



# Representation Review

Initial Proposal 2021

## Arotakenga Manapori

Mahere Tōmua 2021



# Introduction

## Whakatakinga

**We are carrying out a representation review to look at how the district's communities are represented at the council table.**

We need to decide how many councillors we'll have, the number of wards including the newly established Māori ward, their boundaries and names.

This document outlines a proposal we think could work best to provide fair, effective representation across the district.

**It's your choice – let us know if you think we've got it right.**

**Nāu te kōwhiri – Kōrero mai mēnā e tika ana mātou ki ōu whakaaro**

Have your say online or respond using the submission form at the back of this booklet.

**Submissions close 5:00pm Monday 20 September.**

**Councils must review their representation arrangements at least once every six years to achieve fair and effective representation. The last time the Horowhenua District Council undertook a Representation Review was in 2018.**

The Council's decision on 19 May 2021 to introduce Māori Wards triggered the requirement to undertake a representation review this year. The outcome of this review will apply to the 2022 elections.

## What is a representation review?

### He aha koia te Arotakenga Manapori?

A review of arrangements needs to consider our growing population, and ensure that our communities are represented fairly, with each councillor representing the same number of people.

**During the review, Council considers these key factors:**

- What are our District's communities of interest?
- How can those communities be effectively represented?
- How can those communities be fairly represented?

#### Why are we doing this?

We are required by law (Local Electoral Act 2001) to undertake a representation review at least every six years. The last review was in 2018 that resulted in the structure we see today, where there were no major changes from the 2012 review.

# What's our current structure?

## He pēhea nei te hanga o te manapori i tēnei wā?

The number of councillors and community board members in each ward or subdivision is based on the number of people living in each area. Each councillor should represent a similar number of people.

- Mayor - elected at large (district wide)
- Ten Councillors – elected to represent a ward
- Five Community Board members.



### The Horowhenua District has four general wards:

- Kere Kere Ward - 2 councillors
- Levin Ward - 5 councillors
- Miranui Ward - 1 councillor
- Waiopehu Ward - 2 councillors.

### The Horowhenua District has one Community Board:

- Foxton Community Board.

### Ward

### Communities of interest

<b>Kere Kere</b>	The townships of Foxton and Foxton Beach, and surrounding rural areas.
<b>Levin</b>	The town of Levin.
<b>Miranui</b>	The townships of Shannon, Tokomaru, and surrounding rural areas.
<b>Waiopehu</b>	The townships of Waitārere Beach, Hōkio Beach, Ōhau, Waikawa Beach and Manakau, and surrounding rural areas.



# What are communities of interest?

## Ko wai mā ngā rōpū whai pānga?

As part of the review, we must identify the district's communities of interest. Local Government Commission guidelines recognise a community of interest according to these criteria:



Any or all of these may produce a sense of community identity. In addition, there can be physical or topographical features that define a community of interest. We need to recognise that communities can and do change over time particularly with the growth and development that the district is experiencing.



# What's in our initial proposal

## He aha te matū o tā mātou mahere tōmua?

### What we're proposing?

Following consideration of different options at a Council meeting on 11 August 2021, Council is proposing the following arrangements for the 2022 elections:

### Number of Councillors

#### We are proposing:

9 councillors in total - 8 general ward councillors elected from three general wards, 1 Māori ward councillor elected from one district wide ward, plus the Mayor elected at large.

### What has changed?

This reduces the number from 10 to 8 general ward councillors, with the addition of one Māori ward councillor.

#### We are proposing nine councillors in total plus the mayor, as this will provide:

- The ability to be inclusive, collaborative, make decisions effectively and be responsive to the needs of the district
- An adequate number of members to share the workload and maintain a cohesive decision making model
- Remuneration at a fair level which may attract people from all backgrounds.

