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Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3684709

First name

Tim

Last name

Abbott

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
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Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

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Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
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Please tell us why?

Waikanae would be swallowed. Major issues like the library would remain on the backburner.

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Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

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Do you agree with the new boundary lines?		✓				

Please tell us why?

As stated, the Waikanae ward must be kept separate.

A photograph of the Kapiti Coast District Council building, a modern structure with large glass windows and a dark facade. In the foreground, there are some plants and a blue circular graphic with white and yellow text.

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Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3641803

First name

Garry

Last name

Aitchison

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Please tell us why?

10 councillors seems a number that should reflect the community overall.

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Please tell us why?

5 ward and 5 districtwide councillors should give the correct balance between the individual ward interests and the wider council governance.

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Please tell us why?

I would rather have an actual Waikanae ward councillor, but I understand that Waikanae's population is such that a separate Waikanae ward would have a population of representation greater than allowed in the Local Electoral Act.

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Please tell us why?

I think that community boards are an unnecessary layer of local body government.

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Do you agree with the new boundary lines?			✓			

Please tell us why?

As previously stated would like to have seen a separate Waikanae ward.



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Your details

Response ID

3607970

First name

Edwina

Last name

Allen

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

Yes

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3654416

First name

Edwina

Last name

Allen

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

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Yes

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Please tell us why?

Want ward councillors to be more accessible to the public.

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Please tell us why?

Will have access to better quality candidates.

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	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
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Please tell us why?

Community Boards are too bureaucratic in the way they work. Need to have more direct and face-to-face interactions. Please refer to SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENT ATTACHED.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the

changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
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Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

I have made an email submission where I put forward my ideas for better, more responsive representation. Please refer to SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENT ATTACHED.

Representation Review 2021

Submission

Edwina Allen : Waikanae resident and ratepayer

This submission focuses on Q.4 of the Consultation document *“Do you agree with the removal of community boards?”*

Also, I respond to Q.6 *“Anything Else”* and urge Councillors to become enablers of community participation by setting up structures for two-way communication between themselves and the public. Administration support could be provided by paid staff.

I agree with the removal of community boards as long as the \$250,000 currently spent on the Boards, is earmarked and spent on alternative consultation and communication mechanisms within each ward.

I refer to this statement in the consultation document “about \$250,000 a year spent on running community boards COULD be re-directed towards supporting or enhancing other ways of engaging with our community”.

If community boards are removed, the “could” needs to become “will” to avoid what would be a reasonable perception that the money saved has been simply reabsorbed into the Council budget. This raises the question of what will replace the Boards and how decisions will be made about this.

My recent negative experience with the WCB (Waikanae Community Board) has informed my opinion and also prompted me to think about what could work better. My perception of the way the community board in Waikanae works at present is that its formal committee style of operating is a disincentive for many citizens to get involved with it. It is not easy to stand up in front of a panel of six people and express a point of view, or make a suggestion, or ask questions. I am aware that this Board has also been mired in controversy in recent times and that members have not been representative of the diversity of people in the community.

An illustration of this is that the Deputy Chair posted her representation review presentation at the 28 August Council meeting, on Waikanae Watch, a publication known for its extremist views on important societal issues like race relations and vaccination. The Board does not work as a team in the interests of the community at large and this seems to me, to be a significant problem.

Dr. Mike Reid’s article on the future of community board is often cherry picked by those who believe community boards are the bees knees and best possible examples of grass roots democracy. They forget that on the topic of connection to neighbourhoods he said:

“They need to look at how they work and the degree to which they are engaging with their communities and in a manner that empowers and enables. They are not “little councils” and if they are to have a future, they need to see themselves as part of that community and not its government”.

There is a view that Council interventions like training, could support Boards to operate more effectively – the Martin Jenkins organisation review recommended that more support be provided to them, and the Governance Statement (Sep 2020) says that community boards have delegation to spend an allocated annual training budget. You would expect then, that WCB could have identified its shortcomings and enlisted professional support.

I am aware that other boards are not beset by the dysfunction that Waikanae board is.

In stark contrast, in Paekakariki the community board plays a very important part in the life of its small community and there is a long history of community driven action. The concerns about the WCB, if they are held wildly, don't apply to this Board and I am sure the proposal to dis-establish Boards, is vehemently opposed there. However, the community will find ways to continue to represent its citizens as actively as it ever has. It seems to me that retaining some Boards while removing others, will put Council in an extremely difficult position and I don't support this.

I have spent some time researching the way community boards operate around the country. In Coromandel/Thames the six boards consult extensively with community stakeholders before developing an annual plan which then feeds into Council's long term planning. They make recommendations about local projects and services which influences budget decisions.

This model encourages and enables a wide diversity of individuals and organisations to put their views forward. By doing that it increases trust and gives people a positive sense of having contributed to the decision making process.

What sort of process and structure could achieve this in Kapiti if community boards no longer exist?

In the past, community boards in Kapiti have produced local outcome statements, similar I suppose to the Coromandel/Thames annual plans. The process involved in doing that is itself an exercise in participatory democracy and therefore valuable.

Today, there are many community organisations who have strong links to Council and work effectively alongside staff to progress projects and initiatives. The excellent conservation and environment groups come to mind here. It seems they would not be negatively affected if the local Community Board was disestablished – like the Paekakariki citizenry they have years of experience and their aims are linked to regional and national goals which the wider public generally supports. In Waikanae, the Beach Residents Society has actively promoted its agenda which is based on protecting the character of the area by rejecting most forms of commercial development. The disestablishment of the local board would not impede its ongoing work or jeopardise its ability to have its views heard.

Where a gap exists, that Council will have to fill if this proposal is accepted, is individuals who make up a community of identity that struggles to have its voice heard and views taken seriously.

Recently, a group to advocate for people affected by the lack of affordable housing in Kapiti, has been set up. It seems to me that ward councillors would want to make contact with this group and learn about their issues. In a new model, where ward councillors actively work as advocates, there could be several options to consider – they could set up a Panel and agree to meet regularly with the group, they could agree a plan of action with the group, including communicating with relevant staff at Council to identify the current situation, they could establish regular online communication with the group and feedback to them. Council staff involved in providing information via the ward councillors, would also be acting as community voice enablers.

In the current arrangement though, councillors are expected to not involve themselves in operational matters, so this would have to be reconsidered if staff and councillors were to work alongside each other on behalf of the community.

I can envisage a team consisting of the ward councillor, at-large councillor, representatives of the group seeking assistance, liaising with a relevant staff member to provide information, and escalate concerns where appropriate. Administration support would need to be provided so that a case management approach could be adopted.

Practical support like the provision of a meeting space for ward councillors to meet the public, a web page for each ward councillor for communication and, perhaps the organisation of a regular open day to encourage the public to meet *kanohi ki kanohi* (face to face) with councillors are all examples of how council staff could work alongside elected members to facilitate more direct, natural and comfortable interactions.

The Executive Summary of the latest Residents Opinion Survey noted that one of the main drivers of community dissatisfaction, is the lack of ease of participation with Council, whether it be to try and resolve conflicts or to understand a process or application of a Bylaw amongst other things.

Communities of identity may also come to the fore if communication is eased for people. People struggling to find employment, or housing, or needing help to locate the right helping group – may form a Panel and met for mutual support and advocacy support from the ward councillor. The workload of at-large Councillors would focus on committee work and implementation and monitoring of Council projects and initiatives.

The proposal to combine Paraparaumu and Waikanae in one new ward, is concerning to those who want to have a person from Waikanae elected to represent them. Because of the greater population in Paraparaumu, there is a real chance that Waikanae would end up being represented by a resident of Paraparaumu or Raumati. I do not oppose this.

I would rather vote for someone I respect and trust and who is good at their job, than someone whose main quality is that she/he lives in Waikanae. The populations of Waikanae and Paraparaumu are pretty homogenous, though Waikanae has more than its share of people

who are resistant to positive social change and are unable to accept that New Zealand society is transitioning towards a fairer participatory democracy. Unfortunately those people seem to get elected in Waikanae and they feel comfortable operating in the formal committee style that guarantees them status in the community and allows them to exercise a small degree of decision making.

At a time where community dissatisfaction with Council is increasing, the introduction of drastic representation changes, could cause that tide to rise even further. On the other hand, there is a need to invigorate the way our representatives work for us, and what is more important, they must learn to work with us.

HOW CAN COUNCILLORS BE MORE EFFECTIVE AND RESPONSIVE REPRESENTATIVES?

There does not seem to be a link between Councillors and the public. It's as if by voting for a Candidate and them getting elected – you have done your part and it's then over to your elected representatives to get on with the job. I suppose for many, that is acceptable. Its like joining a union then being a passive member until something goes wrong and you need help. But just like in local government, unions found active members taking an interest in what the union is doing, makes for more meaningful representation.

For those of us who want to know what our Councillors are doing in their jobs, there is no formal communication channel that we can turn to. Management has a very effective e-newsletter, Everything Kapiti, and it provides a weekly update of events, activities, projects and consultations.

I advocate for a communication channel for Councillors to connect with the public. A regular e-newsletter could contain updates from councillors about what has been happening in their portfolio area. There could be a schedule for contributions so councillors would be prepared for when it is their time to contribute. There could be information about policy reviews, Bylaw reviews and progress on local projects and initiatives.

Perhaps a communications team staff member could coordinate copy, and format and distribute the newsletter to a list of residents who have subscribed to receive it. In this way, elected representatives and paid staff are seen to be working together as community participation enablers.

This style of regular communication should be introduced to the current way of working, if it doesn't change as a result of this review. If community boards stay then they need to start communicating about what they're doing as well. The Empathy Design consultation and engagement process showed that the public wants more direct contact with elected representatives and there are many options available to achieve this. For those who listen to the radio during the day, a regular spot, say, on Access Beach Radio, could provide another channel of communication. What about "pop up" meetings at community locations like the markets, at libraries, or community centres.

Conclusion

I have a sense that Council is improving its communication with the public. It is also in a position to assist elected representatives to communicate more effectively, and there are many reasons why it should do that.

Principally, the public will over time, develop greater trust and interest in the complex world of local government. At least I hope they will.

END OF SUBMISSION

A photograph of the Kapiti Coast District Council building, a modern structure with large glass windows and a dark facade. In the foreground, there are some plants and a blue sky with clouds. A dark blue circular graphic is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing the text 'Kōrero mai Have your say' in white and yellow.

Kōrero
mai **Have**
your say

Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3637498

First name

Mary

Last name

Allen

What ward are you in now

Paraparaumu

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

Representation Review: A fresh look at local democracy

Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?				✓		

Please tell us why?

It appears to be working

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?	✓					

Please tell us why?

No wonder our rates are so high. Top heavy staffing for the ratepayer.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Please tell us why?

What we have seems to be working.

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Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

No don't need them. Our rates are high enough now.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?				✓		

Please tell us why?

Its working

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Spend the rate payers money like you work for it!



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3634590

First name

mark

Last name

Amery

What ward are you in now

Paekākāriki-Raumati

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Please tell us why?

This is an incredibly backward step at a time looking ahead when stronger community involvement in representation is going to be even more important. We need more community boards given more muscle locally. The idea that local Councillors can fulfill this role with local community groups is dangerous and shortsighted .

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mai **Have**
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Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3679963

First name

Jeffrey

Last name

ASHBY

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Please tell us why?

The Community Boards should be upgraded to have voting powers

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Please tell us why?

The Community Boards are the cornerstone of local representation and indicate good governance

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Do you agree with the new boundary lines?		✓				

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

The Community Boards should not be disbanded ... in fact they should be upgraded to have voting rights. Local neighbourhood representation is the cornerstone of good governance.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3675841

First name

Jonty

Last name

Austin

What ward are you in now

Paraparaumu

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

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Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

That they vote according to the ratepayer submissions. Any change they elect to make should only be viable after being posed as a referendum at the next council elections to allow for all ratepayer views to be expressed and a democratic decision reached rather than such an important change to our democratic representation being made by self interested parties and partisan politics.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3656409

First name

Peter

Last name

Avery

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Please tell us why?

It is more democratic than the suggested change

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Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?				✓		

Please tell us why?

It is representative of the wider community

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Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

The whole point of local government is to keep it local

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Please tell us why?

The whole point of local government is to keep it local

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Do you agree with the new boundary lines?		✓				

Please tell us why?

The reasons for change seem unconvincing

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

I will repeat myself...the whole point of local government is to keep it local.

If you want to tackle wider issues please run for central government and sort things out in the appropriate forum.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3682788

First name

Sylvia

Last name

Bagnall

What ward are you in now

Paekākāriki-Raumati

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

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Please tell us why?

Working well

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Please tell us why?

Fair

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Please tell us why?

Up to those areas

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Smaller communities do better with local representation. Otaki and Paekakariki are distinctive and have

been week served by the community boards.

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Do you agree with the new boundary lines?			✓			

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Look at Lower Hutt example, community boards for communities of interest but not the greater suburban area. Paekakariki Community Board is not broken, but we share one councillor with a bigger area. Please leave our accessible democracy in place.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3673520

First name

David and Ruth

Last name

Barber and Jamieson

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Refer to SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENT ATTACHED.

To Kapiti Coast District Council

Attention [name redacted]

Submission – Kapiti Representation Review

We do not support the changes in the council's proposed Representation Review as we believe the so-called "Fresh look at local democracy" fails in the duty objective "to ensure fair and effective representation" of the Waikanae community.

We do not see how this can be achieved by abolishing the Waikanae Community Board which was established to represent the interests of the 14,450 residents.

In our social contacts in the district, we have not observed any great demand for the reforms proposed and do not consider that the council has produced any specific evidence to justify them. We see no reason to change the status quo.

We have not heard complaints of "confusing layers of representation and barriers to engagement" and note that if it is a problem the council has not produced any suggestions to counter it other than the proposed restructure.

As for "strengthening Councillors' ability to know and understand their communities", if the existing elected representatives are not endeavouring to know and understand their communities and work in their interest then they have no right to be on the council. The proposals do not explain how abolishing community boards would enhance their abilities.

If community boards "don't have the teeth they need" then give them the teeth, not use that as a pretext for abolishing them.

Waikanae is a very different community from Paraparaumu and has different needs and interests.

We note that the proposals approved by council make no mention of the Waikanae Improvement Fund, now totalling over \$1 million, which the council disbursed on recommendations of the Community Board. This would presumably be swallowed up and spent by the proposed new Kapiti ki Waenga/Central Ward.

The council says "Our communities told us you want a democratic model that brings you closer to your elected representatives and decision-makers..." It is hard to see how this would be achieved by removing the community board.

We note with concern that the recommendations were formed by council cooperation with an organisation called Empathy Design. Their report claims to be based on what the council calls "qualitative research and engagement with the public..." that gave "in-depth information".

This would be laughable if it did not give rise to serious concern about the propriety of Empathy Design and council officers working "as one engagement and research team" with no independent assessment.

Laughable because, as Empathy Design admitted, its findings were based on the views of just 150 people out of Kapiti's 57,000 population. The "engagement" included five workshops – one of which attracted two people and the largest just eleven; an online survey that drew only 19 responses, 28 street interviews, 80 so-called "meaningful engagements" at the Waikanae and Paraparaumu markets and 16 people on "long semi-structured interviews".

This low participation rate by residents could be interpreted as indicating that most are content with the present system and not very interested in demanding change. We urge the council to have another look at improving local democracy.

David Barber and Ruth Jamieson

[address redacted]

Waikanae 5036

[phone number redacted]



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3678593

First name

Paul

Last name

Barker

What ward are you in now

Paraparaumu

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Please tell us why?

Prefer to have a more personal input from members of the community (assuming this is how it works at present).

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

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Do you agree with the new boundary lines?				✓		



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3684749

First name

Hugh

Last name

Barnes

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

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If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Please tell us why?

If that's the minimum number you can properly run with.

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Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?				✓		

Please tell us why?

Yes that is best - together with Community Boards.

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Please tell us why?

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Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Generally this is the same as question 5 isn't it. Leave the boundaries alone.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

I can't understand why so much energy, cost and concern is being spent on boundaries and whether or not the Community Boards are retained. Sure there are much more important challenges for the Council concerning our Kapiti area and its future. Just look around!

Quest 3.

Please note I wish to make it very clear I do not regard either Paraparaumu or Waikanae any better or worse than each other - they are simply quite different.

Part of the reason my wife and I shifted to Waikanae for retirement - like so many others, is the layout and lifestyle - so clearly suited to life in retirement. We have thoroughly enjoyed life here for 10 years and quickly recognised the strong community spirit partly developed by retirees. We are aware of and appreciate the work of our local Community Board with such things as the proposed new library and the development of bush walkways.

To read that you propose lumping Waikanae and Paraparaumu together really upsets us as we treasure the unique 'Waikanae spirit'. Surely you can see the completely different environments you propose combining which will disadvantage both communities. Clearly the Paraparaumu layout and general activities that have naturally developed over time to suit the residents, including a lot of thriving small businesses and the large busy Mall and other retail outlets is vastly different from the quieter less commercial surroundings in Waikanae. Surely for proper management these two quite different communities should be represented separately under the KCDC umbrella as is now the case.

Your claim this combination of Wards is necessary to allow better 'spread' of councillor representation is not compelling. Why can't the boundaries be left alone and Paraparaumu have 2 Ward Councillors and Waikanae 1 which provides a reasonably even spread per head of population.

I feel all this unnecessary fuss about boundaries won't solve the huge real challenges that the KCDC has at present.

Quest 4.

Removing our Waikanae Community Board and having all our local community matters managed under the KCDC roof would be a big step backwards. Surely a local board with members well known within our community and thoroughly familiar with our interests, ~~and~~ needs and ambitions is much more effective and democratic than all our affairs being managed under the KCDC roof by 'Ward Councillors' and KCDC staff.

