ratepayer groups
 - Federated Farmers
 - focus groups



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- how should we consult?
 - Survey Monkey (5 simple questions)
 - information on website, at libraries etc
 - hui/meetings
- what should we ask?
 - which ward do you currently associate with?
 - list the current wards
 - how many councillors do you think is a good number?
 - 5-7, 8-10, 11-13, 14-15, 15+



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- how do you think we should elect our councillors?
 - wards/'at large'/mixture (wards and 'at large')
- should community boards be established?
- do you have any other comments to help inform Council's deliberations?
- informal consultation period April/May
- formal consultation process period July/October



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- Timetable
 - April/May – informal consultation
 - 26 June – initial proposal resolution
 - 4 July – initial proposal public notice
 - 4 July – 3 August – submission period
 - August – hearings
 - 29 August – final proposal resolution
 - 5 September – final proposal public notice
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- 5 September – 5 October – appeal/objection period
 - 17 October – basis of election public notice OR
 - end October – forward material to LGC
 - by 10 April 2019 – LGC determination
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- Guidance
 - what are Kaipara’s communities of interest?
 - preferred number of councillors?
 - preferred basis of election (wards, ‘at large’, mixture)?
 - if wards, preferred number of wards?
 - if wards, preferred names (Māori names)?
 - community boards (establish, number, names, elected members, subdivided)?
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- other considerations/variations to research
 - level of informal consultation?
 - if so, confirm the what, who and how?
 - next workshop early June
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