



**RANGITIKEI**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Attention Committee Secretariat

Tēnā Koutou,

**Rangitikei District Council submission on the Declaration of inconsistency: Voting age in the Electoral Act**

We note that two recent consultations from government agencies have referred to the minimum voting age, being the Inquiry into the 2022 Local Elections and the draft report from the Review into the Future for Local Government.

Below is Council's feedback submitted to the Review into the Future for Local Government. This view was recorded prior to consideration of the Declaration of Inconsistency, however with the limited timeframe provided, Council is not able to prepare an updated comment for this consultation.

*At this time a reduction in voting age to 16 years is not generally supported by the Council. A key concern is the need to better civics education generally and in schools particularly, as the basis for any future move in this respect.*

Ngā mihi

Andy Watson

Mayor of the Rangitikei District, on behalf of the Rangitikei District Council

*Making this place home.*