



Representation Review

Initial Proposal for the 2022 local election

PROPOSAL

Proposed number of elected members

11 Councillors (plus the Mayor)

Proposed Wards

The proposed Wards and the population that each member will represent is as follows:

Ward	Population	No. of Councillors per Ward	Population per Councillor	Deviation from average	% deviation
General Wards					
Northern	2,800	2	1,400	-33	-2.33%
Central	6,960	5	1,392	-41	-2.88%
Southern	3,140	2	1,570	137	9.54%
Total General	12,900	9	1,433	-	-
Māori Wards					
Northern	1,450	1	1,450	15	1.05%
Southern	1,420	1	1,420	-15	-1.05%
Total Māori	2,870	2	1,435	-	-
District Total	15,770	11	-	-	-

Proposed Community Boards

The two existing community boards are proposed to remain unchanged as follows:

Ratana Community Board: retaining the same boundaries as at present, having four members elected by the whole Ratana Community Board area and one appointed member (one of the Southern Ward Councillors).

Taihape Community Board: retaining the same boundaries as at present (the Northern Ward boundaries, having four members elected by the Taihape Community Board area and two appointed members (rotated annually around the Northern Ward Councillors).

Changes from the existing representation arrangements

There have been a number of changes from the existing representation arrangements:

- Introduction of two Māori Wards, each with one councillor.
- Movement of a number of people from the southern ward into the central ward along the Turakina Valley area (highlighted on the map). This change was made to achieve 'fair' representation – each councillor representing an equal number of electors.
- Reduction in the number of councillors representing the Northern and Southern General wards from three for each area to two for each area.

Representation Review Process

Process	Timeframe
Council adopts Initial Proposal	26 August 2021
Consultation period	Written submissions: 30 August – 8 October 2021 Oral Hearing: 14 October 2021
Deliberations on submissions and adoption of Final Proposal	28 October 2021
Appeals/Objections <i>Any person or organisation who has made a submission on the initial proposal can make an appeal to the Local Government Commission on any matters raised in their submission.</i> <i>If Council makes amendment to the initial proposal, any interested person or organisation (including those who made submissions) can lodge an objection on the amendment to the Local Government Commission.</i>	1 month following Council's decision on the Final Proposal
Consideration by Local Government Commission (if required)	11 April 2022 (at the latest)

Submissions

Written submissions from the community may be made from 30 August 2021 and are open until **noon 8 October 2021**.

Submission forms are available from Council's libraries in Marton, Bulls and Taihape, from the Council's Main Office in Marton^{1*}, from the Council's website www.rangitikei.govt.nz or you may request a form be posted* to you by calling 0800 422 522.

Parties who make a written submission may also make an oral submission. Oral submissions are scheduled for 14 October 2021* at the Council Chambers in Marton. You need to indicate on your submission form if you wish to speak to your submission. Staff will make contact with

¹¹ *This is dependent on COVID-19 restrictions and whether or not offices are open

submitters wishing to speak to their submissions to accommodate to COVID-19 restriction levels which may include presenting² via phone or video calling.

Further information

Further information, including a submission form, is available at the following places:

- Council's website www.rangitikei.govt.nz
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- *Council's Main Office in Marton
- By calling 0800 422 522

If you have any questions please contact Katrina Gray, Senior Strategic Planner – Katrina.Gray@rangitikei.govt.nz.

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