I don't believe the Clinics, Forums and 'Strengthened Customer Based Management' you mention could replace locally based and easily contacted Board members living and often working in our area.

You proudly state on your website

- ~ the Community Boards have powers to make some decisions about issues within their boundaries and can make submissions to Council and other Statutory agencies
- ~ The Boards controls funds for making grants to individuals and groups for many community purposes
- ~ the Community Boards 'represent the interests of the people in each of our towns and villages'

Surely these reasons you state are just some of the good reasons why the Boards must remain 'as is'.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3676234

First name

Peter

Last name

Bean

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Please tell us why?

Poor representation.

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Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Not required.

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Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?					✓	

Please tell us why?

Agree as much easier to manage.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?					✓	

Please tell us why?

Not necessary. Causes disruption.

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Please tell us why?

Makes sense.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

As you can see from below my properties are divided by Ōtaki-Waikanae (Ōtaki 33%-Waikanae 66%).
Makes no sense and certainly does not help representative.



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Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3655087

First name

Gavin

Last name

Beattie

What ward are you in now

0

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

Yes

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Please refer to SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENT ATTACHED.

Gavin Beattie
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Submission on Kāpiti Coast District Council's initial representation proposal

Introduction

Section 19M(2)(d) of the Local Electoral Act 2001 makes it clear that “persons interested in the resolution” (i.e. an initial representation proposal resolution made under section 19H) may make submissions on that resolution. Despite Kāpiti Coast District Council’s public notice of its resolution referring to “residents and ratepayers”, I am making this submission as an “interested person”.

My interest includes my family having previously been long-time non-resident ratepayers in the district and my resulting ongoing familiarity and interest in the district. Until recently I was also an adviser to the Local Government Commission and was involved in five rounds of hearings of appeals and objections on council representation proposals. Prior to that I was in the Local Government Policy Team in the Department of Internal Affairs and I led the policy development for the Local Electoral Act including the new representation review provisions.

A particular interest I now have is to pass on the experience I have gained on the representation review process and to help ensure councils are fully aware of all the options open to them and the connections between these options, when determining the best representation arrangements for their district.

I found the council’s online submission form very constraining and accordingly, in light of the above, I am making this free-form submission which in my experience has always been acceptable for councils.

Approach to Kāpiti Coast District Council’s representation review

As noted in the officers’ report to the council meeting on 26 August, the current Kāpiti Coast District representation arrangements have been in place since 2004 subject to some ward boundary changes. Accordingly it is appropriate, as also confirmed in the report, and citing Local Government Commission good practice advice, to “start with a blank page” in relation to the current review.

Further, the report refers to the two decisions to be made by councils before commencing the formal representation review process i.e. choice of electoral system (FPP or STV) and option of dedicated Māori representation. The report notes “these are important in helping to identify appropriate representation arrangements”. While the council has resolved not to pursue dedicated Māori representation at this time, there is no evidence presented as to the role the STV electoral system decision has played in helping the council identify its initial representation proposal.

It is this factor I wish to address along with the decision to exclude community boards from the proposal. In particular, I address the opportunities STV provides for the council to truly take a “blank page” approach to providing effective representation for communities of interest in Kāpiti Coast District and at the same time go some way to achieving a number of desirable objectives if community boards are retained.

Council's motivation for adopting STV

The STV electoral system is a preferential voting system in which voters rank candidates according to their preferences. Subject to the number of preferences a voter identifies, they will contribute to the election of at least one candidate. Given this, STV can be seen to be a fairer system in that votes will not be 'wasted' on unsuccessful candidates i.e. they will be transferred to voters' next preferences.

STV can also be a proportional representation system providing representation for communities of interest in approximate proportion to their size. But this will only occur under certain circumstances. It will occur in 'at large' elections or when wards are sufficiently large, generally considered to be at least 5-member wards. By way of contrast, you cannot achieve proportional representation in one- or two-member wards.

This raises the question as to whether the council has continued to adopt STV simply as a fairer voting system, or with a view to achieving proportional representation for Kāpiti Coast communities of interest? If it is the latter, the council should be seriously considering larger wards than are proposed in its initial representation proposal or even a fully 'at large' system.

Potential of STV to achieve effective representation for Kāpiti Coast District

The research undertaken for the council by Empathy Design identified "two dominant versions of geographic communities of interest" in Kāpiti Coast District:

- horizontal stripes that run from west to east, largely aligned to hubs, and
- vertical stripes that run from north to south; rural, urban, coastal.

Clearly this raises questions of how to design a ward system that will achieve effective representation for both these versions of communities of interest? Given the adoption of STV, one obvious answer is to adopt an 'at large' system, rather than wards, allowing for proportional representation of the different communities of interest making up Kāpiti Coast District.

This can be achieved firstly by understanding that to be elected to the council, a candidate needs a certain proportion of the votes called the 'quota'. Applied in Kāpiti Coast District for the election of a 10-member council, the quota of votes to be elected is just over one-eleventh of the valid votes cast. For the 2019 elections, the maximum possible quota was 3,672 votes (i.e. 40,395 people on the roll/11). This, however, is using the total number of people on the roll, whereas only approximately half this number typically vote, meaning the quota to be elected is more likely to be around 1,800.

Applying proportional representation to Kāpiti Coast District

Using a rounded quota of say 2,000 votes, a candidate in an 'at large' Kāpiti Coast District election from any of the four current ward areas could easily be elected with a focused local campaign, as shown in the following table.

Ward area	Number of electors on roll in 2019
Ōtaki	6,826
Waikanae	10,842
Paraparaumu	15,138
Paekākāriki-Raumati	7,602

It is noted, that the number of electors on the electoral roll in 2019 for the Paekākāriki Community Board election was 1,389. While this is below the likely quota, this situation is no different than that currently applying for Paekākāriki electors who are currently in the Paekākāriki-Raumati Ward.

In addition to enabling local geographically-based candidates (the “horizontal stripe”) to be elected, an ‘at large’ election would also enable candidates representing other significant communities of interest but spread across the whole district (the “vertical stripe”) to be elected. Included here would be candidates representing, for example, particular urban interests such as business, young people and Māori; rural interests; and coastal and environmental interests.

It is not possible to break down currently enrolled electors associated with such groups/interests. However, the following statistics are relevant:

- approximately 8% of the district’s population was between 20 and 29 years in 2018 (Statistics NZ census data) and this equated to about **4,300** young electors
- the district’s total Māori population was 7,884 in 2018 and with say three-quarters over 18 and eligible to vote, this equated to about **5,900** Māori electors
- the district’s estimated rural population in 2020 was 4,450 (Statistics NZ data) and with say three-quarters over 18 and eligible to vote, this equated to about **3,300** rural electors.

It can be seen that an ‘at large’ election in Kāpiti Coast District, with a reasonable understanding of how STV works and particularly the quota needed to be elected (say around 2,000), could result in enhanced representation for the district. This is in the form of effective representation for *both* local geographically-based communities of interest *and* communities of interest spread across the district. In other words, this can be seen as ‘the best of both worlds’ in terms of community representation.

I also note that STV literature suggests STV can have a positive impact on voter turnout. This is as a result of more (previously non-engaged) electors seeing, with the help of a little education, they are able to have a say in the election of a particular councillor i.e. their vote will not be ‘wasted’. I am not aware of any research in New Zealand to support this and it would also be difficult to undertake this given the number of councils which have used STV since it was first available in 2004, and the even fewer councils that have used it with elections ‘at large’ or with large wards. However, to me it is a plausible supposition for a council which is looking at all possible ways to increase voter turnout.

Further benefits of an ‘at large’ election

I do not have a particular view on the number of councillors that should be elected to Kāpiti Coast District Council under ‘at large’ elections. I note, however, that with a total of 10 councillors, as first introduced in 2004, the district is currently on a par with other districts with similar sized populations around the country.

‘At large’ elections in Kāpiti Coast District (say with 10 councillors) would go a long way to achieving the following desirable objectives identified by the respondents to the council’s own research:

- “a diverse elected council is very important” with diversity seen as including “diversity of thought and life experience”, the “diversity of the district’s community” and “diversity of skillset”
- “people want councillors to come from across the district”
- “efficiency is desired, but not at the expense of diversity”
- “councillors need to know the people and issues of the district”.

In addition, ‘at large’ elections compared to ward elections:

- allow voters to vote for all councillors giving them a greater say in the running of the district
- provide voters with a greater choice of candidates
- provide residents with more choice when approaching councillors after the elections
- make it easier for councillors to act in the interests of the whole district in line with their oath of office

- free council from the constraints of the ‘+/-10% rule’ (likely to remain an ongoing issue given projected population growth in Kāpiti Coast District) and the requirement to seek Local Government Commission endorsement of any non-compliance with the rule.

Additional local representation and empowerment

Clearly there are benefits in adoption of ‘at large’ elections for Kāpiti Coast District. As noted, this should not be seen as at the expense of dedicated representation for local geographically-based communities of interest within the district. However, to reinforce this, retention of community boards will further guarantee local representation as well as provide other important benefits.

By being representative of distinct local communities, community boards can assist the council to achieve the statutory principles (set out in section 14 of the Local Government Act) it is required to act in accordance with, including:

- making itself aware of, and having regard to, the views of all of its communities
- when making a decision, taking account of the diversity of the community and the community’s interests
- in taking a sustainable development approach, take into account the well-being of people and communities.

In a practical sense, community boards can assist a council achieve the objectives set out in its significance and engagement policy, with some councils using their boards to lead or co-lead council consultation in their communities.

Community boards can also play an active place-making role and promote resilience in local communities, with resilience here being the apparently increasing need for the ability of communities to “survive, adapt and thrive in the face of stresses and shocks (natural and man-made)” in the area. These roles are made easier when the communities concerned are distinct and geographically identifiable for residents.

In the council research, respondents identified distinct geographic communities of interest in Ōtaki and Paekākāriki. In the case of Ōtaki, clearly this should include all the Te Horo area as now is the case in the council’s proposed ward for this area.

These two communities are also quite distinct in non-geographical ways meaning residents are likely to have a clear sense of identity with and belonging to the area (the ‘perceptual’ dimension of a community of interest).

Historically, Ōtaki has been distinct for a long time having had a form of local government for 100 years dating back to constitution of Ōtaki Borough Council in 1921 and having had a community board since 1989. It also has a higher proportion of Māori than the district as a whole and areas of higher social deprivation (NZ Deprivation Index).

Paekākāriki also has its own distinctive characteristics. These include a description of Paekākāriki residents as “fiercely proud of their village with a long history of tolerance and creativity, and a culture of volunteering and community-driven action.”¹ It has had a community board since 1992.

The two other communities in the district currently with community boards can also be seen as having quite distinct communities of interest. In the case of Waikanae, this was recognised when Kāpiti Coast District was constituted in 1989 with the establishment of its own ward and community

¹ See Reid A. & Schulze H., 2019 *Engaged communities – How community-led development can increase civic participation*, BERL-Helen Clark Foundation co-publication.

board, and these have been retained since that time. Today Waikanae's demographics show a higher proportion of Europeans and lower proportion of Māori than the district as a whole, and in certain parts there is a distinctly higher median age and higher proportion of people not in the labour force than the district as a whole.

As the community with the largest population, the Paraparaumu-Raumati community, provided with a community board in 2004, has a profile more in line with the district as a whole. It is, however, quite clearly defined geographically, lying largely between the Waikanae River in the north and Queen Elizabeth Park in the south.

In relation to a local place-making role for community boards, this can be promoted by a council making delegations of decision-making in respect of the operation of local community facilities such as libraries, parks, swimming pools and community halls, and services such as local traffic control and parking (the 'service delivery' dimension of a community of interest). Such delegations have the dual benefits of empowering local communities and thereby encouraging community engagement, but also allowing the council to focus on strategic district-wide matters. At the same time, it is worth noting that any delegations of decision-making would be subject to council district-wide policies and council district-set budgets.

The council has in place a structure of community emergency hubs with several of these in each community board area. These could be part of an active and locally focused civil defence and emergency management strategy aimed at promoting local resilience with the community boards playing a key facilitating role.

The experience of councils where community boards can be seen to be most effective, is that this depends on a combination of mutually understood protocols and expectations between the council and its community boards, and also appropriate substantive delegations. I attach, for information, a possible guide for developing such protocols, expectations and delegations.

I note that council's research found that at least half of respondents "were not aware of Kāpiti Coast's existing community boards". Of the minority who could speak to their direct experience of community boards, viewpoints included "they don't have the teeth they need" and "they are fuelled by, and deliver to, a narrow subset of the community".

This feedback suggests there is a need for the council again to start with "a blank page" in relation to the potential for community boards to promote greater community engagement and at the same time enhance the well-being of the distinct local communities making up Kāpiti Coast District. I believe this should include more open-ended consultation with the local communities concerned, as distinct from a proposal to remove the current community boards with only the statutory one month consultation period for communities to respond.

Conclusion

I see this representation review as providing the council with an opportunity to take a fresh look at the options available to it for achieving effective representation for Kāpiti Coast District; noting that the current representation arrangements have been in place since 2004. The fresh look involves reflecting on the potential for STV to provide effective representation for both local geographically-based communities of interest *and* for communities of interest spread across the district. It also involves reflecting on the potential for community boards to provide representation as well as promote local community engagement and well-being.

To achieve this potential, I believe the council should seriously consider introducing fully 'at large' elections for the district and retaining the current four community boards.

Community boards: protocols, expectations and powers

Statutory role of community boards

1. Represent, and act as an advocate for, the interests of its community
2. Consider and report on all matters referred to it by the territorial authority, or any matter of interest or concern to the community board
3. Maintain an overview of services provided by the territorial authority within the community
4. Prepare an annual submission to the territorial authority for expenditure within the community
5. Communicate with community organisations and special interest groups within the community
6. Undertake any other responsibilities that are delegated to it by the territorial authority

Protocols and expectations

Possible council protocols:

1. appoint ward councillor(s) to community boards
2. invite community board elected members to attend council and committee meetings with speaking rights
3. use community boards to lead/share leadership on council consultation in community
4. accept community board recommendations where these *do not* relate to district-wide issues or they have implications wider than the local community
5. invite community board input into statutory consent applications (submissions, objections) in community e.g. resource consents, liquor licences
6. involve community boards in the early stages of preparation of long-term/annual plans including input into local service levels and fees & charges, and give particular consideration to the priorities identified in the community plan
7. appoint elected board members to statutory/bylaw hearing panels for local issues
8. encourage elected board members to be accredited to sit on RMA hearing panels

In order to carry out its statutory role, community boards will meet expectations to:

1. consult their local community and prepare a community plan each triennium identifying community preferences, priorities and desired service levels for council services to be used as basis for submissions on long-term/annual plans
2. seek and give special regard to the views of Māori on local matters, identify opportunities for collaboration and involve in decision-making as far as possible
3. promote community resilience through the provision of information on local hazards and risks, and awareness of actions to take in the event of an emergency
4. seek views of community groups and support them to provide local solutions to problems
5. facilitate community engagement in council consultation exercises
6. recommend any amendments to bylaws to apply in community
7. actively monitor council services delivered in community
8. undertake/monitor activities for which a budget is allocated to the community board

Possible delegations to community boards

It is important to note that while community boards would have the power to act “in the like manner and the same effect as the local authority” in relation to delegations, all decisions still have to be within the terms of the delegations, statutory limits, council policies and budgets. Delegations also need to sit comfortably beside delegations made to officers on efficiency grounds.

Parks & reserves (including cemeteries as appropriate) under Reserves Act, LGA and bylaws

1. approve reserve declarations/classifications/reclassifications and revocations
2. approve names
3. approve management plans
4. grant leases, licences and easements
5. approve development and activities on reserves
6. approve tree removals
7. carry out consultation on all decisions as required
8. liaise with and support volunteer reserves management committees

Community facilities

1. undertake governance for local facilities (libraries, swimming pools, community halls) such as usage policies/approvals, opening hours
2. approve the siting of new/upgrades of existing facilities e.g. playgrounds, toilets
3. appoint members or other persons to local (facility/activity) committees and groups

Community development

1. approve community projects, community events, collections & parades
2. seek and apply funding from external organisations for community projects
3. allocate funding and operational grants to community groups
4. make community awards

Roading and transport

1. act as roading authority for the community under LGA 1974 relating to: roadways, names, concept/landscape plans, public safety, health, convenience, traffic control & enforcement, vehicle crossings, bus shelters, road stopping, traffic & parking bylaws

Solid waste and recycling

1. make governance decisions on community recycling/resource recovery centres

Health and safety

1. introduce/amend/revoke alcohol bans
2. make decisions on particular local bylaw matters such as its application in the community (e.g. dog access & exercise areas), approve (non-)compliance/grant exemptions



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3632621

First name

Daniel

Last name

Beban

What ward are you in now

Paekākāriki-Raumati

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Please tell us why?

Like many residents of Paekākāriki I benefit from the hard work of our local Community Board members. I have great trust in the Community Board, in it's ability to consult widely in our community and fairly represent our views and concerns about key issues.

It would be a huge loss to our community and to our democratic representation in our region if our local Community Board was disestablished. This would be a significant backwards step and undermine KCDC's intention of expanding and deepening representation.

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Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3641759

First name

Donald

Last name

Beggs

What ward are you in now

Paraparaumu

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Yes

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Do you agree with the new boundary lines?				✓		



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3627347

First name

Bianca

Last name

begovich

What ward are you in now

0

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

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Yes

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Please tell us why?

evidence elsewhere has shown that smaller areas such as Waikanae do not receive the representation they need when combined with a large area such as Paraparaumu. Waikanae amenities, services etc. will be second to the larger area

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Please tell us why?

local people understand the needs of the local area - Waikanae is different from Paraparaumu, as are Raumati and Paekakariki - they have different needs which are best represented by local elected people

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Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

no



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3683517

First name

Tony

Last name

Bevin

What ward are you in now

Paekākāriki-Raumati

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

Yes

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Yes

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Please tell us why?

