

Review of Representation Arrangements

Under sections 19H and 19J and clauses 1 and 2 of Schedule 1A of the Local Electoral Act 2001, Hamilton City Council is required to carry out a review of its representation arrangements for at least the 2022 triennial local authority elections.

On 12 August 2021, Council resolved to adopt as its initial proposal for the review of representation arrangements for at least the 2022 triennial elections, the following:

- (i) Hamilton City Council to comprise the mayor elected at-large and 14 councillors elected under the ward system, specifically 12 general ward councillors and two Maaori ward councillors;
- (ii) Hamilton City Council be divided into three wards, consisting of the following communities of interest:
 - **East General Ward** (represented by six general ward councillors) being the existing ward comprising the area to the east of the Waikato River delineated on Plan LG-016-2013-W-3 deposited with the Local Government Commission;
 - **West General Ward** (represented by six general ward councillors) being the existing ward comprising the area to the west of the Waikato River delineated on Plan LG-016-2013-W-2 deposited with the Local Government Commission;
 - **Kirikiroa Maaori Ward** (represented by two Maaori ward councillors) comprising the whole Hamilton City Council area;
- (iii) no community boards be established, as:
 - (a) effective representation would not be enhanced by establishing community boards, having considered the identified communities of interest in terms of distinctiveness, representation, access and effective governance; and
 - (b) ward councillors are likely to provide sufficient representation of communities of interest and therefore ensure adequate representation and access between elected members and the population.

The reason the total number of councillors is proposed to increase to 14 is to provide for an additional two councillors to provide effective representation of the Maaori population of the city.

The two general wards, the number of councillors per ward, the ward populations (estimated as at 30 June 2020) and the population ratio per general councillor are as follows:

General Ward	Population	Councillors	Average	% Variation
East	81,940	6	13,657	+9.38%
West	67,890	6	11,315	-9.38%

In accordance with section 19V(2) of the Local Electoral Act 2001, the population that each councillor represents must be within the population range of 12,486 plus or minus 10% (11,237 - 13,734).

Submissions

The initial proposal has been submitted for formal consultation, including inviting written submissions from any interested person or organisation in the period from 25 August to 6 October 2021.

Submissions can be provided through the website www.hamilton.govt.nz/representationreview, or in hardcopy to Hamilton City Council, Garden Place or to the city libraries from 25 August 2021.

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 6 October 2021**.

The 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. Subject to any COVID-19 restrictions, hearings and meetings on the review will be open to the public.

For more information, see the consultation pages on our website: www.hamilton.govt.nz/representationreview

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