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8 September 2025

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Tēnā koe [REDACTED],

Request for Information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) (the LGOIMA)

Thank you for your email of **28 August 2025** requesting the following information:

- 1. When the Maori Wards were established how did the individual councillors vote. I presume this is in the Minutes somewhere but I didn't find it online.***

Kāpiti Coast District Council decided to establish a Māori ward on 14 November 2023 as a result of community consultation undertaken in September and October 2023. The agenda and minutes of that meeting have been appended to this letter and can be found on the Council's website here: [Past agendas and minutes - Kāpiti Coast District Council](#).

The resolution to establish a Māori ward was carried with nine Councillors voting for the establishment and two voting against, with no abstentions. Mayor Janet Holborow, Councillors Lawrence Kirby, Martin Halliday, Sophie Handford, Rob Kofoed, Liz Koh, Kathy Spiers, Shelly Warwick and Nigel Wilson voted for the establishment and Councillors Glen Cooper and Jocelyn Prvanov against it.

- 2. For the upcoming election in October which prospects support Maori wards and which prospects don't.***

To ensure a valid and legal Elections process is conducted, the Council must remain politically neutral and impartial throughout the pre-election period. Candidates are responsible for the information they share during their campaigning; however, they have provided some information to the Electoral Officer which is publicly available here:

<https://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/council/about-council/local-elections/local-elections-2025/>

Please note that any information provided in response to your request may be published on the Council website, with your personal details removed.

You will also note, there are details of Meet the Candidate events on the above link.

Ngā mihi,



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