A good balance between overall rep and community representation.

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Please tell us why?

As for Q2 above.

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Please tell us why?

Combines two areas of quite distinct communities Paraparaumu and Waikanae - also separated by the river a major geographical feature.

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Please tell us why?

Provide a more community focussed link and broader representation of community interests.

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Please tell us why?

Combining Waikanae and Paraparaumu results in a very large ward - diluting individual community representation.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

The mapping of existing and proposed boundaries is confusing and inconsistent and what is the striped area supposed to be.

The current variance should be able to be reduced by marginal boundary changes - e.g. moving Otaki boundary southwards.

Also retain existing ward names as readily and widely recognised by all residents and have strong historical links.



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Your details

Response ID

3657867

First name

Noel

Last name

Bigwood

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

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No

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Yes

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Please tell us why?

A reasonable ratio reps : population.

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Please tell us why?

The boundary between the two areas is pretty minimal - they are growing together.

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Please tell us why?

Not sure what they achieve (other than grant distribution).

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Please tell us why?

Some evening out of rep/population and (map one) more sensible boundary.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3684691

First name

Peter

Last name

Blackler

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

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If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Please tell us why?

The characteristic of the areas area quite different and local issues need to address the needs of the two different communities.

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Please tell us why?

Community Boards provide a local focus of the issues concerning each area. The Community Board is a good forum for individuals to bring local issues to the attention of locally elected persons. The Community Board meetings are a good source of information to be kept aware of matters affecting the local area.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

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Please tell us why?

The boundary change in Map 1 appears logical but the boundary change between Waikanae and Paraparaumu does not recognise the natural boundary between the two areas.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3685810

First name

Roger

Last name

Booth

What ward are you in now

Paraparaumu

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

Yes

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Refer to SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENT ATTACHED.

[REDACTED]
Raumati Beach 5032
4 October 2022
The Chief Executive
Kapiti Coast District Council
PO Box 60601
Paraparaumu

Dear Sir

Submission on Retention of Community Boards

Attached is a submission which concentrates on retaining the Community Boards. It is based on the known efficiency possible with the current electoral structure, very much the heart of how Kapiti Coast District Council operated four terms ago, when those supporting this submission were all involved as elected members.

I, Roger Booth, was Deputy Mayor, and would like to speak to the document.

The submission has the support of the following, who all endorse their support in attached emails –

Hilary Wooding, ex-Councillor
Diane Ammundsen, ex-Councillor
Peter Ellis, ex-Councillor
Kathy Spiers, ex-Councillor
Trevor Daniell, ex-Community Board member

My details are attached.

Kind regards


Roger Booth

Submission on Retaining Community Boards

The future of Community Boards as part of the Kapiti Coast electoral structure should not be based on what they currently achieve, but on what they can and should be achieving. This submission is from a significant number of elected Councillors over a period when Community Boards were very much part of how the elected members contributed to council deliberations. And as a result of the collective efforts Council (amongst many other things) restructured the civic building, bought needed recreational land between Paraparaumu and Waikanae, built the swimming pool complex, and brought in water meters to control water usage.

District Characteristics and Identity

Every district, town or country, has feature characteristics and recognisable identity. The Kapiti Coast's character very much comes from its collection of villages. The towns and villages were here long before the district, which has only been an entity for about 60 years. The first communities were Maori, long before the European arrived. The European villages then emerged, with Otaki, Waikanae and Paekakariki very distinctive. A lot of their character was generated from their respective geographical features.

As the population of the Kapiti Coast has risen remarkably quickly to around 50,000, beckoning city status, its own character has slowly developed as well.

The current electoral structure, with a representative council and a set of elected community boards, retains the opportunity to retain the significance of the villages and their respective communities as part of a district framework. This is how it was when the district was first set up, and this is how it should continue into the future.

Need for Review

We understand that this is a government requirement. But such a process allows for the status quo to continue unless there is real need of change.

A significant factor is that what is put in place as a result of the review is here for six years, so there is real need to get any changes right. It should not involve impulsive unthinking changes. They need to be thought through, reviewed thoroughly, and based on sound and researched arguments, because changes will be here for 6 years.

The suggested changes to the Kapiti Coast electoral structure appear to have been offered because a 'review' suggests changes. But the counter argument to a proposal of unjustified changes is retention of the status quo.

Retention of the status quo is what is supported by the under-signed.

Why Our Contribution to this Discussion is Significant

Four terms ago the Community Boards were used effectively as part of the Kapiti system.

1. Community Boards were encouraged to bring relevant matters to the attention of Council.
2. They were also brought into consultation by Council on Council-generated matters.
3. Mayor Rowan and Deputy Mayor Booth attended most meetings, both as a courtesy and as part of the process of encouraging the building up of relevant discussion on Council matters.
4. We also encouraged Community Board Chairs to attend some Council meetings. Councillors Holborow and Cootes began their Council experience this way.
5. After each Community Board meeting four people could pass on the views of each Board to Council – The Community Board Chair, the ward Councillor, the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor. This was what happened.
6. The best people to understand the strengths of community funding applications are locals chosen by locals.
7. The role Community Boards play in allocating grants of up to \$500 has actively supported many community groups and initiatives.
8. It is absolutely a feature that the Community Board has been democratically chosen by voters from the part of the district that they serve in their CB roles. For panels to be chosen by bureaucrats to be put up to allocate funding is totally inappropriate.

In our time, one of the key roles of Community Board members was to be aware, up-to-date, and proactive about any local things affecting their respective community of citizens. The aspects mentioned in the next section of this submission are not all the responsibility of Community Boards – the responsibility often sits with another body. But because it is a matter that affects their village and patch, they have a responsibility to retain an active interest.

Amongst matters initiated, driven, developed, or supported by respective Community Boards –

Paekakariki/Raumatī South

Maintenance of the seawall, and assisting the citizens to understand that this is to save roads and services, not private residences.

Promotion of the hill track through to Pukerua Bay, and attention to safety concerns getting to and walking this track

Concern re maintenance of the Paekakariki Hill Road, of safety on the road, and of the decided way of entering traffic at the Paekakariki end of the road.

Locally produced v centralised water supply

Growing vegetation on verges

Quality of the streams

Living with highway development

Raumati/Paraparaumu

Effect of motorway development through this part of the district

Continuing development of mini railway facility and the associated park

Major concerns re the stream, surrounds, and protection from associated flooding

Margaret Road sewerage

Pursuit of Argentine ant infestation

Retention of Ocean Road community Hall

Development of Raumati and Paraparaumu Beach shopping areas

Retention of the market

Sea wall, beach area and associated reserves and buildings, including the Kiosk and its usage as an assistance facility for reserve users

Rivers, and sea outlets, and access to fishing sites

Retention of the Airport (a given) and development of the surrounding land

Waikanae

Retention of the market

Retention of the sports reserves

Promotion of Nga Manu

Effect of the motorway on the village, the Mall and shopping precinct, and on Nga Manu

Railway crossing vicinity, and walkway through the district

Upgrading of Mahara Gallery facility, and promotion of the fundraising for this

Retention and restructure of the library

Waikanae River surrounds and vegetation

Waikanae Beach matters

Using Waikanae water sources for district supply

Otaki

The retention of both villages

Efforts to retain Otaki Health Camp

The many issues associated with the Highway development, and the securing of Otaki as a shopping destination

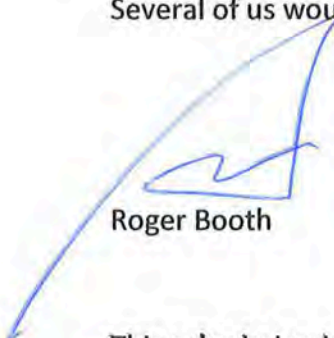
River, streams, and entry of them to the sea

The train service, and bus services, and ensuring Otaki residents can take part in Kapiti activities, particularly young people

Assisting problems associated with Police and Health Services having a Kapiti/Horowhenua split across Otaki.

This group absolutely supports the status quo. What is not broken does not have to be fixed or replaced. The same structure that worked for us is still there. We have to believe that the lack of any coverage of what the Boards are currently achieving suggests they are not

being utilised as they might be. Better efforts need to be made to return the use of the Community Boards to the successful ways they used to operate.
Several of us would be most happy to assist better usage of Community Boards.



Roger Booth

This submission is from –

Roger Booth	ex-Deputy Mayor
Diane Ammundsen	ex-Councillor
Hilary Wooding	ex-Councillor
Peter Ellis	ex-Councillor
Kathy Spiers	ex-Councillor
Trevor Daniell	ex-Community Board rep

Your Submission

Diane Ammundsen [REDACTED]

Mon 04/10/2021 12:48

To: Roger Booth [REDACTED]

Hello Roger,

I support the submission you are sending to KCDC re Community Boards and am happy to add my name.

Diane Ammundsen

Diane Ammundsen

5 Supporting Emails

Re: Supporting email

Hilary Wooding

Mon 04/10/2021 13:13

To: Roger Booth

I Hilary Wooding Support the submission on retaining Community Boards as submitted by Roger Booth.

From Hilary's iPad

> On 4/10/2021, at 12:45 PM, Roger Booth wrote:

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> Hi Hilary and Peter

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> Attached the document with some additions, as suggested.

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> Could you please send me an email saying you support the document as submit=

> ted by Roger Booth to save collecting signatures.

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> Cheers

> Roger

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Hilary Wooding

submission

Peter Ellis

[REDACTED]

Mon 04/10/2021 13:16

To: 'Roger Booth' [REDACTED]

Roger. I agree with the submission on retaining community boards for Kapiti .

Cheers peter Ellis

Re" Representation Review - Kapiti Coast District Council October 2021

Kathryn Spiers [REDACTED]

Mon 04/10/2021 12:49

To: Roger Booth [REDACTED]

Kathy Spiers

Kia ora

I hereby submit my full support for the Submission to keep all Community Boards for the the Kapiti Coast District Council's Representation Review October 2021 as submitted by Mr Roger Booth, [REDACTED] Raumati Beach

Kind regards

Kathy Spiers

[REDACTED]

Paraparaumu Beach

Kapiti Coast

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

4/10/2021, 13:19

Email - Roger Booth - Outlook

Fwd: Submission on Community Boards

Trevor Daniell [REDACTED]

Mon 04/10/2021 13:14

To: Roger Booth [REDACTED]

I support this submission

Trevor Daniell

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Trevor Daniell** [REDACTED]

Date: Mon, Oct 4, 2021 at 9:31 AM

Subject: Re: Submission on Community Boards

To: Roger Booth [REDACTED]

Yes 5 pm

On Sat, 2 Oct 2021, 8:47 PM Roger Booth, [REDACTED] wrote:
Hi Kathy and Trevor



Kōrero
mai **Have**
your say

Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3676371

First name

Steve

Last name

Botica

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Please tell us why?

The Kapiti District has such varied communities it's important to hear the different needs and requirements of those communities.

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Please tell us why?

Waikanae has some unique and different needs and circumstances to Paraparaumu and needs to retain voices that represent that diversity.

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Please tell us why?

The Waikanae Community Board is actively engaged with its community, funding Waikanae specific projects and support groups to be successful in the community. As I understand it there are significant

funds specifically allocated to the Waikanae Community Board for that purpose and needs to be retained for Waikanae specific purposes.

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Please tell us why?

Loses the individual components of each community

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

There appears to be an issue with funding so many councilors perhaps the salary of council staff can be reviewed to find some savings?



Kōrero
mai **Have**
your say

Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3658098

First name

Rebecca

Last name

Boyak

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Please tell us why?

I think this number and composition will allow the Council to take a strategic view of Kapiti as a whole.

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Please tell us why?

Yes, this is a good balance between those who take a district wide view, and those who can be closer to local issues.

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Please tell us why?

I think this new structure allows a more consistent ratio of councillors to population compared with the current structure.

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Please tell us why?

I think Community Boards are an anachronism and don't fit with a contemporary approach to governance. I can't see that they have achieved much and are an unnecessary distraction.

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Please tell us why?

I think this is a clearer governance structure with clean lines of responsibility and accountability. I think it provides a good balance between those who provide a districtwide view, and those councillors who are close to local issues.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

I cannot see the purpose of the Community Boards and think the \$250,00 saved would be better spent in other ways to support the communities. I also totally support the proposal bilingual names for the wards. I believe that a Council of 10 reflects good governance practice, allowing clear focus and accountability. I think it is a good way forward for the future. I also think the review is very timely and the review process a good one. Thank you.



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Kōrero
mai Have
your say

Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3651709

First name

Jocelyn

Last name

Brace

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

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Yes

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Please tell us why?

This seems to make sense to provide the balance between bigger community view and community need.

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Please tell us why?

Yes - they are not different enough to be separate, helps belonging to wider Kapiti district.

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Please tell us why?

Yes see full logic of argument on page 10 and the bureaucracy and complications that arose.

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Please tell us why?

Seems to be right division for types of communities.



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Kōrero
mai **Have**
your say

Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3683258

First name

Michael

Last name

Braddock

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Please accept this email as my submission regarding proposed changes to our local government representation.

In his election campaign our mayor stated one of his priorities as "giving local community boards more decision making power for local issues and further funding" this would empower community boards to be able to connect with their communities more.

Why then has his councillors (including my local councillor) and the mayor himself stated their preference to disband our community boards. Instead replacing them with appointed council staff (not elected), sounds like jobs for mates to me.

How much will this cost our communities, not just with a loss of voice but financially. At present our community board members receive a very small reimbursement for their efforts and time, I am sure not only are we adding extra expense to the process (full time wages to those appointed) but we are adding an extra layer of council bureaucracy, something our community and rate payers certainly do not need. As we all know it is extremely difficult. to deal with council on many levels and on many topics.

Our councillors are ineffective even with todays issues I can't see them taking on more responsibility with local issues.

I propose we stick with local community boards and give them more responsibility and remuneration to resolve local issues.

I am 100% opposed to your proposal



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3683866

First name

Charmaine

Last name

Brave Fluker

What ward are you in now

Paekākāriki-Raumati

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Please tell us why?

Because at the moment working well as can be - could be better.

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Please tell us why?

Undemocratic and then the smaller areas have no say - overridden by bigger area.

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Please tell us why?

Smaller areas need to have a say over their area.

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Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Removing wards /councillors give the larger council area autonomous rule - no longer democratic. Smaller areas Paekakariki and Otaki would no longer have a say on their areas. Paekakariki seawall an example of being overridden by council in this term anyway. If we have no say we have no idea of outcomes in our area.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3609926

First name

Alastair

Last name

Bridge

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Please tell us why?

there are presently too many councillors - 8 would be more appropriate

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Please tell us why?

6 ward councillors, 2 districtwide councillors. Councillors need to be more ward focussed so that the wards are better represented

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Please tell us why?

Paraparaumu & Waikanae each need their own local representation

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Please tell us why?

abolishing community councils will see less effective local representation. Any councillor who says that is not the case is looking after their own interest and "following the party line"

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?				✓		

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

vote to best represent your constituents - not to follow your own views or central government's wishes. Be democratic. Listen to people who voted you on to council



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3657843

First name

Peter

Last name

Brown

What ward are you in now

Paraparaumu

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

Representation Review: A fresh look at local democracy

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Please tell us why?

Two from each ward, total 6 + mayor should be plenty!

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Please tell us why?

No, too many for our small community. See Q2 above.

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Please tell us why?

No need for Waikanae and Paraparaumu to be separate (I lived at Waikanae for 10 years so not biased!)

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Please tell us why?

Absolutely - they are useless and don't do anything that could not be done by central office.

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Please tell us why?

There only use is to divide the district into 3 roughly equal portions for electoral purposes.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Wards and Community Boards just encourage 'them and us' attitudes, small minded parochialism. Kapiti is small enough for both local and districtwide issues to be dealt with easily. Also we should have a Māori Ward now!!



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3648100

First name

David

Last name

Bruce

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Please tell us why?

This represents a fair and reasonable balance and representation of the community, in conjunction with each individual ward.

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Please tell us why?

Each ward is distinctive in itself and as such have their own requirements that are currently being represented.

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Please tell us why?

I strongly disagree with this proposal. Waikanae and Paraparaumu are, and have always been 2 very distinct communities. Each community is fully and effectively represented by its own sports team, community groups, service groups and emergency services. It is a disservice to these organisations that they should not be recognised in their own right by simply removing the community boards that not only represent them but also assist with additional funding requirements. You have represented other councils across the country to provide a comparative reference for your own argument. However I need to point out it completely fails all academic rigor as there is simply no context or comparative analysis. The data you have published displaying

'similar-sized councils' show completely different demographic areas IE you compare urban and rural areas without context. If this is part of your argument to reduce representation then it is truly a falsehood. It would also be fair to say I have no faith in the management of the funds currently held by the Waikanae Board by the KCDC. If the information that you have presented is without rigor and context, how can I trust the KCDC to properly manage community funds.

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Please tell us why?

My comments as above stand for this question as well. But I will also add that Central Government is looking at merging the KCDC into a 'greater' council similar to Auckland, this is the wrong time to be reducing community representation.

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Please tell us why?

As above. But I would like restate that Waikanae is not nor has it ever been a subdivision of Paraparaumu. Waikanae has it own representative bodies that articulate and identify the wants and needs of the Waikanae community.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

My comments stand.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3682859

First name

Di

Last name

Buchan

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Submission to the Kāpiti Coast District Council

Representation Review 2021

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the Kāpiti District Council Representation Review. I am disappointed that community groups that work closely with their community boards and individuals who regularly attend community board meetings to make representations were not consulted during the reviewer's investigations but at least we have been given the opportunity to respond, or at least react to, the consultants' report. While I acknowledge the role and responsibilities of the community boards need some attention I am strongly opposed to their removal and especially the removal of the Ōtaki Community Board.