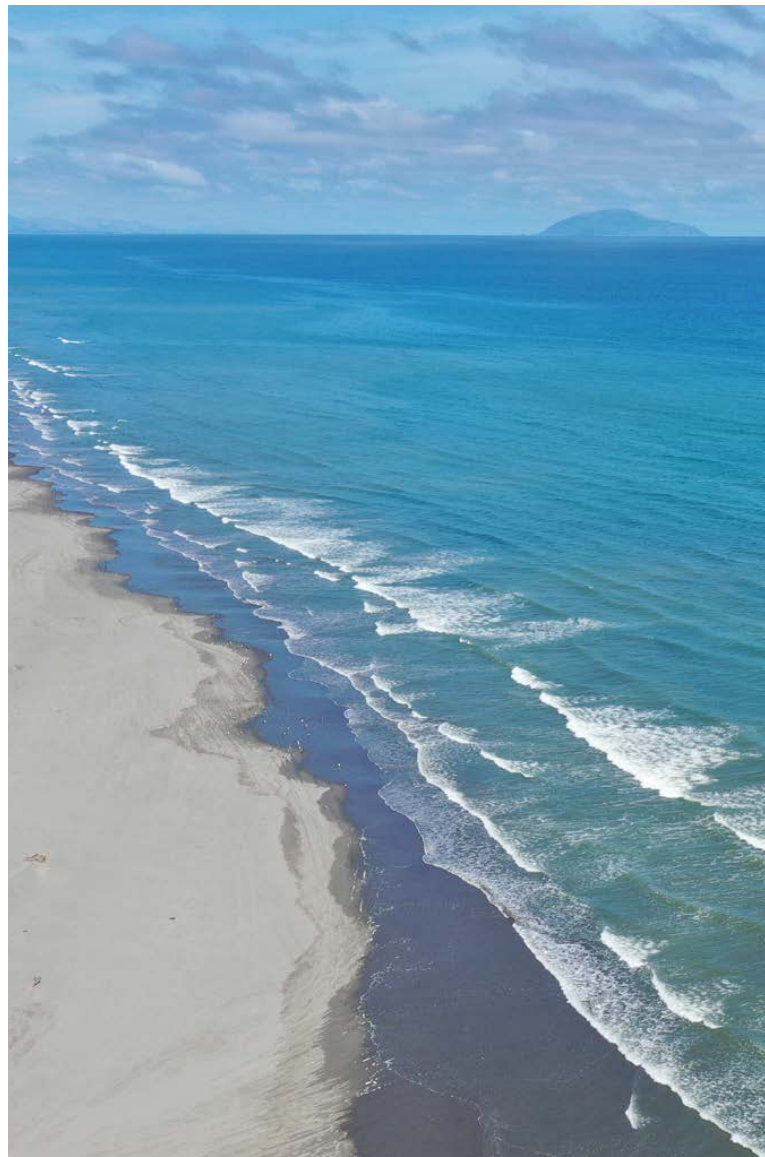
The number of general and Māori councillors is determined by legislation. It depends on the total number of councillors to be elected for the district, and the latest available general electoral population and Māori electoral population statistics.

**For the proposed Council size of nine councillors plus the mayor, we would have eight general and one Māori councillor.**

### Questions:

**Do you think that eight general ward councillors is the right number to represent the district?**

**Do you think that one Māori ward councillor is the right number to represent the entire district?**



# Number of wards

## Te maha o ngā tūtanga pōti (wāri)

### We are proposing:

3 general wards plus a single Māori ward – to combine the Kere Kere and Miranui wards, retain the Levin and Waiiopehu wards, with the addition of one district wide Māori ward.

### What has changed?

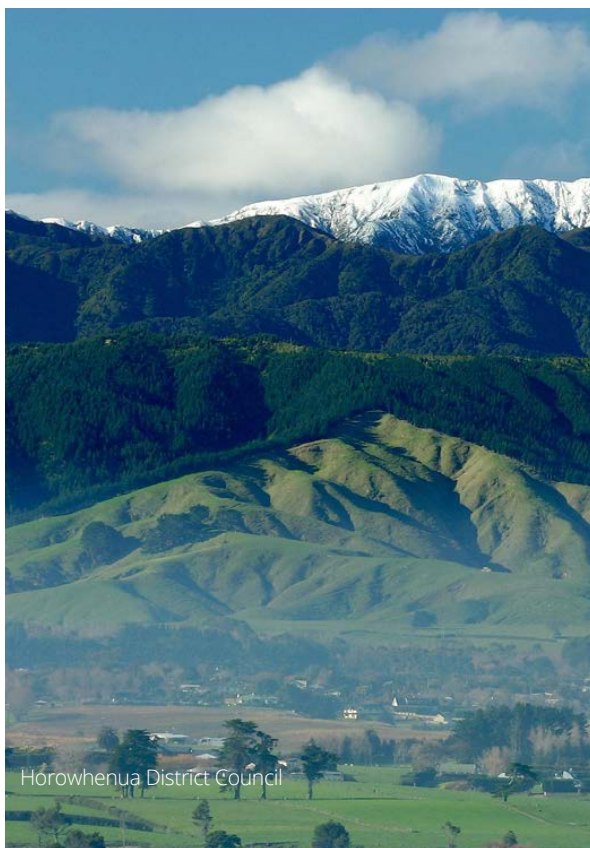
#### The proposal includes:

- Combining the Kere Kere Ward and Miranui Ward – these wards align as communities of interest as they are both rural. Combining the wards complies with the requirements of the Local Electoral Act 2001 for fair and effective representation
- Shifting Kere Kere Ward meshblocks located south of the Manawatū River, into the Waiiopehu Ward
- Shifting Waiiopehu Ward meshblocks east of Levin, (Queen Street East/Gladstone Road/ Tararua Road/Arapaepae Road) into the Levin Ward).

