

# Notice of Representation Arrangements Review Final Proposal



## Submissions

On 16 October 2024, the Kaipara District Council considered the submissions received on its initial proposal regarding the representation arrangements for the Council to apply for at least the 2025 triennial local authority elections.

The Council received 53 valid submissions to its initial proposal. 32 submissions were in support of the initial proposal and 21 were opposed. Those opposed provided the following reasons:

- the proposal did not give fair representation (10)
- different number of councillors, both less and more (7)
- saw no reason for the change (3)
- opposition to ward boundaries, and location of boundaries (4)
- smaller number of councillors would enable better remuneration so elected representatives can afford to commit more time (5)
- suggest an increase in the number of councillors to the Wairoa Ward (1)
- suggest three councillors to each of the wards regardless of population (1)
- suggest ward names be changed to Kaipara West, Kaipara Central and Kaipara East (1)

## Final proposal

Having considered all of the submissions, the Council, on 30 October 2024, resolved to adopt its initial proposal as its final proposal. The Council rejected the matters raised in those submissions opposed to the final proposal for the following reasons:

- the suggestion to reduce the total number of councillors from what is proposed was rejected as it is considered that eight councillors will provide effective representation
- the suggestion to increase the number of councillors in the Wairoa Ward was rejected as it would create significant non-compliance with the fair representation criteria or require further boundary changes, likely compromising the Wairoa community of interest
- the suggestion to increase the number of councillors in the Otamatea Ward was rejected as it would create significant non-compliance with the fair representation criteria or require further boundary changes, likely compromising the Otamatea community of interest
- the suggestion to change the ward names to Kaipara West, Kaipara Central and Kaipara East was rejected as it is considered that the ward names as proposed are appropriate and well understood by the community

Therefore the final proposal is as follows:

## Council representation

The Kaipara District Council to comprise the mayor elected 'at large' and eight councillors elected from three wards, these being:

- a) **Kaiwaka-Mangawhai Ward** (represented by three councillors), comprising the southeast section of Kaipara, including Kaiwaka, Mangawhai township and Mangawhai Heads and surrounding area, Oruawharo, Oneriri Peninsula and Hakaru (being the current Kaiwaka-Mangawhai General Ward area)
- b) **Otamatea Ward** (represented by two councillors), comprising the State Highway 12 townships from Tokatoka to Maungatūroto, including Ruawai, Matakōhe, Paparoa, Taipuha, Ararua, Pahi, Whakapirau and Tinopai (being the current Otamatea General Ward area with the inclusion of

meshblocks 0122400, 0122800, 0122300 and 0122700 from the current Wairoa General Ward)

- c) **Wairoa Ward** (represented by three councillors), comprising the Dargaville township, plus the area surrounding Dargaville, through to Waipoua Forest, including Kaihu, Aranga, Donnellys Crossing, Mamaranui, Omamari, Baylys Beach, Hoanga, Tangowahine, Tangiteroria, Te Kōpuru, Pouto, Turiwiri and Arapohue (being the current Wairoa General Ward area, with the exclusion of meshblocks 0122400, 0122800, 0122300 and 0122700)
- d) No community boards be established
- e) The reason the total number of councillors is reduced from nine to eight is to better align the population-to-councillor ratio more closely with that of the other northern territorial authorities
- f) The reason for the minor boundary change to the Otamatea and Wairoa Wards is to ensure fair representation of communities of interest

The three wards, the population per ward, the number of councillors per ward and the population per councillor is as follows:

Ward	Population*	Councillors	Ratio
Kaiwaka-Mangawhai	10,050	3	3,350
Otamatea	6,180	2	3,090
Wairoa	11,000	3	3,667
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,230</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3,404</b>

\*population estimates as of 30 June 2023

In accordance with section 19V(2) of the Local Electoral Act 2001, the population that each councillor represents must be within the range of 3,404 plus or minus 10% (3,064-3,744). All of the proposed wards comply with this range.

## Appeals

Any person who made a submission on 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.

Copies of the Representation Review – Final Proposal and the appeal form are available on Council's website [www.kaipara.govt.nz/repreview](http://www.kaipara.govt.nz/repreview) or from the Dargaville office at 32 Hokianga Road or the Mangawhai office at Unit 6, The Hub, 6 Molesworth Drive.

Appeals can also be emailed to: [haveyoursay@kaipara.govt.nz](mailto:haveyoursay@kaipara.govt.nz) or submitted in hardcopy.

Appeals should state your name, address, telephone number and email address (if you have one) and should reach the Council no later than 5.00pm on Tuesday 26 November 2024.

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