

NOTICE OF CONSULTATIONS

Representation Review

Pursuant to section 19M of the Local Electoral Act 2001, Council has adopted its Initial Proposal for representation for the 2022 Local Government elections. The Initial Proposal identifies the proposed number of councillors, ward structure and community board structure for the 2022 Local Government elections.

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).

The key change to the three general wards involves a number of people from the Turakina Valley Road area being moved from the Southern General Ward to the Central General Ward so that the councillors have relatively the same number of ratepayers to represent.

The communities of interest considered by Council included:

- The District has many similar small communities which are self-sufficient, have a high sense of local pride, have few Council services and some local organisations but relate to different places:
 - Koitiata, Ratana, Turakina, Kauangaroa, Whangaehu → Whanganui
 - Mangaweka, Moawhango, Mataroa, Pukeokahu, Utiku → Taihape
 - Scotts Ferry → Bulls, Palmerston North, Feilding
- The District also has larger communities, which are distinct and have a larger range of services, however, still rely on larger places such as Palmerston North or Whanganui:
 - Marton, Bulls, Taihape.
 - Huntermville is smaller, yet is distinct, but some services are drawn from Marton.

In developing the Initial Proposal, Elected Members considered a wide range of options to determine what arrangement would provide the most effective representation for the district. These options are available as supporting information on our website.

You can view the full proposal and make a submission on the Initial Proposal on Council's website, www.rangitikei.govt.nz or at one of our offices (dependent on COVID-19 alert levels).

Consultation on the Initial Proposal is open until 12 noon, Friday 8 October 2021.

For more information, contact Katrina Gray, Senior Strategic Planner by email at Katrina.Gray@rangitikei.govt.nz or 0800 422 522

Draft Food Business Grading Bylaw

Pursuant to section 158 of the Local Government Act 2002, Council has adopted its draft Food Business Grading Bylaw for consultation.

Council wants to hear the community's preference on whether or not to retain the Bylaw, and if keeping it, the proposal of removing sections for staff training and sickness policies for the purpose of grading. Council has also proposed changes to the purpose of the Bylaw.

To make a submission and view the full Statement of Proposal, including a copy of the Draft Food Business Grading Bylaw head to Council's website, www.rangitikei.govt.nz or one of our offices (dependent on COVID-19 alert levels).

Consultation on the Bylaw is open until 12 noon, 30 September, 2021.

For more information, contact George Forster, Policy Advisor by email at George.Forster@rangitikei.govt.nz or call 0800 422 522