From time to time I attend meetings of the Ōtaki Community Board and am always blown away by the number of ordinary citizens who are in attendance to make submissions or just listen to debates. Most of these people would never attend a council meeting - they would not have the means to travel to Paraparaumu in many cases but also I think most would feel intimidated making submissions in the Council chambers with so many councillors and staff they don't know. Whereas the Otaki Community Board meetings are informal, friendly and held in our own community hall and we know the people listening to the submissions and making the decisions.

I am a member of the Otaki Museum Trust and the Friends of the Otaki Rotunda Trust. We have a Community Board member on both of those organisations and they provide a valuable conduit between the organisation concerned and the Council. They do not represent another level of bureaucracy which has to be negotiated. They are approachable, readily available when needed and what's more, because they are local and not tied up with District-wide issues, they know what's going on in the town, they know about our organisations, and they know what resources are available locally to help when help is needed.

The high level of staff turnover at KCDC makes community boards even more important. In most cases it is difficult to know who to contact in the council nowadays and it is rare to find a staff member with much institutional knowledge about the issues and opportunities in the various communities along the Kapiti Coast. Community Boards tend to comprise mainly long-term residents who are themselves involved in a range of community groups.

The consultant's report *How can Council better represent you and your community?* provides no evidence whatsoever to support the recommendation that community boards should be abolished other than a few throw-away comments from random encounters. From what I can tell they did not even attend any community board meetings to see what they do and how much the public value them.

Criticising community boards for not having the teeth they need is not a criticism of them but of the Council itself which has failed to delegate sufficient powers to make them effective. A higher level of delegation might incentivise more skilled and experienced citizens to stand for their local board which can only improve their performance. If the aim of the review is better representation and improved democracy, getting rid of a grassroots layer of democracy is unlikely to be an effective solution.

Ōtaki is a distinctive part of the district with its relatively high percentage of younger residents, strong Maori culture and a significant proportion of residents in the low socio-economic group.

The town has strong connections with Horowhenua and Levin and at times it can feel disconnected from the Kapiti area which is so demonstrably different. This was demonstrated in the consultant's comment that Otaki residents say they live in Otaki whereas Waikanae and Paraparaumu residents say they live in Kapiti. The very name of the Council (Kapiti Coast) adds to the sense of disconnect between the Council and Otaki. The Otaki Community Board plays a crucial role in bridging the gap.

Ōtaki's existing connections with the rest of the Kāpiti district are hampered by transport issues: the commuter train stops at Waikanae and bus services to the south are not frequent. The Community Board helps shorten the sense of the Council's distance and provide a link to the Council for those who do not have private transport and therefore would find attending council meetings difficult if not impossible.

Ōtaki has a distinctive set of cultural and social institutions such as the Otaki Kite Festival, Maoriland Film Festival, the Ōtaki museum, Raukawa marae, Rangiatea Church and the Rotunda. Such institutions require community board members who are close to the community and who understand their needs and can communicate those to the district council.

There are emerging issues for Ōtaki which will require close interaction with the District Council. These include the impact of the Pekapeka to Ōtaki motorway and its impact on the town centre, the imminent restructuring of health services, the growth of housing and demand for commuter accommodation as the new highways come into operation.

To summarise, I do not believe the consultant's report has provided any valid reasons for abolishing and of the community boards and I believe that to do so would be particularly destructive for Otaki which is already at a disadvantage when it comes to participating in Council affairs. The Otaki Community Board will become even more important as the town responds to the major social and economic changes confronting it in the next few years.

I strongly recommend that the community boards, and particularly the Ōtaki Community Board be maintained and strengthened through more resourcing and increased delegated powers.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on this issue,

Di Buchan
[address redacted]
Otaki



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3681945

First name

Roy

Last name

Buchan

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

Representation Review: A fresh look at local democracy

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To : Kāpiti District Council

Submission Kapiti Representation Review 2021

Introduction

The changes proposed in the Review came as a shock to me having received no notice of the proposals from any source until a very recent warning from a friend and I was then shown a copy of *A fresh look at local democracy*. Perhaps a contributing factor was that the delivery of the local newspapers is haphazard and sometimes non-existent.

Now that I have had a chance to research the background, **I do not support any of the proposed changes in the 2021 Review**. To amalgamate the two wards and disestablish the four community wards is a very major structural change and should require at the very least, a buy-in from the community. As well a prolonged period of debate and extensive discussions with the parties most affected. In relation to the Community Boards a first thought was that it would require very compelling reasons to justify removal of the Otaki and Waikanae Boards given that each of these regions has its own discrete community of interest and natural boundaries. There is little indication that these local distinctions will tend to disappear in the foreseeable future; as evidenced by transport problems in the case of Otaki and the constant battle of Waikanae retailers to resist competition from their near neighbour. It is difficult to imagine how the interests of these areas could be advanced by the removal of its Board member; a person, one of whose main functions is to attend Council meetings and generally to ensure a two-way flow of information between Council and its outliers. It would rather seem logical that efforts should be made to help Councillors and staff use such persons as valuable sources of knowledge and understanding of the communities they represent. How could the removal of the Board Members, and for that matter the Waikanae Ward member, not be counterproductive?

Given these facts my initial thought is that the Council must have been under extraordinary pressure to make these changes in its Review. It was stunning then to find that the changes were initiated by and then proposed at the sole initiative of the Council. Even if you go back before the review to find evidence of dissatisfaction with the existing set up you will not find it the most recent reports that seem relevant. The KCDC Independent Organisation Review of June 2020 does not highlight any structural issues with Community Boards but instead suggested processes *'to leverage the opportunities'* that sit with such Boards. Nor can such evidence be found in the KCDC Long Term Plan 2021- 2024, which provides no evidence that the Boards were under any threat but did include such statements, with reference to challenges faced by the Council as *'the lack of community engagement in local democracy'*.

The Justification

The core argument put forward by the Council to justify the amalgamation of the two Wards and disestablishment of the Boards is that it will *'strengthen local representation'* by:

'-removing confusing layers of representation and barriers to engagement

-strengthening Councillor's ability to know and understand their communities

Logic and all the facts, including those set out above, would lead to the entirely opposite conclusion.

One further argument that the measures would '*empower existing or new community groups to do more to foster community-led development*'.

If anything, this statement seems even more absurd. Not a shred of evidence as to how this would be an improvement on the present structures or of what new community groups were under consideration.

The Process

Considering the major nature of the changes and their likely impact; particularly on the residents of Otaki and Waikanae, the actions taken by the Council have been bizarre and bear little resemblance to what would be normal in a society acting on democratic principles.

My expectations would have included the preparation of a letter or pamphlet to be delivered to all households within the Region and containing:

- The proposed changes
- A clear statement of the reasons that necessitated the changes
- The proposals for any new community groups or other structures to be put in place to fill the void or explanations as to why none were needed
- An invitation for all interested persons or bodies to make submissions and a timeline to allow for these and the expected public debates to take place

Instead, what occurred was a delay of a year before a public plan emerged after the Council approved it in August of this year. All a clear case, to use the vernacular, of putting the cart before the horse. Given that only a completely inadequate period of one month was given to make submissions, what resulted was that the 'movers and shakers' and others in the community who understood the implications of all this were obliged make time to try and forestall what was happening. It is ironic that many of this group were those who have had long experience of working with their Board or Ward member and have most to lose if this vital connection is lost.

The Spin and the Empathy Design Issue

Interesting that this entity was engaged to work with Council in the period before the release of the Public Plan. That and the wording of the booklet that resulted lead to the suspicion that there was hope that the proposed changes would come to the public as a *fait accompli*. Further that a veneer of credibility would be given to a project lacking this element. The other activities of the group were largely irrelevant, if only because of the pitifully small numbers involved. How much value can be placed on random discussions with a handful of people on the street and at markets. And were any of the interviews with people that really mattered? See above.

And why no independent review? One answer would be that the cost could not be justified; given that the probable finding would be that the changes proposed constituted an answer to a problem that did not exist.

Roy Buchan

[address redacted]

Waikanae 5036

[phone number redacted]



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3682478

First name

Sam

Last name

Buchanan

What ward are you in now

Paekākāriki-Raumati

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

Yes

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

Representation Review: A fresh look at local democracy

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Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Submission on the Kapiti Coast District Council Representation Review 2021

Sam Buchanan

October 4th 2021

Recommendations

The Ōtaki, Waikanae and Paekākāriki community boards should be retained.

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That each community board's membership be increased to six, up from the current four.

As the closest institution to communities, community boards should become the Council's primary bodies for the disbursement of community funding.

Council should take steps to promote the work of community boards in order to increase public understanding of their role.

Training for Community Board members should be improved.

Under the principle of subsidiarity, council powers should be delegated to enhanced and better funded community boards.

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Community Boards

Community Boards can play a vital role in the representation of communities if well run and effectively resourced. However, as the council's research has found, there is a view in the community that community boards "lack teeth".

“They are a great tool for representation. They help bring the voice of the community to council. But they don’t have the teeth they need. They are sometimes excluded from council conversations, and sometimes ignored. They could be even more effective for the community if given more responsibility and ability to contribute to council discussions.

“Our Community Board is a good opportunity to raise local issues. Board members are supportive of the local community. However, Council can ignore them with impunity. For example, in 2017 the PRCB made a submission in support of Raumati Village that was voted down. So there needs to be a little more power invested in the Boards so they can support their communities better.” – Community insight to inform and inspire Kāpiti Coast District's representation arrangements, Empathy Design memo, July 2021.

Community Board members are effectively volunteers, and often lack time to carry out their duties effectively. For that reason, I recommend increasing each board's membership to six, up from the current four. A larger number of members will allow community boards to be more active in communities and increase their visibility.

There is currently considerable disparity in the numbers of people represented by each community board, which may, in part, explain why the Empathy Design company's research indicated a minority of residents consider them to be ineffective. Currently the Paekakariki community board represents 1650 people; the Otaki community board 10,000; the Waikanae community board 14,500 people; and the Paraparaumu/Raumati a ridiculous 30,000 people.

Splitting the Paraparaumu/Raumati Board into two will help ease the disparity, make representation fairer, and increase the capability of boards to work effectively in communities.

Council's research indicated a need to improve the representation of rural residents. At present there is no specific representation for this group's particular needs.

“Residents of rural locations presented different functional needs, which contributed to different focuses when it comes to council matters.” – Community insight to inform and inspire Kāpiti Coast District's representation arrangements, Empathy Design memo, July 2021.

The creation of a new rural community board, representing the specific interests of rural residents throughout the area, will help to address this.

“it is harder for at-large councillors to see local issues, as they have a big area to cover and a big population to understand. In that way, it makes it harder to stay close to the people.” – Community insight to inform and inspire Kāpiti Coast District's representation arrangements, Empathy Design memo, July 2021.

It appears from the Empathy Design research that the council has failed to adequately promote the work of community boards to the public. This should be remedied.

“At least half of those involved in the research were not aware of Kāpiti Coast's existing community boards. A small minority could speak to direct experience of them.” – Community insight to inform and inspire Kāpiti Coast District's representation arrangements, Empathy Design memo, July 2021.

The same research also points to a concern that at least some of the diverse voices on the coast are not being heard. Promotion of community boards as a place to take concerns and raise issues could help to rectify this.

Evidence of the failure of the council to promote community boards can be gleaned from examining the council's press releases. Over the six-month period from March 14th, 2021, to August 14th, 2021, the council issued 84 press releases. With the exception of general references to community boards in press releases concerning this representation review, the Otaki Community Board was mentioned in one release, in relation to a by-election for that board, and the Waikanae Community Board was mentioned once in another, in relation to a grant. The Paraparaumu-Raumati and Paekakariki boards were never mentioned. While the mayor, councillors, council managers and other staff, members of community groups, and others were quoted in these press releases, no community board member was quoted or named.

It would also be interesting to examine the relative awareness of community boards in different communities. The council could facilitate inter-board cooperation, enabling struggling boards to learn from more successful ones. It may be useful to embed councillors from outside the community board area into boards in order to enhance cross-district knowledge and understanding.

Subsidiarity, the principle that a central authority should have a subsidiary function, performing only those tasks which cannot be performed at a more local level, should provide guidance to council structures. Powers held by council should be shed to community boards where possible. 141

Training for Community Board members should be improved, with a focus on the specific role of community boards, on consensus-building and meeting techniques. It may be of benefit to create a staff position within council to carry out the task of liaising between the council and the boards and improving information flow between council and boards. At present this task is carried out by managers for whom this work is a low priority, resulting in inefficiencies and cumbersome processes.

Councillors

I set out two options here. Firstly, if recommendations above regarding community boards are accepted, the number of councillors could be reduced, and the resources currently used to maintain those positions be reallocated to community boards. Five councillors and a mayor would allow each to be embedded into one of the proposed six community boards.

As a second option, if the council is unwilling to delegate powers to enhanced community boards, the ward councillors should be maintained.

“In reality, ward councillors are closest to their local issues and answerable to their local voters.”—Community insight to inform and inspire Kāpiti Coast District's representation arrangements, Empathy Design memo, July 2021.

There seems mixed opinions as to whether ward councillors are effective in representing the local community, but no broad community interest in abolishing or combining wards. Maintaining the current mix of ward and at-large councillors, and keeping the present Waikanae ward appears the best option. Boundaries may have to be adjusted to maintain parity of ward populations.

According to figures on the KCDC website, Kāpiti has relatively few councillors compared with councils with similar populations. Of the cited councils, only Porirua has fewer councillors per capita. Increasing the size of the Paraparaumu-Raumati ward to include Waikanae will not improve local representation. This low number of councillors per capita makes it unlikely that suggestions of improving management of councillors' engagement with the community will much improve representation. Community Boards are much better situated to engage with communities.

Another said, “Why would I put my view forward to council? They don't listen to us up here anyway.”—Community insight to inform and inspire Kāpiti Coast District's representation arrangements, Empathy Design memo, July 2021.

Ultimately, representation depends on the Council's willingness to take guidance from the community. Public participation in council processes will increase if it is seen as effective. The structure and management of representation will have little effect if the Council isn't seen to be responsive to community wishes.

Conclusion

These recommendations are initial steps. Research by the council suggests diversity or representatives is a major concern. Therefore, in the longer term I would suggest council look at ways to restructure the council as a decentralised federation of local boards.

The Kapiti Coast is a diverse group of communities with little in common, and without a dominant central hub. Each community on the coast has its particular strengths – Paraparaumu operates as a retail centre, Otaki as a centre of Maori culture and education, Raumati is a recreational destination for people with young children, Paekakariki is a centre for outdoor recreational activities and music performances, and Waikanae is, arguably, the visual arts centre of the coast. To decentralise representation would make the representation model a better match with the economic, social and geographical realities of the Kapiti Coast.

The limited steps outlined above may be as much as can gain immediate community support. However, more needs to be done to encourage community discussion of possible alternative models of representation. Limited decentralisation of powers should help to raise interest in council activities and make further changes possible.

Submission on the Kapiti Coast District Council Representation Review 2021

Sam Buchanan

October 4th 2021

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Community Boards can play a vital role in the representation of communities if well run and effectively resourced. However, as the council's research has found, there is a view in the community that community boards "lack teeth".

"They are a great tool for representation. They help bring the voice of the community to council. But they don't have the teeth they need. They are sometimes excluded from council conversations, and sometimes ignored. They could be even more effective for the community if given more responsibility and ability to contribute to council discussions."

“Our Community Board is a good opportunity to raise local issues. Board members are supportive of the local community. However, Council can ignore them with impunity. For example, in 2017 the PRCB made a submission in support of Raumati Village that was voted down. So there needs to be a little more power invested in the Boards so they can support their communities better.” – Community insight to inform and inspire Kāpiti Coast District's representation arrangements, Empathy Design memo, July 2021.

Community Board members are effectively volunteers, and often lack time to carry out their duties effectively. For that reason, I recommend increasing each board's membership to six, up from the current four. A larger number of members will allow community boards to be more active in communities and increase their visibility.

There is currently considerable disparity in the numbers of people represented by each community board, which may, in part, explain why the Empathy Design company's research indicated a minority of residents consider them to be ineffective. Currently the Paekakariki community board represents 1650 people; the Otaki community board 10,000; the Waikanae community board 14,500 people; and the Paraparaumu/Raumati a ridiculous 30,000 people.

Splitting the Paraparaumu/Raumati Board into two will help ease the disparity, make representation fairer, and increase the capability of boards to work effectively in communities.

Council's research indicated a need to improve the representation of rural residents. At present there is no specific representation for this group's particular needs.

“Residents of rural locations presented different functional needs, which contributed to different focuses when it comes to council matters.” – Community insight to inform and inspire Kāpiti Coast District's representation arrangements, Empathy Design memo, July 2021.

The creation of a new rural community board, representing the specific interests of rural residents throughout the area, will help to address this.

“it is harder for at-large councillors to see local issues, as they have a big area to cover and a big population to understand. In that way, it makes it harder to stay close to the people.” – Community insight to inform and inspire Kāpiti Coast District's representation arrangements, Empathy Design memo, July 2021.

It appears from the Empathy Design research that the council has failed to adequately promote the work of community boards to the public. This should be remedied.

“At least half of those involved in the research were not aware of Kāpiti Coast's existing community boards. A small minority could speak to direct experience of them.” – Community insight to inform and inspire Kāpiti Coast District's representation arrangements, Empathy Design memo, July 2021.

The same research also points to a concern that at least some of the diverse voices on the coast are not being heard. Promotion of community boards as a place to take concerns and raise issues could help to rectify this.

Evidence of the failure of the council to promote community boards can be gleaned from examining the council's press releases. Over the six-month period from March 14th, 2021, to August 14th, 2021, the council issued 84 press releases. With the exception of general references to community boards in press releases concerning this representation review, the Otaki Community Board was mentioned in one release, in relation to a by-election for that board, and the Waikanae Community Board was mentioned once in another, in relation to a grant. The Paraparaumu-Raumati and Paekakariki boards were never mentioned. While the mayor, councillors, council managers and other staff, members of community groups, and others were quoted in these press releases, no community board member was quoted or named.

