

Schedule of Submission Themes		
Acceptance or rejection of submissions		
Submission Theme	Sub-Themes / Points	Accept / Reject
Support for Initial Proposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A small number (12) submissions support the proposal • One supportive submission was qualified that they did so only on the basis that there would be three councillors for the proposed combined Kere Kere/Miranui Ward instead of two • Considerable submissions (211) oppose the proposal, a number of which do not give specific reasons but many indicated further disadvantage for Miranui and townships such as Shannon, Ōpiki and Tokomaru • Some submissions did not state their support or opposition • A number opposed the proposal because they expressed support for two Māori councillors instead of the one proposed. 	The Council rejects the support for the initial proposal and accepts the considerable opposition contention that Miranui remains a separate community of interest from Kere Kere, and should be separately represented to ensure fair and effective representation of that community of interest.
Size of Council / Number of Councillors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some submissions support retaining the same number of general councillors and adding the Māori representation (11 councillors in total) • A number of submissions support having two Māori councillors in the Māori Ward • Reducing the number of councillors will create untenable workloads for those elected • Reducing the number of councillors reduces the opportunity for increased diversity around the Council table whereas more councillors increase that opportunity • Reducing the number of councillors takes away the voice/representation from Miranui Ward • A large number of submissions stated the need for Shannon/Tokomaru to retain a separate councillor. 	<p>The Council rejects the support for reducing the number of councillors in total and accepts the opposition that requests the Council should have 2 Māori Councillors in addition to the existing number of general ward councillors, thereby retaining separate representation for the Miranui Ward.</p> <p>The Council considers that 12 councillors, including 2 Māori Ward councillors, and the Mayor will provide for the most effective and fair representation for the whole district.</p>

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Number of Wards / Ward Structure and under-representation issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the joining of Kere Kere-Miranui is to proceed, one submission suggests combining Waiopahu and Levin so there is a north and south divide • Considerable number of submissions consider Miranui should not be joined with Kere Kere and should retain its own councillor • Considerable concern is expressed that Miranui and its townships will be further marginalised/disadvantaged with the merger suggested • Considerable submissions consider Miranui is not well represented now and that it will lose its representation entirely in Council's proposal • In a combined ward the Miranui voice will be lost to the more populated Foxton area • Separate representation for Miranui is considered better than a choice of candidates at the local election. 	The Council accepts that there should be 4 general wards with separate representation for Miranui to ensure fair and effective representation of the Miranui area.
Number and Structure of Māori Ward/s	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is strong demand to have two Māori Ward councillors with some submitting that if two were to be provided then one or two Māori Wards could be introduced. 	The Council accepts that there should be 2 Māori Ward councillors in a single Māori Ward because that will most effectively represent the Māori population in Horowhenua.
Rural Representation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern at the dilution of rural representation and support for ensuring the number of rural councillors is not reduced and at least five be provided for the Waiopahu, Kere Kere and Miranui Wards • Concern at a significant shift of urban costs onto rural ratepayers. 	The Council rejects the request that there should be at least 5 rural councillors but notes that the Final Proposal will provide for 5 councillors to be elected from the Kere Kere, Miranui and Waiopahu Wards which includes a number of rural townships and the surrounding rural area.

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Ward names including Māori Ward names	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kere Kere/Miranui if the wards must be combined • Suggestion for the combined ward to be named Whakaiti • Strong commitment to consult with Iwi for the name of the Māori Ward • Names suggested for the Māori Ward include Horowhenua Māori Ward, Te Taio o te Horowhenua, Hanana, Raukawa, Muaūpoko, Tararua, Haunui, Tutura Mana Whenua, Tutura o Mana Whenua, Whanau, Urutaha, Te Rae-o-te-Karaka, Manamotuheke. 	<p>As the wards of Kere Kere and Miranui will remain separate the Council rejects the suggested names for a combined ward.</p> <p>The Council accepts that the name for the Māori ward should be determined in conjunction with Iwi and accordingly the name shall be the 'Horowhenua Ward'.</p>
Te Awahou Foxton Community Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some submissions (23) support the retention of the Foxton Community Board • A number of submissions (180) oppose or want to see the Foxton Community Board abolished • A considerable proportion of those in opposition cite the financial costs of the Board being borne by all ratepayers in the district • Some would accept that the Board remain if there was also a board for Miranui or Shannon or even one for each ward. • Suggestion to include a Dutch element to the Board name. 	<p>The Council accepts that the Foxton Community Board be retained and rejects the opposing submissions seeking it to be abolished. The Council considers that the Te Awahou Foxton Community Board provides effective representation to the Foxton and Foxton Beach communities.</p> <p>The Council rejects opposition to the name change to Te Awahou Foxton Community Board considering that the proposed new name is appropriate.</p> <p>The Council rejects the suggestion that the number of elected members be reduced and/or the number of appointed members be increased and considers the numbers proposed provide effective representation.</p>

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Te Awahou Foxton Community Board Boundary Adjustments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some submissions support the extension of the Foxton Community Board boundaries as requested by the Board including a survey done by the Board in the areas proposed to be included • Some submissions indicate support for the retention of the Foxton Community Board but not the extension of the boundaries. 	<p>The Council accepts the support for an extension to the boundaries of the Te Awahou Foxton Community Board to include the area shown on Map B and rejects the opposition to the extension of boundaries. The extension enables those on the fringe of the current Board area to be included and to have their interests advocated for them by the Board as they have requested.</p>
Additional Community Boards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A number of submissions consider the Foxton Community Board gives Kere Kere Ward more (and unfair) representation than the other wards and either want it abolished or state (or imply) that other wards should also have a community board (especially Shannon). 	<p>The Council rejects the request and/or implication that there should be more community boards covering all the wards but in particular Shannon. The Council notes representation and consultation concerns in the Miranui Ward but does not consider that a community board is necessarily the best method to provide effective representation with the Miranui area.</p>

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Ward boundary adjustments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A few indicated support for the boundary changes proposed between Levin and Waiopahu and Waiopahu and Kere Kere but a few others expressed opposition to the proposed changes • A request was received to add another boundary change shifting Trackside Villas into Levin from the Waiopahu Ward. 	<p>The Council accepts the support for the ward boundary changes between Levin and Waiopahu and considers the boundary adjustments enhance effective representation of communities of interest recognising the commonality of those communities of interest.</p> <p>The Council accepts the opposition to the ward boundary changes between Waiopahu and Kere Kere noting that the historical connection with Kere Kere be recognised.</p>