

Submission form - Te puka tāpaetanga

Submission No. 225

We want to hear your feedback on Horowhenua District Council's Representation Review through the submission process.

Submissions close 5:00pm Monday 20 September 2021.

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I SUPPORT I OPPOSE the proposed representation arrangements for the Council, for the 2022 elections
Please tell us why (and include any alternative you think could work better)

I SUPPORT I OPPOSE the proposed representation arrangements for the Foxton Community Board, for the 2022 elections - Please tell us why (and include any alternative you think could work better)



Do you agree with combining the Kere Kere and Miranui Wards? Yes No Yes

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What do you think the name should be for the combined Kere Kere-Miranui Ward?

What do you think the name should be for the newly established Māori Ward?

Hearings

You are welcome to speak at the hearings in support of your submission – please indicate below whether you wish to do so.

Hearings are scheduled for Wednesday 6 October 2021.

Yes, I do wish to speak in support of my submission No, I do not wish to speak at the hearing

- Complete this form and deliver to Horowhenua District Council, 126 Oxford Street, Levin or post to Private Bag 4002, Levin 5540
- Complete the online submission form found at www.horowhenua.govt.nz/representationreview
- Email your submission to repreview@horowhenua.govt.nz

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Horowhenua District Residents and Ratepayers Association Inc

Date: September 2021

Submissions Horowhenua District Council Re-Proposed Representation Review 2021

1. HDRRA recognises the strength of Council's proposal to increase Maori representation on the council. We present two ways of increasing Maori representation in decision making.
2. Truly recognising the Treaty of Waitangi (1840) requires 50% shared representation on Council, that is 50% Maori and 50% Tauwiwi. The Council's mandate in this proposal is to not fully realise the Treaty's obligations.
3. The council's proposal we feel will cause Maori under representation and is racist in that voters are segregated by whether they belong to a single race of New Zealanders. We note that not all people recognising as Maori are enrolled for the Maori Electorate. Is this true representation?
4. Further we question whether all Maori people having a single vote is disenfranchising them compared with Levin voters who will be voting for four council representatives. This voting power becomes unequal and that disenfranchised one group of people who live alongside others.
5. Maori representation by Council's single representative could create inter-tribal, inter-hapu conflicts where only one person represents all hapu, and all iwi. The proposal for a community board representing all Maori may assist in alleviating these potential conflicts.

HDRRA recommends two proposals to increase Maori representation in decision making.

A: Community Board Representation (Communities of Interest)

6. We consider that community boards which link into council meetings should represent every voter, not just Foxton residents. Opening more community boards to represent (a) Maori and (b) rural and (c) urban townships is a better representation system for "Bottom-Up" decision-making.
7. Community boards representing urban and rural voters will consider the interests all, including township and rural businesses.

Community Boards	Population	Members	Population per voter
Maori	5061	4	1265
Urban	15461	4	3865
Rural	15559	4	3890

Public speaking rights please

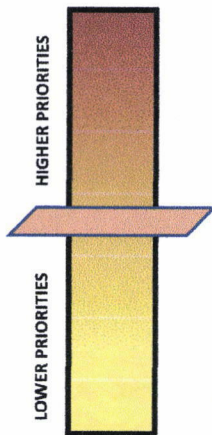


B: Council Representation

8. We support Lew Rohloff’s mixed proposal toward representation of a total of 10 councillors, being represented by councillors being voted in three component areas. Everyone votes for their “Ward” representation, and the “At Large” representation, and the “Mayor”.

Ward	Population	Members	Population per voter
Maori (hapu)	5060	2	2530
Rural (KereKere, Miranui, Waiopehu)	15559	2	7780
Urban (Levin township)	15461	2	7731
At Large (All Horowhenua electors)	36080	4	9020
Mayor	36080	1	36080

9. **HDRRA recommends** that both Community Board and Council engages in Bottom-up representation using this model to define the propriety outcomes that are best suited to the needs of the people of Horowhenua District.



- Polling—random sampling of public opinion.
- Focus groups—multiple discussions with randomly selected participants.
- Town hall sessions—multiple public discussions with whoever shows up (facilitated by experienced staff).
- Civic journalism—news media initiatives to engage readers, listeners, and viewers in interactive discussions, debates, and feedback about priorities.
- Web sites—feedback collected in response to efforts to heighten awareness.
- Generally, select 10 or fewer outcome goals. In the end, these priorities should be expressed in citizen terms.
- Include both subjective and objective measures (citizens’ perceptions).

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