It would also be interesting to examine the relative awareness of community boards in different communities. The council could facilitate inter-board cooperation, enabling struggling boards to learn from more successful ones. It may be useful to embed councillors from outside the community board area into boards in order to enhance cross-district knowledge and understanding.

Subsidiarity, the principle that a central authority should have a subsidiary function, performing only those tasks which cannot be performed at a more local level, should provide guidance to council structures. Powers held by council should be shed to community boards where possible.

Training for Community Board members should be improved, with a focus on the specific role of community boards, on consensus-building and meeting techniques. It may be of benefit to create a staff position within council to carry out the task of liaising between the council and the boards and improving information flow between council and boards. At present this task is carried out by managers for whom this work is a low priority, resulting in inefficiencies and cumbersome processes.

Councillors

I set out two options here. Firstly, if recommendations above regarding community boards are accepted, the number of councillors could be reduced, and the resources currently used to maintain those positions be reallocated to community boards. Five councillors and a mayor would allow each to be embedded into one of the proposed six community boards.

As a second option, if the council is unwilling to delegate powers to enhanced community boards, the ward councillors should be maintained.

"In reality, ward councillors are closest to their local issues and answerable to their local voters."—Community insight to inform and inspire Kāpiti Coast District's representation arrangements, Empathy Design memo, July 2021.

There seems mixed opinions as to whether ward councillors are effective in representing the local community, but no broad community interest in abolishing or combining wards. Maintaining the current mix of ward and at-large councillors, and keeping the present Waikanae ward appears the best option. Boundaries may have to be adjusted to maintain parity of ward populations.

According to figures on the KCDC website, Kāpiti has relatively few councillors compared with councils with similar populations. Of the cited councils, only Porirua has fewer councillors per capita. Increasing the size of the Paraparaumu-Raumati ward to include Waikanae will not improve

local representation. This low number of councillors per capita makes it unlikely that suggestions of improving management of councillors' engagement with the community will much improve representation. Community Boards are much better situated to engage with communities.

Another said, "Why would I put my view forward to council? They don't listen to us up here anyway." – Community insight to inform and inspire Kāpiti Coast District's representation arrangements, Empathy Design memo, July 2021.

Ultimately, representation depends on the Council's willingness to take guidance from the community. Public participation in council processes will increase if it is seen as effective. The structure and management of representation will have little effect if the Council isn't seen to be responsive to community wishes.

Conclusion

These recommendations are initial steps. Research by the council suggests diversity or representatives is a major concern. Therefore, in the longer term I would suggest council look at ways to restructure the council as a decentralised federation of local boards.

The Kapiti Coast is a diverse group of communities with little in common, and without a dominant central hub. Each community on the coast has its particular strengths – Paraparaumu operates as a retail centre, Otaki as a centre of Maori culture and education, Raumati is a recreational destination for people with young children, Paekakariki is a centre for outdoor recreational activities and music performances, and Waikanae is, arguably, the visual arts centre of the coast. To decentralise representation would make the representation model a better match with the economic, social and geographical realities of the Kapiti Coast.

The limited steps outlined above may be as much as can gain immediate community support. However, more needs to be done to encourage community discussion of possible alternative models of representation. Limited decentralisation of powers should help to raise interest in council activities and make further changes possible.



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Kōrero
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your say

Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3624615

First name

Les (Leslie)

Last name

Buckley

What ward are you in now

Paraparaumu

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?				✓		

Please tell us why?

With close to 60,000 people to represent we ask our councilors to represent around 6000 people. a better ratio than the 1:10,00 assuming of course they will still listen !

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?					✓	

Please tell us why?

Good split when looking where councilors can best represent the public.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?		✓				

Please tell us why?

Dont see any major benefit when seeing this, an alternative suggested would be to have two different boards both with at least two common members.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Very good in advocating for the ratepayers and being more involved at ground level, with no peer pressure.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?			✓			

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Having worked closely with PRCB on several occasion's I think that adopting the suggested plan would be a step backwards for the ratepayer. We would lose a valuable advocate and facilitator for the public, at the same time asking councilors for the same level of commitment shown by the Community Bds would be a very hard ask.

It also looks like the suggested plan involves some hidden costs for the ratepayer, such as forming a "secretariat" for councilors and providing for meetings to mention but two items.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3671631

First name

Jamie

Last name

Bull ONZM

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?					✓	

Please tell us why?

It is a workable number.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?					✓	

Please tell us why?

Again if it ain't broke....

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Each community in the Kapiti District has diverse and differing make-up/culture/and needs.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Absolutely not! Ōtaki is a very different community, with totally different needs. We need a place to

discuss and approach with people who are from this community. We will be swallowed up by Waikanae - a totally different culture base.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

I think the current boundaries are totally acceptable. It ain't broke - don't try and fix it!

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Sadly I do not believe this "fresh look" will serve Ōtaki at all well. Please seriously consider the people - not the politics.



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Kōrero
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Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3680539

First name

Jamie

Last name

Bull ONZM

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?					✓	

Please tell us why?

This system is proven and does not need to be changed

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?					✓	

Please tell us why?

This gives solid representation along our diverse communities

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Playing with boundaries is waste of resources.(Especially economic resources) There can be all sorts of tweaks. But why?

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

We have been the grateful recipients of Community Board Funding. Our community representatives care and demonstrate that. And As we have joined community board meetings - a wide range of individuals and groups have been supported that we doubt would be acknowledged in a wider community base.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?			✓			

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Ōtaki is a unique community, totally unlike any other within the district. We have had approaches for our water (demonstrating standover tactics)amongst other challenges fro further south. We need a community board which is made up of people committed to this community who will represent and support the wonderful members and activities in this community. A review is required - yes. It does not mean we have to make change - just because we can. Please consider the differing make up and demographic of our various communities in the district. That is our strength and needs to be supported



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Kōrero
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your say

Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3676023

First name

Shaun

Last name

Burke

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?				✓		

Please tell us why?

I think the number of councillors are sufficient

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?				✓		

Please tell us why?

See above

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

It will focus the council on that ward to the detriment of the others

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

It's a ridiculous idea. The community boards are an important part of the communities. Abolishing them get

rid of any community-specific representation

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

It's a redundant question. If I don't agree with the changes I'm not going to agree with the boundaries.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

A local council is supposed to be local and that means the communities



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Kōrero
mai **Have**
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Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3651858

First name

Guy

Last name

Burns

What ward are you in now

Paekākāriki-Raumati

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?					✓	

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	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?				✓		

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	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Undemocratic - weakening of localism.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Not mandated or popular.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?			✓			

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Keep status quo.

Guy Burns

SUBMISSION REGARDING 2021 REPRESENTATION REVIEW.

Summary

I reject the recommendations made by the Kapiti Coast District Council (KCDC) meeting 26 August 2021 (Appendix One) particularly:

1. the abolition of Community Boards from Kapiti, and;
2. merging the four wards of Kapiti into three wards.

Halt the abolition of Community Boards

Community Boards are robust democratic institutions that represent the community and advocate to Council on locals behalf. The rationale for disbanding Community Boards used in the report to councillors states Community Boards:

are likely creating an unhelpful layer of representation that is not representative of a diverse range of voices within their communities ¹

This rationale is based on research undertaken for Kapiti Coast District Council by Saunders and Peck² who state:

... some people felt the two layers of elected representatives added unhelpful complexity. ³

The research finding is extremely vague and casts doubt on the basis for abolishing Community Boards. The report states the research involved around 150 people and uses the phrases 'some people' ⁴ and a 'small minority' ⁵ as a basis for evidence for change. The proposal to abolish Community Boards is a massive change to a Kapiti democratic institution and must be based on a substantive call by locals wanting such change, rather than the voice of 'some people' and a 'small minority'.

¹ KCDC. [Agenda 26/08/2021](#), p.19

² Empathy. [Community Insight to Inform and Inspire Kāpiti Coast District's Representation Arrangements](#), 2021

³ Ibid. p.22

⁴ Ibid. p.21

⁵ Ibid. p.25

The report to the Council meeting of 26/08/2021 ⁶ states that as a substitute for axing the Community Boards KCDC would:

look to establish neighbourhood fora or community panels...work with individual communities to...support existing or new community groups to foster community-led development and give voice to their communities needs and aspirations ⁷

Such a proposal will weaken local democracy and put more power into the hands of staff who would control the process. The existing Community Board structure is based on elected representation. The proposed new system relies on bureaucratic inspired systems of representation based on the subjective views of staff, and is contrary to the Local Government Commission's guidelines ⁸ which asks:

will the proposal promote good local government of the parent district and the community area concerned? ⁹

The answer to this question is a resounding no, abolishing Community Boards will weaken good local government in Kapiti.

The report to the Council meeting of 26/08/2021 also says:

They [Community Boards] are a great tool for representation. They help bring the voice of the community to council. But they don't have the teeth they need ¹⁰

and

At least half of those involved in the research were not aware of Kapiti Coast's existing community boards ¹¹

Community Boards must be retained, taken more notice of by Councillors and staff, and most importantly actively promoted, and amply supported and resourced for the locals of Kapiti Coast to utilise for their advocacy and lobbying at Council.

⁶ KCDC. [Agenda 26/08/2021](#). 26/08/2021. pp.6-30

⁷ Ibid. p. 19

⁸ Local Government Commission. [Representation Review Guidelines](#). 2021

⁹ Ibid. point 6.11, p.29

¹⁰ KCDC. [Agenda 26/08/2021](#). 26/08/2021. p.14

¹¹ Ibid.

Do not merge the Waikanae and Paraparaumu wards

Kapiti Coast District Council's proposal is to reduce the wards in Kapiti from four to three wards by merging the wards of Waikanae and Paraparaumu into super-ward. The main rationale for merging, according to the Council report to the meeting of 26/08/2021, is the Electoral Act 2001 requirement for fair representation when determining wards ¹². But the Council's report fails to take into account that merging will limit effective representation of two communities of interest by uniting two communities of interest into one super-ward ¹³.

The staff report for Councillors has failed to adequately identify communities of interest in the Kapiti context as this subject has been poorly addressed. This report notes recognisable geographical boundaries and gives special mention to Otaki, Waianae and rural, based on these geographical boundaries ¹⁴. But the report fails to recognise Waikanae, Paraparaumu and Raumati—historical and well established communities of interest. The Local Government Commission's Representation Review Guidelines 2021 suggest communities of interest must involve more than just a geographical dimension ¹⁵ and Kapiti Coast District Council, in their research and proposal, has failed to establish these.

For many years Kapiti Coast District Council has identified Otaki, Waikanae, Paraparaumu, Raumati and Paekakariki as communities of interest. These were last mandated by Council in 2015 ¹⁶ and the Working Party report to councillors at that time recommended as such (Appendix Two). Surely, the Waikanae, Paraparaumu and Raumati communities have suddenly ceased to exist as communities of interest and I question the rationale and justification for removing them.

The Electoral Act allows for non-compliance of the plus/minus 10 percent rule outlined in Section 19V. I strongly reject the Kapiti Coast District Council's proposal to merge the two wards of Waikanae and Paraparaumu into one super-ward. At a minimum, Council must retain the existing Otaki, Waikanae, Paraparaumu, Raumati/Paekakariki wards.

¹² NZ Government. [Local Electoral Act](#). Section 19V. 2001

¹³ Ibid. Section 19V, 3(iii)

¹⁴ KCDC. [Agenda 26/08/2021](#). 26/08/2021. p.13

¹⁵ Local Government Commission. [Representation Review Guidelines](#). 2021. pp. 21-22

¹⁶ Kapiti Coast District Council meeting 18 June 2015

Summary of points to Kapiti Coast District Council:

1. At a minimum, keep all the existing Community Boards of Kapiti;
2. consider Community Boards for each community of interest, this would entail separating the current Raumati/ Paekakariki Community Board into two separate Boards of Raumati and Paekakariki;
3. do not merge the Waikanae and Paraparaumu wards into one super-ward;
4. consider establishing smaller wards in Kapiti, and;
5. consider fewer district wide councillors.

APPENDIX ONE

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM KAPITI COAST DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING 26/08/2021

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council:

- 1 Agree, in accordance with sections 19H and 19J of the Local Electoral Act 2001, to adopt its initial proposal for the review of its representation arrangements for at least the 2022 triennial elections as follows:
 - 1.1 Kāpiti Coast District Council to comprise of the mayor elected at large and ten councillors, specifically five councillors elected to wards and five councillors elected district-wide.
 - 1.2 Kāpiti Coast District Council be divided into three wards, these being:
 - 1.2.1 **Kāpiti ki te Raki / Northern Ward** (one ward councillor), the proposed boundaries and of which are shown at Appendix 1.
 - 1.2.2 **Kāpiti ki Waenga / Central Ward** (three ward councillors), the proposed boundaries and of which are shown at Appendix 1.
 - 1.2.3 **Kāpiti ki te Tonga / Southern Ward** (one ward councillor), the proposed boundaries and of which are shown at Appendix 1.
- 2 That current Ōtaki, Waikanae, Paraparaumu-Raumati and Paekākāriki Community Boards be dis-established.
- 3 Notes the following in relation to the initial proposal:
 - 3.1 the total number of councillors will remain at 10 with a mixed representation model, comprising five ward councillors and five district-wide councillors, plus the mayor, to provide effective representation for Kāpiti Coast District.
 - 3.2 the reasons for the change in the number of wards and ward boundary changes are to better reflect the district's communities of interest and to provide fairer representation (specifically in relation to the Kāpiti ki te Raki / Northern Ward and Kāpiti ki Waenga / Central Ward).
 - 3.3 the reasons that the initial proposal does not include community boards is because Kāpiti Coast District Council is satisfied that the existing communities of interest are represented by the proposed ward structure, and that there are alternative ways to maintain and strengthen local community representation within Kāpiti Coast District Council structures.
 - 3.4 as the Kāpiti ki te Raki / Northern Ward is non-complaint with the fair representation (+/-10% rule), if the initial proposal is confirmed by Council as its final proposal, the proposal must be automatically referred to the Local Government Commission for a binding determination under section 19V(5) of the Local Electoral Act 2001.
 - 3.5 that in accordance with section 19Y(1) of the Local Electoral Act 2001 if no submissions are received on the initial proposal, then this proposal must become the final proposal.
- 4 Agree that the above initial proposal be submitted for formal public consultation, including inviting submissions from 1 September 2021 to 4 October 2021.
- 5 Resolve to establish a representation review editorial committee constituting the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chair of the Strategy and Operations Committee with the delegated authority to approve the consultation material ahead of the public notice on 1 September 2021.

APPENDIX TWO

2015 REPRESENTATION REVIEW RECOMMENDATION APPROVED BY KAPITI COAST DISTRICT COUNCIL 18 JUNE 2015

The Working Party recommends that the following communities of interest be retained:

Community	Descriptor/Reasons
Ōtaki	Separate township/s with associated rural areas, a major river and its own water supply
Waikanae	Separate geographic community of interest, with major river
Paraparaumu	Paraparaumu is the largest central community and therefore warrants separate recognition
Raumati	Although closely linked geographically with Paraparaumu it identifies itself as a distinct community
Paekākāriki	Separate village with a strong community of interest with a natural boundary at Queen Elizabeth Park in the north, and its own water supply



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3678792

First name

Guy

Last name

Burns

What ward are you in now

Paekākāriki-Raumati

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

Yes

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?				✓		

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?		✓				

Please tell us why?

Have more wards, more wards councillors, less district wide councillors

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Paraparaumu and Waikanae are special Communities of Interest

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Community Boards are essential democratic institutions of local democracy

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

The new boundary lines delete/merge Communities of Interest, that is, Waikanae, Paraparaumu.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3681698

First name

Cameron

Last name

Butler

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

Yes

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

Representation Review: A fresh look at local democracy

Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?				✓		

Please tell us why?

It seems an appropriate number to handle all the relevant portfolios

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Only have ward councilors to help represent their area along with community boards. Since the election we don't physically see the district wide councilors in the Otaki area.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Waikanae is geographically and demographically separate from Paraparaumu and will lose their identity.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Community boards offer higher levels of representation for the community especially for communities of interest such as Otaki. Getting rid of them lowers local democracy and places too much power and workload on the ward councillor for the area.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?			✓			

Please tell us why?

The lower Otaki boundary to include all of Te Hapua Rd is good however the other boundary changes are reflective of ward changes which I have disagreed with.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

While I am not a market researcher, I cannot place any faith in the "research" that was undertaken to arrive at the conclusion of removing community boards. The evidence given is very little and not conclusive.

The community boards were not adequately consulted or given the chance to work on this constructively. I wish the Kapiti Coast District Council to reject the proposal in it's entirety and retain the status quo.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3677958

First name

Nicolette

Last name

Butler

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

Yes

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

Representation Review: A fresh look at local democracy

Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?				✓		

Please tell us why?

On par with comparative councils.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?	✓					

Please tell us why?

The district Council should be ward based to provide a range of views from distinct communities of interests. Together the councillors can work to make decisions and provide a whole of Kapiti view.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Creates an imbalance. Waikanae and Paraparaumu are separate communities of interest. Also, promotes the views of those areas over other areas.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Community boards play an important role in making the council accessible to the community. Any criticism of community boards is due to the failure of the council to delegate effectively to them and to support them. There should be many ways to contact and be in touch with elected members and community board members are key to that. They also provide an essential channel for community views through to the council. I am very uncomfortable with the proposal for an appointed neighbourhood panel. It is the very opposite of the purpose of local government. There is no electoral accountability or true representation in such a model. It does not promote local democracy. Also, the costs of this alternate model are not clear. It will not represent me, nor will I have any say in the appointees.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?			✓			

Please tell us why?

