

2.10 In general, the representation review process involves the following steps:

Table 1: Representation review timelines

Procedure	Deadline	Relevant section
Local authority determines proposed representation arrangements	Initial proposals must be made: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> no earlier than 1 March in the year before election year by 31 August in the year before election year, if establishing Māori wards/constituencies In time for the deadline for public notice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 19H (territorial authorities, 19I (regional councils) 19J (community boards) Schedule 1A if establishing Māori wards/constituencies
Local authority gives public notice of "initial" proposal and invites submissions	Within 14 days of resolution, and not later than 8 September in the year before election year	19M(1)
Submissions close	Not less than one month after public notice	19M(2)(d)
If no submissions then proposal becomes final ¹	Public notice to be given when there are no submissions but no date fixed for doing this	19Y(1)
Local authority considers submissions and may amend proposal	Within 6 weeks of closing date for submissions	19N(1)(a)
Local authority gives public notice of its "final" proposal	Within 6 weeks of closing date for submissions	19N(1)(b)
Appeals and objections close	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> not less than 1 month after the date of the public notice issued under section 19N(1)(b) not later than 20 December in the year before election year 	19O 19P
If no appeals or objections then proposal becomes final	Public notice to be given when there are no appeals/objections, but no date fixed	19Y(1)
Local authority forwards appeals, objections and other relevant information to the Commission ²	As soon as practicable, but not later than 15 January in election year	19Q 19V(4)
Commission considers resolutions, submissions, appeals and objections and makes determination	Before 11 April in election year	19R
Determination subject to appeal to High Court on a point of law ³	Appeals to be lodged within 1 month of determination	Clause 2, Schedule 5, <i>Local Government Act 2002</i>

¹ Under section 19V(4) proposals that do not comply with the +/-10% fair representation requirement are subject to confirmation by the Commission.

² Includes any proposal that does not comply with the +/-10% fair representation requirement.

³ Commission determinations may also be subject to judicial review.