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Response - Official Information Request

I refer to your request for information received on 28 April 2021. Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) and I provide the following information.

Has your council discussed establishing a Māori ward or Māori constituency at a council meeting since the Local Electoral (Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Act 2021 came into effect on 2 March 2021?

No, this has not been a Council meeting agenda item. Council has, however, discussed this at a Council Briefing.

If the answer to this question is “yes”, please advise what further action your council resolved to take.

Council developed a survey asking the community whether they support the establishment of a Māori Ward, or not.

An Extraordinary Council meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday 19 May** for Council to consider whether to establish a Māori Ward, or not.

If your council had already established a Māori ward or Māori constituency prior to this legislation coming into effect, please disregard this request.

Not applicable.

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If you have any queries regarding this information, please contact the LGOIMA Officer on 06 366 0999 or email - LGOIMAOfficer@horowhenua.govt.nz

Yours sincerely,



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