Fine with the Otaki boundary including more of Te Horo.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Otaki is a distinct community of interest. It is not in Otaki's best interest to reduce local representation (through removing the community board), or to have only 1 directly elected councillor. I am also frustrated that Maori wards have been delayed. I wish to speak to my submission.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3639161

First name

Gordon

Last name

Cameron

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?					✓	

Please tell us why?

Good balance of opinions for Council decisions; reasonably simple to choose when electing.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
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Please tell us why?

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Please tell us why?

Consistency on issues that impact both sides of the river. Also avoids decisions and recommendations by the community boards being overturned in Council, creating anger and vitriol. However we again don't have one united Paraparaumu zone.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?			✓			

Please tell us why?

A bold move. Potential to lose local engagement from the community. Northern and Southern ward councillor (only 1 each?) won't have a formal engagement process with their community. Will need something to replace them - eg community panels. Suggest a rural panel also ?

I have attended many community board meetings over the years; they are useful however community grants tend to take up too much time.

I recall an issue in the early 2000's - the Waikanae CB led by Michael Scott, advocated maintaining a small Waikanae Community Rate (\$10 per ratepayer) used for a capital improvement grant. Councillor Sandra Patton campaigned on removing this, was elected, and thus chose not to deliver the decision of the Community Board she represented to the Council. Formal complaints were made and letters were written ... as a consequence CB chairs allowed to attend Council meetings.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?				✓		

Please tell us why?

Presumably over time rating impacts will align with these wards (plus urban/rural)? Numerically, the problem has always been Paekakariki - too small for a Community board yet has a defined community of interest. This problem still exists, and Paraparaumu is again divided.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Worth giving it a go, your successors can always change it back in 6 years if it doesn't work. If all these changes are implemented, work required on community panels, councillor support, and community grants process. I wish you luck !



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your say

Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3684179

First name

Peter

Last name

Campbell

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

Representation Review: A fresh look at local democracy

Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?					✓	

Please tell us why?

Hopeless.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?					✓	

Please tell us why?

Ridiculous!

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Stupid idea

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Stupid

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

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Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Stupid

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Instead of messing about with wards etc - how about your rejections we hope of the government idea re the WATER.



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Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3656601

First name

Bridget

Last name

Carthew

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

Representation Review: A fresh look at local democracy

Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

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Please tell us why?

It's a reasonable number to represent this population and a wide variety of views for debate.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

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Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?		✓				

Please tell us why?

Better to have more community board members, & they with voting rights.

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Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Too big an area for one ward. Each community within has its own feel and needs to be represented more closely.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

They are the representatives closer to the people and with a good feel for the community in which they live. Each community on the Kapiti Coast has a unique & different feel from each other. Board members on Council need to be mindful that it is a whole district which needs to be fairly represented, even if they advocate for the area.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?		✓				

Please tell us why?

No change needed to ward boundaries if we keep them.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

I think community boards should be retained and have a say/voting rights at council. They should attend council meetings and their committee meetings.

There is no need to have wards and ward reps if the community boards are efficient and strong, and have rights and support within the council.

Council made up of 2 community board member from each rohe (8) + 2 districtwide reps.



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Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3684130

First name

Jean

Last name

Chamberlain

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

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If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

Representation Review: A fresh look at local democracy

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Please tell us why?

Covers the district well.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

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Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?					✓	

Please tell us why?

As above.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Community Board represent the people of the area.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

As above reason. Absolutely NOT. Why take away the rights of the community of Otaki yet again. Otaki

people will not bother to travel to Paraparaumu.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Boundaries are fine.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Why do away with Community Boards? This feedback is strongly favouring getting rid of Community Boards, not really asking people of the area what they want.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3673418

First name

Ann

Last name

Chapman

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

Yes

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

Representation Review: A fresh look at local democracy

Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?			✓			

Please tell us why?

It works so why change it. The Minister may do so anyway.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

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Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?			✓			

Please tell us why?

As above.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Different communities of interest. The plus or minus 10% requirement.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Anti-democratic to minimise the local voice.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

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Do you agree with the new boundary lines?			✓			

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Refer to SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENT ATTACHED.

Submission to the Kapiti Coast District Council on their Representation Review. 2021

I am Ann Chapman from Ōtaki, former District Councillor and Deputy Mayor. I have, since I retired, mainly kept away from commenting on KCDC. This review has changed that. I will be brief, and my views are that of an Ōtaki resident who has lived here for over 30 years.

My submission will be in three parts:

1. Logic or the lack thereof
2. Democracy or the lack thereof
3. The removal of distinct historic identities

Logic

I understand you are obliged to have a representation review. I also know that attempts have been made in the past to remove community boards. This has always been rejected, noisily and with some anger.

I also understand that one of the options open to you is to retain the *status quo*. It defies logic that you would rark up the community when the Minister of Local Government will be announcing her own review of local government before the next election.

The *status quo* would be the logical and sane proposal to take to the community.

Democracy.

You sit here as district councilors. That is your role. To speak for, and to make decisions on behalf of the district.

Community Boards speak for their communities. That is their role.

To abolish them not only removes a direct local link to the role of local government and one which is accessible to all. In Ōtaki, we know who they are, we know where they meet and in a community with little to no public transport making our views known to the community board means local governance is accessible. We can get to the members of the community board, and they understand the issues arising in Ōtaki. A district councillor cannot possibly know in detail what matters in our community.

To abolish them will not enhance your role, it will diminish it as in the eyes of this community. You will have betrayed them by denying them easy access to democracy. They will, I suspect turn their backs, not only on you, but also on the democratic process because it will no longer be relevant to them.

Furthermore, I note that your intention to remove the community boards, the most significant change for most people, is almost hidden within a small

paragraph at the bottom of the last page 10. I view that as deeply cynical. To claim that you will hear our voice from a volunteer group, which will have no power and no money and payment, is an insult.

The Removal of Historic Identities.

Ōtaki, is blessed with a long multicultural history and by removing the name Ōtaki as a ward, you remove that history. Remember we are like Janus, the God of Roadways looking both ways. We can, and often do look to the north. When there have been murmurings from the community in response to the lack of perceived empathy for our community from Council, there is a call for us to look to the north, to amalgamate with Horowhenua. Why would you want to stir that debate up again by renaming us 'Northern Ward'? Kapiti will no longer be 'the string of pearls', merely a rather bland, unimaginative district comprising of Southern, Central and Northern Wards.

Conclusion.

Your preferred option not only removes our voice, but it also removes our name, our identity.

In the words of the 17th century philosopher, John Stuart Mill, in his essay on 'Considerations of Representative Government.' *Di Meliora* – God forbid.



Ann Chapman MNZM, JP (rtd)
September 2021



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3682115

First name

Lloyd

Last name

Chapman

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

Representation Review: A fresh look at local democracy

Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?				✓		

Please tell us why?

It works satisfactorily

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

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Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?					✓	

Please tell us why?

It works satisfactorily

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Loss of identity for Waikanae

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

They fulfill an important function

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Loss of individual identity of the component towns

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Re: A Fresh look at local democracy

I am horrified at the proposals outlined in the above document.

Kapiti has always been a collection of towns, each with it's own distinct identity. Removing the name in favour of three wards effectively removes the identity of the component parts of the district. Why? It's not broke, so why try to fix it?

The proposed changes leave Otaki and Paekakariki virtually the same, save for their loss of identity. The amalgamation of Waikanae and Paraparaumu wards removes Waikanae's identity, but does it achieve anything positive? Not in my opinion. The loss of identity is not compensated in any way.

The 'research' that is claimed to support this is scant and statistically not robust. To claim otherwise is plainly simplistic.

Community boards have in the past played a valuable role in reflecting the needs and aspirations of each community: their abolition can only diminish democracy and the ability of a community to reflect its needs.

The proposal has no merit, and those councillors supporting them run the risk of public opprobrium at the next local body elections.

Lloyd Chapman



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3685857

First name

Geoffrey

Last name

Churchman

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

Yes

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

Representation Review: A fresh look at local democracy

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?						

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Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?						

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?						

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Do you agree with the removal of community boards?						

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?						

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Refer to SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENT ATTACHED.

Submission on the KCDC Representation Review

By Geoffrey Churchman

Executive Summary

1. All Councillors should be elected district-wide
2. If the Community Boards are retained, the number of Councillors could be reduced to 7 or 8.
3. The Community Boards should be retained, but only if they are given more powers.
4. If the Community Boards are retained, the present Ward boundaries should apply to them.
5. If the Community Boards are retained, all Councillors should have speaking rights at Meetings, but not voting rights.

Councillors

All Ward Councillors are required to sign an oath that they will not put the interests of their Ward above the interests of the whole district. This rather negates the purpose of the Wards.

I see a problem with Ward Councillors that those who live in the Ward may prefer for whatever reason not to deal with that Councillor, and instead deal with another Councillor/Councillors on their issue(s) of concern. Living in the Waikanae Ward I am in that situation at present. That again negates the purpose of the Wards.

Because they make decisions that affect the whole District, all Councillors should be electorally accountable to the whole District and not just to those voters who live within a Ward.

Present Councillor duties involve a lot of time, at least for those who take them seriously. Their becoming fully conversant with all the matters that happen within the District for which their awareness and understanding of is required is easily a full time job. I do not think that there is any room for them to have another full time job in addition, and only part time jobs that are less than 10 hours a week can be accommodated.

Therefore if the Community Boards are not retained, then the number of Councillors should not be reduced as the amount of time they need to spend will increase significantly.

To reflect the increased astuteness and number of hours that will be required by Councillors if the Community Boards are not retained, their pay needs to be increased so that good calibre candidates are not deterred for financial reasons.

Community Boards

I have followed the functioning of the Waikanae Community Board for most of the last 15 years and closely for the last 5 years. I successfully ran for it in 2019. To some extent I have also followed the Paraparaumu-Raumati Board.

The only powers the Community Boards have at present are to make small discretionary grants to local residents and groups, and to decide the names of new streets from a choice of three that developers and iwi jointly present in order of preference. About half the time of many Meetings is spent on the former. While these grant applications can be quite interesting when they are made by organisations, they are usually not when they are made by individuals. I took the responsibility of a guardian of the public purse seriously while I was a member of the WCB, as did the other members, although I did not consider it an important role as the aggregate grants were not substantial in the scheme of things.

The street names proposed were not controversial and only required a question or two.

Thus these roles are minor.

The advocacy role is important, however, and the boards provide for Town Hall Democracy by enabling the public to give vent to desires and frustrations, which the members can then take up with appropriate staff.

If there is no opportunity for that at Community Board meetings, then the public will likely instead do that at Council meetings, adding to the duration time for these.

I believe the main areas that Community Boards can be empowered additionally to the two mentioned are in the areas of traffic regulation, parking, parks and reserves, libraries, minor works and minor events. community centres, public toilets, swimming pools and cemeteries.

All councillors should have speaking rights at Community Board meetings, but not voting rights, a reverse of the situation now with Community Board chairs at Council meetings.

I make the point that the old saying "two heads are better than one" applies to all issues and indeed a few heads are better than one. Extra elected members can bring extra insight, often from personal experience to the table and thus there is not the responsibility of one person having to be very knowledgeable about every issue and possibility not making a good decision if their knowledge is deficient.

A democracy costs money and participatory democracy is not to be compromised.



Kōrero
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Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3678635

First name

Bayne

Last name

Clement

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

Representation Review: A fresh look at local democracy

Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

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Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

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Please tell us why?

Read last comment at Q11.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

If you work on a population basis if there was to be a change Paraparaumu should amalgamate with Raumati/Paekakariki. I believe it should be left as is.



Kōrero
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Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3683371

First name

Bride

Last name

Coe

What ward are you in now

Paekākāriki-Raumati

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with the removal of community boards?						

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

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Do you agree with the new boundary lines?						

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Refer to SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENT ATTACHED.

Representation Review: Submission

Retain Community Boards but with more powers and with a discretionary budget for smaller items.

Increase the number of CB members; six would seem a workable number per board.

CB members to have portfolios.

Reduce the number of councillors.

Currently CBs are a powerless arm of the council, with no speaking or voting rights at council meetings. The boards need to be empowered to work *with*, *not for*, council. Enabled to better represent their local community and deal with the issues specific to their ward.

Community boards have ties to their area, local knowledge and are more able to understand, and therefore reflect, local issues.

People in the community who are marginalised in some way may feel more able to raise issues with their CB, where they may know the members. Rather than approaching an individual more remote to the community, and in a more formal setting.

CBs are more likely to be aware of, and have an understanding of, local needs than one councillor would be. Therefore, more likely to bring better representation to the community than a single councillor.

Having four or six community board members brings a wider knowledge and interest base than one councillor voted in on a ticket. Although the CB members may not be wholly apolitical, they bring a more diverse set of politics and skills to the community, partnered with historical and current knowledge of their community. Thus, enhancing representation.

This diversity of members and skill sets makes for a far stronger democratic representation for the community at large.

A sole councillor is unlikely to have this background knowledge of very local issues making them less able to effectively represent the community they serve.

It would be more cost effective, and democratic, to reduce the number of councillors, increase the number of CB members per board, and redistribute the resources so that CBs are better funded and supported to serve their local communities. Thus, making them a viable, and empowered, arm of the democratic process.

Empathy Design.

The survey conducted by Empathy design was lightweight, repetitive, and skewed. The researcher who contacted me did not wish to speak with people who engaged with council or CBs in any way.

In the summary of hubs Paekakariki was completely missing. A reflection of how Paekakariki is often neglected by council.

Bride Coe

[address redacted]

Paekakariki

[email redacted]

3/10/2021



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Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3658115

First name

Brian

Last name

Colegate

What ward are you in now

Paekākāriki-Raumati

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?					✓	

Please tell us why?

With 10 councillors preserves a fair representation and manageable workload.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?					✓	

Please tell us why?

This formula is a good mix and spread of representation.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?					✓	

Please tell us why?

There is a definite community of interest between the two wards.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?					✓	

Please tell us why?

The reasons given by the CEO/staff are very pertinent - agree with them.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?				✓		

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Maintain a district-wide view.



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Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3610050

First name

Murray

Last name

Collingwood

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					

Please tell us why?

They are not required and they do not reflect the will of the people.

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Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

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Do you agree with the new boundary lines?			✓			

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Democracy is defined as "rule by the people" or "a system of government by the whole population or all the eligible members of a state". Commonly today it is rule by elected officials. Yet in this technology world we have online polls, exactly like this survey, which give us a better picture of what the people actually want - surely this is a better form of democracy. These can easily be run by the council staff.



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Kōrero
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Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3654288

First name

Diane

Last name

Connal

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?					✓	

Please tell us why?

I feel each area should have its own representation as they are all unique. Paraparaumu is not Waikanae and Raumati is not Paraparaumu. Keep their individual identities please.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

They are all different. They have there own issues and budgets. They are each unique. Leave them separate.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

They represent our communities

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					



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Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3632462

First name

Dianne

Last name

Cooper

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

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Please tell us why?

have no idea about whether 10 different views is enough to reach good decisions on an area the size of Kapiti.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?		✓				

Please tell us why?

I think having councillors representing a specific area requires them to have a parochial view on issues. But if all councillors were district -wide, means would have to be created to ensure parochial views were represented at the council table. Perhaps community boards?

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Do you agree with the removal of community boards?			✓			

Please tell us why?

see my answer to the previous question. Currently, I see community boards as having little influence at

the council table. Question: what happens to the funds which I understand Waikanae Community Board has access to? Nothing is said about it in the proposal paper.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?		✓				

Please tell us why?

I can see the problem so long as the consistent ratio of councillors to population is considered to be paramount. to my mind, the geography of the district determines natural boundaries, and if citizens are happy with the amount of representation they get, why change it?

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Changing ward boundaries to satisfy Local Government Commission idea number is nonsense.



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Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3685793

First name

Lynette

Last name

Corkin

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

Please tell us why?

Less needed with Community Boards - 6 would be sufficient.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

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Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

Please tell us why?

With Community Boards districtwide councillors is sufficient.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Please tell us why?

Communities are too diverse. Waikanae mainly elderly. Paraparaumu more family orientated.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Please tell us why?

Particularly Otaki community is completely different from the rest of Kapiit. See: policing, healthcare,

Tangata Whenua. Also further away from KCDC headquarters.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?			✓			

Please tell us why?

Taking Te Hapua Road into Otaki Ward seems OK as it is only connected to the rest of Kapiti by the Main Highway.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

All the Kapiti communities are quite diverse and unless KCDC can GUARANTEE that there will be representation on council from ALL of the communities Community Boards will continue to be VERY necessary. Because of the disassociation of some government agencies, in Otaki, from Kapiti. This is a unique demograph.



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Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3648388

First name

Tim

Last name

Costley

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

Yes

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Please tell us why?

It's not perfect but it's definitely not broken. It's smaller than some councils but increasing the number too high increases costs and reduces effectiveness. I would be open to a maximum of 11, so that you could make the wards more proportional, but this involves removing district-wide councillors.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

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Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?					✓	

Please tell us why?

Strongly agree with current four wards to be clear. It is very important to give the four key regions (and thus wards) representation. If you want to make that proportional you need at least five councillors. The reality is that to make it truly proportional, you would need 11 councillors, (one per 5000) all voted by wards, with three in Waikanae, four in Paraparaumu, and then two a piece for the rest. But I'm happy enough with the current compromise. However, the key point is that Waikanae is distinct from Paraparaumu and truly deserves to have at minimum of one guaranteed councillor coming from the ward; without community boards this need for discrete representation is exacerbated.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Please tell us why?

As above. By this logic why not join Paraparaumu and Paekakariki. The two are connected just as much as Waikanae is. This is meddling and trying to fix something that isn't broken. If anything, as above, you should go in the other direction.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?			✓			

Please tell us why?

