

Notice of Shortened Representation Arrangements Review Initial Proposal

Under sections 19H and 19J of the Local Electoral Act 2001 and section 14(2)(b) to the Schedule to the Local Government (Electoral Legislation and Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Act 2024, Kaipara District Council is required to carry out a shortened review of its representation arrangements for at least the 2025 triennial local authority elections.

On 4 September 2024, Council resolved to adopt as its initial proposal for a shortened review of representation arrangements for at least the 2025 triennial elections, the following:

- (a) Kaipara District Council to comprise of the mayor elected 'at large' and eight councillors elected from three wards, these being:
 - (i) **Kaiwaka-Mangawhai Ward** (represented by three councillors), comprising the southeast section of Kaipara, including Kaiwaka, Mangawhai township and Mangawhai Heads and surrounding area, Oruawharo, Oneri Peninsula and Hakaru (being the current Kaiwaka-Mangawhai General Ward area);
 - (ii) **Otamatea Ward** (represented by two councillors), State Highway 12 townships from Tokatoka to Maungatūroto, including Ruawai, Matakoho, Papanui, Taipuha, Ararua, Pahi, Whakapirau and Tinopai (being the current Otamatea General Ward area with the inclusion of meshblocks 0122400, 0122800, 0122300 and 0122700 from the current Wairoa General Ward);
 - (iii) **Wairoa Ward** (represented by three councillors), comprising the Dargaville township, plus the area surrounding Dargaville, through to Waipoua Forest, including Kaihu, Aranga, Donnelly's Crossing, Mamaranui, Omamari, Baylys Beach, Hoanga, Tangowahine, Tangiteroria, Te Kōpuru, Pouto, Turiwiri and Arapohue (being the current Wairoa General Ward area, with the exclusion of meshblocks 0122400, 0122800, 0122300 and 0122700.
- (b) No community boards be established;
- (d) The reason the total number of councillors is reduced from nine to eight to better align the population-to-councillor ratio more closely with that of the other northern territorial authorities;
- (e) The reason for the minor boundary change to the Otamatea and Wairoa Wards is to ensure fair representation of communities of interest.

The three wards, the number of councillors per ward, the ward populations (estimated as at 30 June 2023) and the population ratio per councillor are as follows:

Ward	Population	Councillors	Ratio	% Variation
Kaiwaka-Mangawhai Ward	10,050	3	3,350	-1.58%
Otamatea Ward	6,180	2	3,090	-9.22%
Wairoa Ward	11,000	2	3,667	7.72%
Total	27,230	8	3,404	

In accordance with section 19V(2) of the Local Electoral Act 2001, the population that each ward councillor represents must be within the population range of 3,404 plus or minus 10% (3,064 - 3,744).

SUBMISSIONS

The initial proposal has been submitted for formal consultation, including inviting written submissions from any interested person or organisation in the period from 10 September 2024 to 2 October 2024.

Submissions can be provided through the website kaipara.govt.nz/repreview or by email to haveyoursay@kaipara.govt.nz or in hardcopy. Submission forms and more information can be accessed from the website and available from the Dargaville office at 32 Hokianga Road or the Mangawhai office at Unit 6, The Hub, 6 Molesworth Drive, from 10 September 2024.

Submissions should state your name, address, telephone number and email address (if you have one) and should reach the Council no later than 5.00pm on Wednesday 2 October 2024.

Council will read and consider all submissions. Please clearly state if you wish to speak in support of your submission and note that any submission made will be available to the public. Hearings and meetings on the review will be open to the public.

For more information, see the consultation pages on our website: kaipara.govt.nz/repreview

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