### Wards and Electoral Populations

Ward	Population	Members	Population per member
<b>Kere Kere - Miranui</b>	8,170	2	4,085
<b>Levin</b>	15,461	4	3,865
<b>Waiiopehu</b>	7,389	2	3,695
<b>Total General</b>	<b>31,020</b>	<b>8</b>	
<b>Horowhenua (Māori Ward)</b>	5,060	1	5,060
<b>Total</b>	<b>36,080</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>36,080</b>

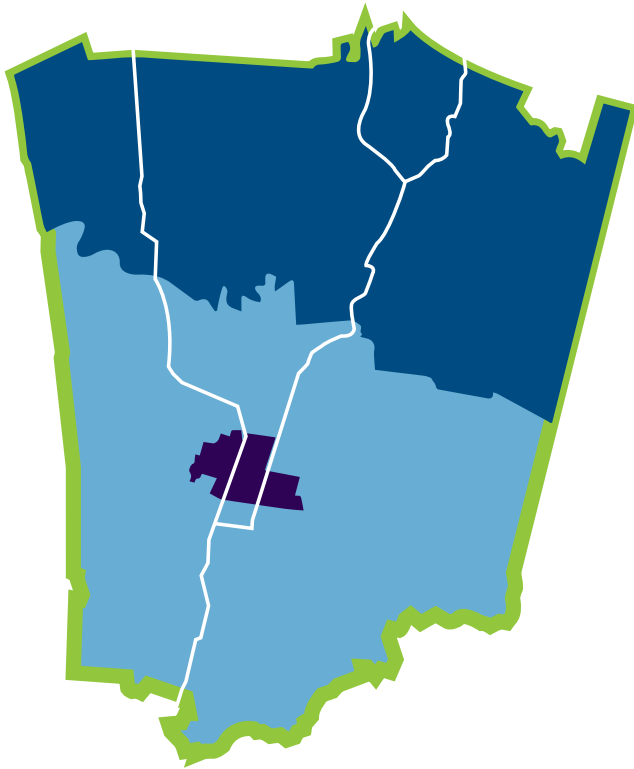
\* Department of Statistics population estimates as at 30 June 2020.



Horowhenua District Council



## Wards map



**2**  
Members  
**Kere Kere-Miranui Ward**  
Population per member: 4,085

**4**  
Members  
**Levin**  
Population per member: 3,865

**2**  
Members  
**Waiopahu**  
Population per member: 3,695

**1**  
Members  
**Horowhenua (Māori Ward)**  
Population per member: 5,060

*In accordance with section 19V(2) of the Local Electoral Act 2001 the population that each member represents must be within the range of 3,878, +/- 10% (3,490 to 4,266), unless particular communities of interest considerations justify otherwise.*

*All three general wards comply with the +/- 10% rule.*

## ? Questions:

*The proposal is to combine the current Kere Kere and Miranui Wards to create one General Ward.*

**Do you agree with combining these wards?**

*'Kere Kere-Miranui Ward' is a placeholder name for the combined ward.*

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

*The proposal is to shift Kere Kere Ward meshblocks located south of the Manawatū River, into the Waiopahu ward.*

**Do you think these meshblocks should be shifted into the Waiopahu Ward?**

*The proposal is to shift some Waiopahu Ward meshblocks east of Levin (Queen Street East/Gladstone Road/Tararua Road/Arapaepae Road), into the Levin Ward.*

**Do you think these meshblocks should be shifted into the Levin Ward?**

*'Horowhenua' is a placeholder name for the newly established Māori ward which covers the entire district.*