I believe discrete representation is needed for Waikanae. I think a ward is the most effective way to do this to give the township the strongest possible voice on council.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

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Do you agree with the new boundary lines?		✓				

Please tell us why?

I disagree with the concept of merging, but I am open to tweaking the existing ones as mooted if it did not remove the Waikanae ward.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

My only other comment is that I just don't think this review is necessary or well-timed. The comms coming from council are a little confusing around priorities and focus. I would submit that you would be better to focus on initiatives that the community support and see direct benefit from. I'm not sure the Gateway and this review have achieved that.



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Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3671254

First name

Clive

Last name

Cottle

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?		✓				

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Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?		✓				

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

We need to have our ward councillors listened to and our public opinions taken and acted on.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3643909

First name

Anne

Last name

Coury

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?				✓		

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Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

We need the Otaki community board. They provide funds to community groups and school children, and it's really good experience for the groups and children to speak to their submissions in their local community. Also the boards feel really local and looking out for us. However they need more money and autonomy.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?			✓			

Please tell us why?

The maps aren't very clear as to where the present and future boundaries are.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

KEEP THE COMMUNITY BOARDS! THEY ARE ESSENTIAL



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3681928

First name

Mary

Last name

Creswell

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?			✓			

Please tell us why?

Eleven an odd number allows for a clear majority in passing resolutions, although a total of 10 with the Mayor holding the casting vote also allows for such a majority. We also firmly believe that in the case of the casting vote being used, that it should be mandatory that the status quo be maintained as normal standard meeting practice. We do not consider it appropriate for the mayor to drive change with a casting vote when there is clearly no consensus.

Currently Waikanae has been underrepresented by 50 %. Under the councils proposed suggestions they also still do not meet the 10 percent rule in the northern ward.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?	✓					

Please tell us why?

We strongly disagree with having five district wide councillors. We consider that all councillors should have direct accountability to wards and hence constituents. All councillors should have council wide accountabilities representing the district. The current process can disenfranchise wards.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

We disagree with combining Waikanae and Paraparaumu as the character, population mix, service requirements, estimated rate and direction of future expansion are distinctly different, as is the physical character and clear separation by the Waikanae River. Waikanae has a high population of seniors, retirement and rest home facilities with their specific health and transport needs.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Do you agree with the removal of community boards?		✓				

Please tell us why?

We agree with keeping the community boards but consider their processes, modus operandi and accountabilities need to be markedly updated and upgraded to get more community interaction and act as a testbed for novel and future looking district policies and community approaches. Community boards should be given adequate financial resources to carry out their function.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

We strongly disagree with the suggested boundaries and support the provisions of a Waikanae Ward as noted above.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

We consider that more secretariate support should be given to the Community Boards, recognising that councillors have direct access to executive council facilities, with community board resources taken directly from the rates take in each ward. Five percent of the rates from each ward should be allocated to each community board for the support of ward projects.

We are aware of funds allocated to the Waikanae Community specifically.

Distribution of councillors

Otaki 2

Waikanae 3

Paraparaumu 4

Paekakariki 2

Total 11

No district wide councillors. Councillors to live/have property in their own wards. Change boundaries to make populations meet the 10 percent rule.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3644181

First name

Mark

Last name

Dalgety

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

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Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?		✓				

Please tell us why?

these are two distinct communities

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?			✓			

Please tell us why?

the rationale of saving \$ and providing other new ways to connect was not convincing. Aware some boards were dysfunctional, perhaps captured, prefer if that was clearly stated. I'm neutral at this point.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?		✓				

Please tell us why?

Overall yes, but combining Waikanae and Paraparaumu which are two distinct communities seems questionable/unfair.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

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Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3683300

First name

Cliff

Last name

Daly

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

Yes

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

Representation Review: A fresh look at local democracy

Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?				✓		

Please tell us why?

10 is a good governance board.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?			✓			

Please tell us why?

The key issue is adequate ward councillors to represented the communities of interest.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

They are quite different communities.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

They are essential to represent the different communities of interest.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?			✓			

Please tell us why?

As for Q3 - key issue is to properly represent the respective communities of interest.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

This is not the time to change the current structure. The whole framework of local government is currently under review and the proposed changes do not enhance democracy or effective representation.



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Kōrero
mai Have
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Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3635463

First name

Fred

Last name

Davey

What ward are you in now

Paraparaumu

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

Yes

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?				✓		

Please tell us why?

Reasonable number for a diversity of views without setting up the potential for internal cliques (hopefully) and keeping costs moderate

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?				✓		

Please tell us why?

Good balance between representing local concerns and supporting benefits for whole district

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Present system OK as Waikanae and Paraparaumu have different characteristics. However the major difference in the two areas is between the beach communities and the old SH1 focused areas. A far better model for common concerns would be for the two beach areas (Waikanae Beach and Paraparaumu Beach) to be one ward, and the inland villages in another, each with own ward councillor(s)

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

At present the community board is the only place where one can regularly and informally discuss issues with councillors and with a Council Officer (sometimes). It would be useful to see the quoted cost (p10) justified/itemised. Based on past experience, how many of the proposed possible interactive meetings would actually happen - no confidence here.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?		✓				

Please tell us why?

Although Raumati has been added to Paekakariki for the present ward - presumably this was just done as a "numbers exercise". Raumati Beach issues fits far closer with Paraparaumu Beach. This is reflected in the community boards - there is one for Paekakariki and one for Paraparaumu and Raumati. If you are going to add part of Raumati to Paekakariki, then perhaps Raumati South would be a closer match.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Please keep the concept noted in the title of this document - "local democracy" - in mind in your reviewing. Ensure that you are supporting democracy when assessing advice and direction from Council and external groups.



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Kōrero
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Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3683055

First name

Colin

Last name

Davies

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

Yes

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?						

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
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Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?						

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?						

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

I reject the current proposal.

Please retain the existing Community Boards.

As they are the links of each Township/ Village to the District Council.

The Kapiti Coast District Council is the District Council of the Kapiti Coast.

The Kapiti Coast District comprises towns and villages, it is not a city and suburbs.

As such each town and village should be fairly represented on the District Council based on their respective populations.

Therefore please just adjust /update Community Boards and District Council Ward boundaries to represent the current population .

Please retain the existing structure of Representation.

For the sake of clarity-

Please do not abolish the Community Boards .

Please do not set the representation of Paraparaumu so as to dominate the Kapiti Coast District Council.



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Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3614068

First name

Ryan

Last name

deCartier-McCarthy

What ward are you in now

Paraparaumu

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?					✓	

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?				✓		

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

This council has lost the faith of the community. They have proceeded with their own ideals and not that of the community. No words to say as it falls on deaf ears.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3683427

First name

Albert and Sarah

Last name

de Geest

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?				✓		

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?				✓		

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Is simply an exercise in concentrating power in fewer hands with less representation.



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Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3611375

First name

Michael

Last name

Dennehy

What ward are you in now

Paekākāriki-Raumati

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?				✓		

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?				✓		

Please tell us why?

This system seems to work, providing a blend of oversight of issues that affect the entire district as well as good knowledge of the issues that may pertain to a specific community.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?		✓				

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Community boards act as sounding boards for their respective communities' opinions on a wide range of issues. We can approach our local board members and discuss things with them in a more constructive fashion than sometimes becomes the case at formal meetings.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?			✓			



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Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3657742

First name

Colin

Last name

Dick

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?					✓	

Please tell us why?

Seems to me to be about right for our size community.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?					✓	

Please tell us why?

As above. Just makes good common sense to me. A fair distribution of representation.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?				✓		

Please tell us why?

Again, this makes good forward thinking common sense to me. This is not about individual towns, but the region as one united community.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?				✓		

Please tell us why?

As above. Pursuing small town agendas who seem to me to have little or no clout or ability to make meaningful decisions is no longer in our community best interests.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?				✓		

Please tell us why?

They look OK to me, but really it is less about individual boundaries and more about treating the Kapiti Coast as one proactive forward thinking community acting in the best interests of ALL ratepayers and residents.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

As mentioned here, I think your recommended changes make political governance sense to me. I like your thinking in taking an overall K.C. approach. Provided ALL residents (ratepayers) are treated fairly and listened to with genuine interest from Council, then I think you are on the right track here.

PS: On another matter, I am very disappointed to see Council close the Waikanae Refuse Station on Park Road. You got that decision wrong and you implemented the change with little or no resident consultation. Shame on you. This is not good decision making at all.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3680366

First name

Anthony

Last name

Dreaver

What ward are you in now

Paraparaumu

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

Yes

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?				✓		

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?				✓		

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?		✓				

Please tell us why?

Waikanae is a distinct community of interest. No reasons have been given for abolishing its ward and community board. It should retain its own board.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

1 No reasons have been given for this recommendation other than cost – and that is highly questionable. Surely the expense is met by central government, not the ratepayers?

2 CBs are not 'a layer of bureaucracy' but 'a layer of democracy'. We need all we can get!

3 If CBs have operated below satisfactory standards, improve them, including by the use of the techniques listed on P10, col.2.

4 Paekakariki, Otaki and Waikanae are highly distinctive historic districts and need a forum where they

can deal with vital concerns that hardly impinge on the other communities. Close local knowledge is essential in dealing with these concerns.

5 Paraparaumu/Raumati are less so, but still have highly localised concerns. For instance, airport development is of critical importance to us. I regret that until now the Paraparaumu CB does not seem to have tackled the ramifications adequately.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?		✓				

Please tell us why?

The area north of Tainui Road is vitally concerned with airport development because of likely impact on living conditions, traffic flow and loss of natural space. It ought not to be removed from the Paraparaumu ward and Community Board.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

The proposal to abolish community boards has been dropped on us without sharing analysis or background information. This is disrespectful to the people of the district. Democratic representation and involvement is a precious value and I am astonished that KCDC wants to reduce it.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3695424

First name

Rex

Last name

Duckett

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

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If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?				✓		

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?				✓		

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?				✓		

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

We need local people on local Boards for locals to talk to. Councillors will be way too busy for this.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3647990

First name

Tony

Last name

Duffy

What ward are you in now

Paraparaumu

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

Representation Review: A fresh look at local democracy

Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?		✓				

Please tell us why?

We need to cut costs, and having less councillors means more accountability on those that remain..

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?		✓				

Please tell us why?

Seems like a duplication, same councillors can do both.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?				✓		

Please tell us why?

See above answers

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?				✓		

Please tell us why?

Community boards can get bogged down in trivia and not be focused on the big picture, which is the well

being of Kapiti as a whole.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?				✓		

Please tell us why?

Lines have to be redrawn to increase the size.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

They need to represent all of Kapiti, rather than pet minority groups.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3685905

First name

Sally and Pat

Last name

Munro and Duignan

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?			✓			

Please tell us why?

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Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?		✓				

Please tell us why?

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Please tell us why?

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Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Refer to SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENT ATTACHED.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Refer to SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENT ATTACHED.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

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KAPITI REPRESENTATION REVIEW
SUBMISSION – P J Duignan & S E Munro
4/10/2021

Introduction

We do not support the changes contained in the 2021 Representation Review because they do not deliver the *'fair and effective representation of communities of interest'* required under the Local Electoral Act.

The proposed changes include amalgamating the Waikanae Ward and Paraparaumu-Raumati Wards into one, and abolishing all four Community Boards in Otaki, Waikanae, Paraparaumu-Raumati, and Paekakariki.

These proposed radical changes appear to have been developed by the KCDC as part of the six-yearly Representation Review based only on the support of a report by Empathy which is not fit for purpose, with only 150 people surveyed out of a population of 57,000 odd. This equates to only 0.26% of the population base for the Kapiti District.

The proposed changes are inconsistent with *a democratic model that brings me closer to my elected representatives and decision-makers, while reflecting the diversity of the district and communities of interest*. Furthermore, the preferred option is inconsistent with the majority of the "design principles" that the council presented to the Community Boards on 5th August 2021.

We support the current ward structure. The proposal purports to solve Waikanae under representation by merging Waikanae with the larger area of Paraparaumu which has the opposite effect – it dilutes the Waikanae representation further. The current ward structure could be made more compliant with the + or – 10% variance requirements for Otaki and Waikanae through population redistribution, or seeking approval to maintain the current variances in recognition of the clearly-defined communities of interest and the wide geographical split across 40 kilometres of the Kapiti plain.

We do not see retaining 5x Districtwide Councillors as beneficial; these seats should be used to solve the variance issues by being re-distributed amongst the wards.

We do not support re-naming the current 4 Wards; their names correctly and accurately describes their community of interest derived from the historical association of each area.

We do not support the removal of the Community Boards; the LGA 2002 states that:

The role of a community board is to—

- (a) represent, and act as an advocate for, the interests of its community; and
- (b) consider and report on all matters referred to it by the territorial authority, or any matter of interest or concern to the community board; and
- (c) maintain an overview of services provided by the territorial authority within the community; and
- (d) prepare an annual submission to the territorial authority for expenditure within the community; and

- (e) communicate with community organisations and special interest groups within the community; and
- (f) undertake any other responsibilities that are delegated to it by the territorial authority.

Currently, Community Boards within Kapiti are being under-utilised when looking at their role as proscribed by the LGA 2002. Empower them to fulfil the mandate proscribed by LGA 2002 and they will add immensely to the communication and administration of our District.

We do not support the change in “new” boundary lines.

1. Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?

Neutral

Please tell us why:

The actuals sum of councillors will depend on the criteria of the wards and population mix within each ward. If all current wards are retained and all councillors are ward councillors, the following could be the set-up for the composition of the wards:

	Current Pop	Councillors	Pop Excess	% Above/Below Avg
Otaki	9,870	2	-1,130	-20.5%
Waikanae	14,450	3	-2,050	-37.3%
Paraparaumu	21,800	4	-200	-3.6%
Paekakariki/Raumati	10,950	2	-50	-0.9%
Total	57,070			
	5,500			

In this model, the councillor numbers equate to 11 but it allows for population growth districtwide especially in the Otaki and Waikanae catchments which are the 2 main areas for future growth.

See further discussion below.

2. Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?

Disagree

Please tell us why:

- A. Districtwide councillors are not responsible to anyone, any area but are supposed to do what's best for the area as a whole. Under the auspices of the LGA, all councillors are supposed to "do what's best for the area as a whole".

- B. There is a direct lack of accountability to the constituents of the Kapiti District by the Districtwide councillors.
- C. Districtwide councillors are viewed rather similar to “List” MP’s. Once they are elected, they are not responsible to anyone and therefore do not communicate with any community within the district.
- D. A common theme in the Empathy review of 9/7/21 is that: “People want councillors to know the people and issues of the district. Most people stressed that councillors need to hear from the diversity of people in the district, not just the loudest voices, or those who have time or access.” By making all councillors “Ward Councillors”, there will be a greater opportunity for the people to connect whilst allowing the Ward councillors to develop contacts into the diversity of people.
- E. The statement in the council literature: ‘Strengthening Councillors ability to know and understand their communities’ is advanced by replacing Districtwide Councillors with councillors being elected from a ward.

3. Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?

Strongly disagree

Please tell us why:

- F. Combining the current Waikanae and Paraparaumu Wards fails the test of “community of interest” on the following grounds:
- G. GEOGRAPHICAL: the 2 wards share a common physical boundary – the Waikanae River.
- H. HISTORICAL: Waikanae has always been a separate identity to Paraparaumu; before the 1989 reorganisation of local government, Otaki used to be a Borough Council, Waikanae was a Town Council, and Paraparaumu south (including Raumati and Paekakariki) was the centre of Kapiti Borough Council.
- I. IWI: Te Atiawa historically settled north of the Waikanae River whilst Ngati Toa settled south of the river.
- J. ECONOMIC: Paraparaumu is the industrialised base for the Kapiti District while Waikanae has only 1 small street of very light industrial activity.
- K. SOCIAL: Waikanae is colloquially known as “God’s Waiting Room” due to the high preponderance of retirees. All secondary schools are south of the river. There is major differences in the make-up of the two areas.

4. Do you agree with the removal of community boards?

Strongly disagree

Please tell us why:

- L. Community Boards can be and are advocates for their area at council meetings and workshops. They know the intricacies of their area and can often balance competing and contrasting views within their community.
- M. Our observation of our Community Boards are that they are not empowered by Council to maintain a formal overview of services provided by the territorial authority. This can simply be rectified by formal delegation from the territorial authority.
- N. Allocating a specific percentage of rates revenue derived from a particular ward for use in that locality according to Community Board consultation to determine local community priorities.

5. Do you agree with the new boundary lines?

Strongly disagree

Please tell us why:

- A. They do not relate in any form to the proposals in this submission.
- B. The current boundary lines between Paekakariki/Raumati and Paraparaumu can be retained.
- C. The current boundary lines between Waikanae and Paraparaumu must be retained.
- D. The boundary line between Waikanae and Otaki could be adjusted to enable closer representative numbers in each ward.

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Your details

Response ID

3659413

First name

Penelope

Last name

Eames

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

Yes

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					

Please tell us why?

9 leaving 1 for Māori Ward.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					

Please tell us why?

Districtwide don't answer to any area.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					

Please tell us why?

Doesn't make any sense at all.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					

Please tell us why?

We need local representation - Ōtaki and Paekākāriki work well. Let us try to sort out Waikanae.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Te Horo should be in Waikanae. Waikanae should NOT be in Paraparaumu.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

I think there should be 5 Wards. Councillors - 1 Māori, 2 Ōtaki, 2 Waikanae, 2 Paekākāriki, 3 Paraparaumu - no districtwide - the wards with the number of councillors as above.



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Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3611654

First name

Gus

Last name

Evans

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?		✓				

Please tell us why?

Dysfunctional diverse

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?					✓	

Please tell us why?

Each community board is unique and important to the area

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

We are all unique.need our own voice

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Previously stated

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Waikanae is unique.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Well you never listen anyway to the people so why bother

You have your own secret agendas . Best case scenario abandon council setup and appoint commissioner to sort out .



