

# Final Proposal for Representation Arrangements

## Submissions:

On 21 September 2018, Kaipara District Council considered the submissions received on its initial proposal regarding the representation arrangements for the Council to apply for the local elections to be held on 12 October 2019.

The Council received 81 submissions on its initial proposal:

- 28 submissions supported the Council's initial proposal;
- 53 submissions opposed the Council's initial proposal.

Those that supported the initial proposal identified the following issues:

- it makes sense;
- allows for better and fairer representation;
- support for a new Kaiwaka-Mangawhai Ward.

Those that opposed the initial proposal identified the following issues:

- the east/west imbalance is not adequately addressed;
- there should be nine councillors;
- the Mangawhai area is not adequately represented;
- communities of interest are not appropriately recognised;
- initial proposal not democratic;
- use of outdated data and other out of scope issues.

## Final Proposal:

Having considered all of the submissions, the Council resolved on 9 October 2018 to adopt its initial proposal as its final proposal.

The Council considered all matters raised by submissions.

A number of submissions highlighted out of scope issues. These issues raised (use of outdated population data, lack of provision for future growth, rating per head of population and reduction to four councillors) were excluded as they fell out of the scope of factors available for consideration.

Reasoning around the decision to continue with the initial proposal are below:

- the east/west imbalance:  
The four ward structure, two in the east (with four councillors) and two in the west (with four councillors) provides balanced representation to the District's communities and individuals;
- the number of councillors:  
Eight councillors provide fair and effective representation, this was supported by preliminary consultation undertaken prior to the initial proposal, plus significant opposition to nine councillors when considered at the last representation review;
- adequate representation of Mangawhai area:  
The establishment of a new Kaiwaka-Mangawhai Ward (with two councillors) directly addresses the need for representation from the south-east of the District;
- recognition of communities of interest:  
The proposed ward structure adequately reflects the District's different communities of interest (specifically reflecting community involvement and access to goods and services);
- democratic process:  
The final proposal meets the legislative requirements of identifying communities of interest and providing fair and effective representation.

The final proposal is as follows:

- (i) Kaipara District Council to comprise eight councillors elected under the ward system, plus the mayor elected at large;
- (ii) Kaipara District Council be divided into four wards, these being:
  - **Dargaville Ward** (two councillors) being the existing ward comprising the township of Dargaville (the area delineated on SO Plan 70435 deposited with Land Information New Zealand);
  - **Kaiwaka-Mangawhai Ward** (two councillors) comprising the southeast area of the district including the townships of Kaiwaka, Mangawhai, Mangawhai Heads, Oruawharo, Oneriri Peninsula, Hakuru and surrounding areas;
  - **Otamatea Ward** (two councillors) comprising the State Highway 12 townships from Tokatoka back to the Brynderwvyns including Ruawai, Matakoho, Paparoa, Maungaturoto, Taipuha, Ararua, Pahi, Whakapirau, Tinopai and surrounding areas;
  - **West Coast-Central Ward** (two councillors) comprising the area surrounding Dargaville through to Waipoua Forest, including Kaihu, Aranga, Donnelly's Crossing, Mamaranui, Omamari, Bayly's Beach, Hoanga, Tangowahine, Tangiteroria, Te Kopuru, Pouto, Turiwiri and Aropohue;
- (iii) no community boards be established;

The four proposed wards, the number of councillors per ward, the ward populations (estimated as at 30 June 2017) and the population ratio per councillor are as follows:

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

In accordance with section 19V(2) of the Local Electoral Act 2001, the population that each councillor represents must be within the population range of 2,816 plus or minus 10% (2,534 - 3,097).

## Appeals

Any person who has made a submission on the Council's initial proposal may lodge an appeal against the Council's decision. An appeal must relate to the matters raised in that person's submission.

Appeal forms can be provided through the website [www.kaipara.govt.nz/RepReview](http://www.kaipara.govt.nz/RepReview), by email to [haveyoursay@kaipara.govt.nz](mailto:haveyoursay@kaipara.govt.nz), or in hardcopy. Appeal forms are also available from the Dargaville office at 42 Hokianga Road or the Mangawhai office at The Hub, 6 Molesworth Drive from 12 October 2018.

Appeals should state your name, address, telephone number and email address (if you have one) and should reach the Council no later than **4pm on Monday 12 November 2018**.

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