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



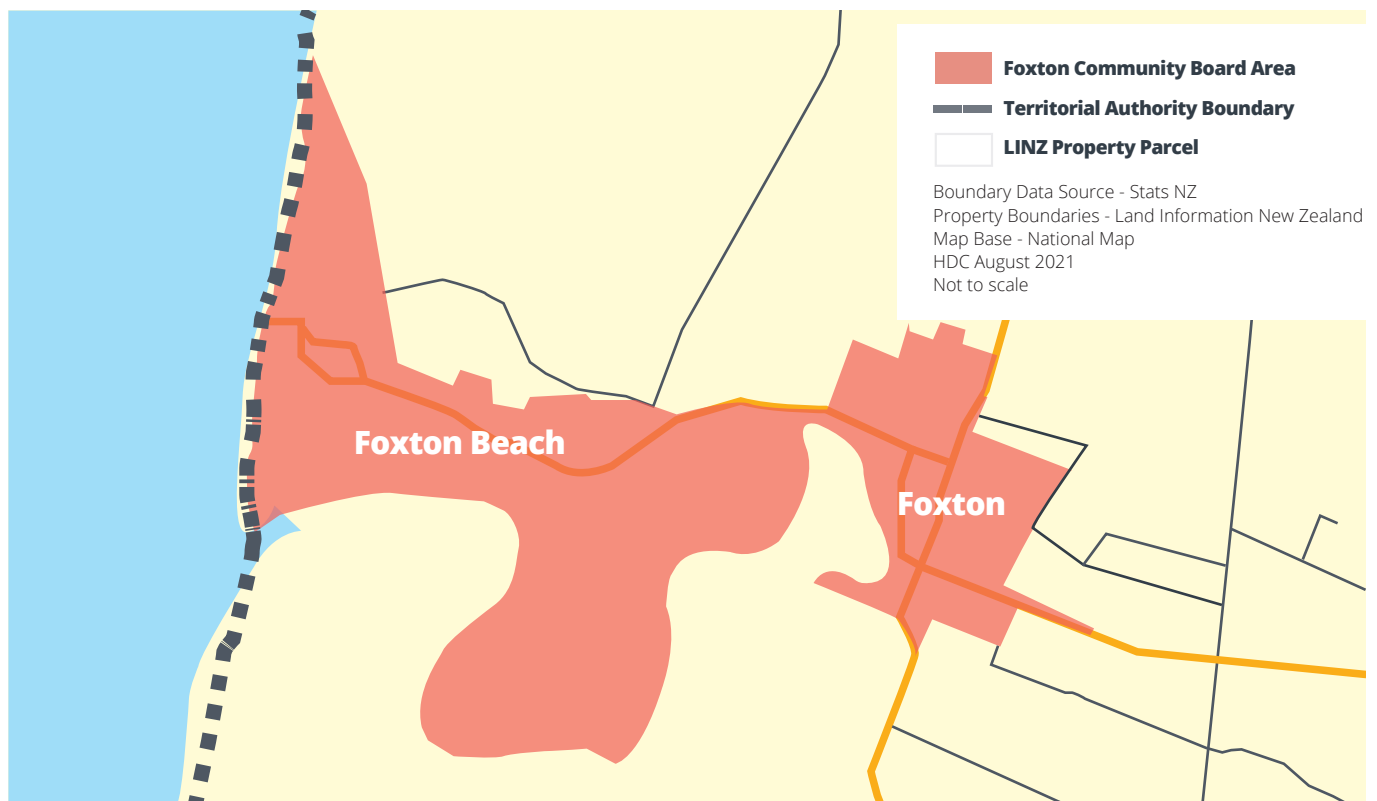
# Will there be Community Board Representation?

## Ka whakatūria rānei he Rūnanga Hapori?

### It is proposed that:

- The Foxton Community Board be retained
- The name of the Board be changed to: Te Awahou Foxton Community Board
- The Foxton Community Board comprises 5 members elected at large
- One member representing the Kere Kere-Miranui Ward, be appointed by the Council.

### It is proposed that the boundaries of the Board remain the same as present, as shown on the map below:



### ? Questions:

Do you agree with the name change to 'Te Awahou Foxton Community Board'?

Do you think that the Foxton Community Board Boundary should be widened to take in developed areas to the north of Foxton Beach and east of Foxton?





**It's important that  
everyone feels represented  
fairly and effectively**

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# Representation Review Timeline

Te wātaka mō te Arotakenga Manapori



# We want to hear from you - submissions are invited

## What you can submit on

To help us determine our final representation arrangements and the make-up of the council and community board, you can make a submission on:

- The total number of councillors;
- The number and boundaries of general and Māori wards;
- The names of general and Māori wards.

We are not able to consider feedback on whether Māori wards should be established – that decision has already been made and cannot be reversed through this representation review process.

**Submissions must be received no later than 5:00pm Monday 20 September.**

Any queries regarding Council's proposal should be directed to:

- @ [reprereview@horowhenua.govt.nz](mailto:reprereview@horowhenua.govt.nz) or
- ☎ contact Sue Hori Te Pa, Representation Review Officer, 06 366 0999.

# Submission form - Te puka tāpaetanga

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.**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

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)

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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)

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

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

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

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## 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

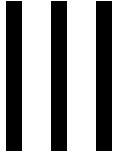
- Complete this form and deliver to Horowhenua District Council, 126 Oxford Street, Levin or post to Private Bag 4002, Levin 5540
- Complete the online submission form found at [www.horowhenua.govt.nz/representationreview](http://www.horowhenua.govt.nz/representationreview)
- Email your submission to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

## Privacy Act 1993

Please be aware that submissions are part of a public consultation process. All information provided on this form, including submitters' names and contact details, will be made available to the media and public as part of the decision making process.





Tick here if you wish to keep your contact details private.

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5pm, Monday 20 September 2021.**