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Your details

Response ID

3678440

First name

Mervyn

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Falconer

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?					✓	

Please tell us why?

Good number for balanced opinion.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?					✓	

Please tell us why?

Community Boards are a good representative for our community's.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?			✓			

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

See comments at Q4.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?			✓			

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

As councillors you are elected to represent the majority views of our communities. It is our expectation that you will canvas the community majority view points and represent us accordingly.



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Response ID

3654530

First name

John

Last name

Feast

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?				✓		

Please tell us why?

Large local authority covering a wide area. However, getting effective Councillors is a problem here as elsewhere. There are a lot of interests to be accommodated. The existing numbers appear to allow a fair representation of residents / ratepayers.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?			✓			

Please tell us why?

Again, effectiveness of representation the key. There are wards which have quite disparate interests. Paraparaumu is a commercial -residential ward in the main while Waikanae far more residential with a high percentage of seniors and retired people. Their interests may be quite different

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?		✓				

Please tell us why?

For reasons above. The interests of residents / property-owners in these wards are potentially quite different and these differences need to be accommodated in the KCDC considerations. Each needs local representation.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?				✓		

Please tell us why?

Not sure the role played by community board representatives is really effective against full Council members positions

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Don't see the specific interests of each area being effectively represented if the results of elections in a "one-state" end up favouring one area over another. I acknowledge that the quality of the candidates can be an issue either way.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

There are a wide range of ethnicities, age groupings, working people, retired people, beneficiaries, etc in the KCDC area. Democracy requires access to services and representation for all parties. Centralisation can bring about a level of control which may not be in the interests of all.



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First name

Larry

Last name

Fergusson

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					

Please tell us why?

Should be five councillors, who elect one of themselves as mayor.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					

Please tell us why?

Only need five ward councillors.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					

Please tell us why?

Leave boundaries as they are.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

Please tell us why?

Can't say that they cause any harm and are a useful forum to address community concerns.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Leave them as they are.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

I believe in local democracy, so smaller wards the better - don't support amalgamation of wards. Don't think a "presidential" style mayor works. Needs to be one of the councillors, first among equals.



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Your details

Response ID

3668821

First name

Helena

Last name

Fierlinger

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

Yes

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?				✓		

Please tell us why?

It has worked well so far.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?				✓		

Please tell us why?

WAIKANAE needs to be represented. It needs a community voice.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

WAIKANAE has different needs from Paraparaumu, and those have to have its own representation.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

The local community would be ignored.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?						✓

Please tell us why?

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Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Many more locals need to be informed and consulted before any decisions take place.



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Your details

Response ID

3663543

First name

Peter

Last name

Fleming

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?				✓		

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?			✓			

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

See 8 below.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Time and again the merging of large communities with smaller ones results in a total imbalance of both representation and funding. I saw it with Rutland in the UK and Noosa in Australia. In both cases the change cost huge amounts of money and wasted huge amounts of time, before both reverted to their previous independent states.

Waikanae must retain its Community Board to represent the Waikanae community.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

See 8 above

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

There needs to be more consultation with the people.



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Your details

Response ID

3676282

First name

Sue

Last name

Frewin

What ward are you in now

Paekākāriki-Raumati

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?				✓		

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?				✓		

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?				✓		

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

The community boards are the only way we ratepayers can get the chance to have a connection with the main councillors.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?			✓			

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

With the changes that the Govt. is insisting on forcing upon us, it will be totally necessary to retain the community boards for we ratepayers to have a voice on any changes that the central Govt. proposes on how it will effect us. We are the ones giving them the money!!!



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3646025

First name

michael

Last name

Gaffaney

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

Please tell us why?

Too many for such a small and compact Local Authority. Should be able to run the business with 5 Councillors plus mayor with a population of just under 60,000. Wellington Council with a population of over 500,000 has 14 Councillors.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					

Please tell us why?

Ward Councillors maybe justified in Councils with a large geographic area but you can travel the length of Kapiti Council in 30 minutes . Just another layer of cost and we want Councillors to have a whole of District focus

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Please tell us why?

Another layer of cost which is not necessary.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?			✓			

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Reduce Councillor numbers to 5. If you must have Ward councillors have one for each of the 3 wards and 2 district wide councillors. That should be sufficient to govern a small Council.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3681983

First name

Winston

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Gardner

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?			✓			

Please tell us why?

There appear to be no compelling arguments for change.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?			✓			

Please tell us why?

OK but see question 5/6.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Combining the wards is clearly contrary to the requirement to create areas of common interest. All four areas, Otaki, Waikanae, Paraparaumu, and Paekakariki are very readily seen as distinct communities to even the blindest amongst us. The plus or minus 10% criterion has been over-emphasised. Use proportional voting if it is seen as a substantial problem. Since all four are in fact distinct communities there is the considerable likelihood under the proposed regime of one or the other being unrepresented - the very opposite of community representation.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

I might agree if a case had been made. None of the public council documents made the case. The arguments consist almost wholly of corporate waffle (BS). Indeed the proposal smacks of an arbitrary power grab and the so-called in-depth research, on which it is partly based, was no more than superficial and selective idea gathering.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

See questions 5/6 - The Paraparaumu and Waikanae areas should be separated.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

This has been a poor piece of work. I expected better of the council.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3681877

First name

Geoff

Last name

Gibbs

What ward are you in now

Paraparaumu

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?					✓	

Please tell us why?

This seems a reasonable size council.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?				✓		

Please tell us why?

This provides a good base for reasonable representation of district viewpoints.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?		✓				

Please tell us why?

Paraparaumu and Waikanae wards may have different viewpoints/priorities and these could be lost in the combining of the wards.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Same reason as above for question 7.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?		✓				

Please tell us why?

Same reason as above for question 7

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

No



Representation Review

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Response ID

3623162

First name

Phil

Last name

Glasson

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?				✓		

Please tell us why?

Seems a reasonable workable number on a Board

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?				✓		

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?				✓		

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?				✓		

Please tell us why?

Waste of ratepayers money. Area is not that large that Councillors cannot monitor/advocate for Waikanae

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?				✓		



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Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3656652

First name

Wink

Last name

Glazebrook

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Too many councilors makes the whole process too cumbersome. Too few limits the range of input.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?	✓					

Please tell us why?

The council seems to be working well and there seems to be fair representation currently

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

The two towns are very different. I think there is a danger of Waikanae being swallowed up by Paraparaumu, losing its identity and having policies imposed on it that may suit Paraparaumu but are not suitable for Waikanae. The demographics of the the towns are very different and should therefore be kept separate.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?			✓			

Please tell us why?

I have yet to find out what they do

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?		✓				

Please tell us why?

Keep Waikanae separate

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

With many of our population in Waikanae being in the retirement bracket and many of those are not very computer literate, the responses you get will not be fully representative of the demographics. How do you plan to get the responses and opinions of those who are not computer savvy or do not have access to a computer? This can also be the case for those in the lower income bracket so you need to think of other ways to get local opinions. Presentations in the retirement villages; local meetings; letter-box drops with information.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3646451

First name

Bill

Last name

Goodin

What ward are you in now

Paraparaumu

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					

Please tell us why?

10 + all other committees well over required for Kapiti residential number.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					

Please tell us why?

Just adds a lot more paper shifting and delays to get action.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

Please tell us why?

Would help stop them and us between Paraparaumu and Waikanae.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					

Please tell us why?

Cog in wheel. Not needed.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?					✓	

Please tell us why?

Make for better decisions for all community.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Smaller teams with better people make quicker and better decisions for all.



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Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3648440

First name

Nathaniel

Last name

Goza

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?	✓					

Please tell us why?

NZ is too small for central and local governance. Added to this is a lack of interest in local body elections which makes councils existence undemocratic. They should all be abolished and a central government agency established to take on all councils responsibilities.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?	✓					

Please tell us why?

See above

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

See above

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?					✓	

Please tell us why?

And the entire council

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

As above

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Said it allit the top. Councils are the biggest waste of money in NZ.



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Your details

Response ID

3678199

First name

Himiona

Last name

Grace

What ward are you in now

Paekākāriki-Raumati

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

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If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?			✓			

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

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Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?			✓			

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Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?			✓			

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Community boards are crucial to the community and is the best way to be represented. This proposal is disempowering our communities. We need a voice and community boards are the the best way to have our say. Absolutely oppose this move.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?						

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

We can not lose our community boards.



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Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3616874

First name

fiona

Last name

green

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?	✓					

Please tell us why?

because we vote this people to speak for us and they look after waikanae

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?				✓		

Please tell us why?

because we need these people to speak on our behalf because the council never listen to us at all the do what the want and to hell with what we want don't trust the mayor at all.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

because does work for us in waikanae why the hell should we .

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

because very one should have a voice we pay enough in rates

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

because will should have waikane council speak for waikane

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

maybe we should get a new council to work as and do what the ratepayers want because it's our money and we should have a say.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3620689

First name

Adrian

Last name

Gregory

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

Yes

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?					✓	

Please tell us why?

I do not wish to see any diminution of local representation, particularly as there are significant variations across the communities that make up the District

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?					✓	

Please tell us why?

I agree with the argument for an effective mix of local and district-wide representation

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?				✓		

Please tell us why?

I can see the rationale of 3 councillors for the population of the proposed Central Award but I can't see any detail about how the 3 would divide their responsibilities and manage their engagement with the communities in the Ward. If 3 councillors are needed for the population why are there not 3 Wards - Waikanae, Paraparaumu and Raumati? I can see that might not be neat in terms of c10,000 populations but the final proposal really does need to be more explicit about how the 3 councillors will operate as Ward Councillors in a single Ward of 35,000 people.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

I wasn't expecting this proposal, but am not surprised by it. The Mayor campaigned in 2019 to strengthen Community Boards, which I supported in the last Representation Review, now the Council's proposal is to abolish them. I can see no rationale refuting the 'strengthen Community Boards' approach, which I think should have been included, otherwise it just comes across as a wilful choice to dispense with them. While I accept that the proposal "instead focuses on... working together to foster community-led development, and on new, creative and contemporary ways to help our communities..." that is not at all well delineated in the bullet points on page 10. When you talk of "community-led development" I, as an active member of my community, do not want to be told there is going to be a "meeting space/neighbourhood clinic for councillors", I want to know how our community, in all its diversity, will be enabled in leading community-focused development. I do not accept that ONE Councillor, even when s/he is supported by Council staff, can manage that sort of workload. This part of the Representation proposal is, in my view, clumsy and inadequate in that it simply does not address underlying questions such as 'what is wrong with Community Boards... if that's what is wrong, what would fix it...' Instead the proposed solution is utterly simplistic and in its current form I could not support it.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?			✓			

Please tell us why?

I'm neutral because I cannot see any explanation of/rationale for the changes, other than a 'lines on a map' approach

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Other than guiding councillors to take note of where I believe there are significant weaknesses and inadequacies in the proposal that should be addressed by the final proposal, no...



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3681981

First name

Jane and Roy

Last name

Griffith

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?				✓		

Please tell us why?

Current situation. Represents the whole of the KapitiCoast well

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?				✓		

Please tell us why?

Appears to work well

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

As Waikanae residents we want a ward councillor especially as Waikanae is continuing to grow.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?			✓			

Please tell us why?

Uncertain of their value

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Reason given in answer to Question 6



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3676877

First name

Jill

Last name

Griggs

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

Yes

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?				✓		

Please tell us why?

This is an effective number to represent the district and be able to have workable meetings.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?				✓		

Please tell us why?

I think it is appropriate for some councillors to have a district wide responsibility to shape the strategic direction and to maintain an overview of the different viewpoints in the district while others represent smaller divisions of the district.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

The area is far too big with diverse areas with different needs. having three councillors represent the area means they are not individually accountable and residents don't know who is responsible for representing them.. I have included my proposal to this submission below.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?				✓		

Please tell us why?

I think the Community Boards are an ill conceived structure and add an unnecessary layer of bureaucracy. However, I do think that it is critical that they are replaced with a more effective means of a further level of representation granularity and I have made a proposal to this submission below.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?		✓				

Please tell us why?

They are effectively the whole district with Paekākāriki and Ōtaki separated.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

The key word here is representation. Each resident should know who represents them at the local level, the ward level and at the district level.

Multiple representatives for an area result in (ACE Electoral Knowledge Network):

- ☐ dilute the relationship between representatives and voters;
- ☐ dilute the accountability of individual representatives.

Each representative should have accountability to a well defined area.

Community Boards

As a previously serving member of a Community Board, I think that the structure is ineffective and adds another and unnecessary, formal layer.

The role of the Chair is unclear and carries the power to stifle valid contributions by members of their Board as almost all representations of the Community Board in Council business is through the Chair. It is also frustrating for the Chairs as their role at the Council table is not well defined.

However, there are some very good people on the Community Boards who do a lot of good work in the community and I don't believe this should be dispensed with. The alternative suggestions for Community Boards are vague and non definitive.

Community Boards also suffer from the issues created by having multiple members representing an area.

My Proposal

In addition to the Mayor and 5 district wide councillors (for the reasons given above), there would be 5 ward councillors.

The district would be divided into 5 areas with one ward councillor representing each.

The Community Boards should be discontinued and replaced with local representatives.

The district should be divided into 16 areas, each of which to fall completely into a ward ie a division would not straddle the boundaries of a ward.

For each of these smaller areas, a representative should be elected.

These representatives would be paid an equal amount. Adding the salaries of the current 16 Community Board members and Chairs and dividing it equally would be the recommended way to determine the amount.

Each of these representatives would be accountable to the residents in their area and act as an advisor to their ward councillor.

The ward councillor could call meetings of these representatives to debate issues with inconsistent opinions across the ward.

It may be useful to have a twice yearly meeting of all 16 of the local representatives.

The ward councillor has an accountability to represent the diversity of views in their ward, as conveyed by the local representatives.

The district would be divided into 16 areas with greater consideration given to the range or commonality of views rather than the number of residents.

Using the population numbers from <https://peopleandplaces.nz/kapiti-coast/> a possible division could look like:

Population	Representative	Councillor
Forest Lakes 864	2661	8895
Ōtaki Beach 1797		
Ōtaki 3444	3444	
Ōtaki Forks 795	2790	
Te Horo 1395		
Peka Peka 600	4023	13833
Waikanae Beach 3423		
Waikanae Park 2064	2064	
Waikanae West 4368	4368	
Waikanae East 2382	3378	
Waitohu 996		
Paraparaumu Beach North 4026	4026	9336
Paraparaumu Beach East 2655	5310	
Paraparaumu Beach West 2655		
Otaihanga 804	4341	11937
Paraparaumu North 3537		
Paraparaumu Central 3966	3966	
Paraparaumu East 2259	3630	
Mangatukutuk 1371		
Raumati Beach East 2361	5280	10785
Raumati Beach West 2919		
Raumati South 3738	3738	
Paekākāriki 1767	1767	

My apologies that it is not possible to format this table correctly in this forum. I am happy to provide it separately in a more readable format.

The population numbers are out of date and some of the subdivisions may no longer be current. However, the numbers are provided to illustrate the thinking.

In this proposal, every resident would know who their local representative was and which ward councillor they advised providing a direct route of accountability for each representative.

It would decrease the costs of the Community Board structures, reduce the overhead work for KCDC staff but maintain the active work of Community Board members.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3685829

First name

Roger and Marya

Last name

Hakaraia - Lanham

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

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If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?				✓		

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?				✓		

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?						✓

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

It appears to me that the current situation is working well in Otaki and ratepayers have easy access to community board members and access to their informal meetings. I haven't seen how this would be improved upon and the sitting councillor (as I understand it) is present at those same meetings anyway and has always been approachable.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?			✓			



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3634475

First name

Warwick

Last name

Halcrow

What ward are you in now

Paekākāriki-Raumati

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?					✓	

Please tell us why?

What ain't broken don't fix.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?					✓	

Please tell us why?

What ain't broken don't fix.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?		✓				

Please tell us why?

I think the two areas have different dynamics and best do their own things.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Community Boards provide an important layer of democracy where citizens can get issues and areas of

concern submitted to Council which otherwise would be overlooked or ignored. I have seen this occur many times and am very concerned by the idea of removing the Community Boards.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?						

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Please keep the Community Boards they have proved their value over the years and their removal would only lead to an even more autocratic Council regime than we already have.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3660356

First name

Tracey

Last name

Hall

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?					✓	

Please tell us why?

Plenty of/varied representation

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?					✓	

Please tell us why?

As above. The smaller communities have their own needs that need to be heard amidst the din of the larger ones.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?		✓				

Please tell us why?

Very different communities both in size and culture and both need to be fairly represented.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Again, the Community Boards' members are located within their respective communities and ideally understand their respective community's needs.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?		✓				

Please tell us why?

As above.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3615290

First name

Richard

Last name

Halliday

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

Representation Review: A fresh look at local democracy

Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?					✓	

Please tell us why?

I agree with the proposal that 10 Councillors gives us a good level of fair representation and a Mayor provides the leadership we need for the District.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?					✓	

Please tell us why?

The proposed ward councillors will give us fair representation for all constituents and districtwide councillors will contribute a valuable districtwide perspective too.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?					✓	

Please tell us why?

I agree because thus having the new Waenga/Central Ward with 3 Ward Councillors will give as much more even so fairer representation than we have currently as these two separate Wards, and Waikanae is way under-representated at +26.6%.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?					✓	

Please tell us why?

When I moved to Kapiti in 1995 I found the local government structure with wards and community boards strange and confusing and I like the proposed contemporary ideas as proposed, and think they'll be more engaging and effective as well as releasing funds that can be fed back into community projects.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?					✓	

Please tell us why?

I looked at these and agree because they'll provide for more even therefore fairer representation across the District.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

I like the proposal and the Maori names, and that you've consulted with the wider community and local Iwi, so all I would say is keep up the good work.



Kōrero
mai Have
your say

Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3608161

First name

Walter

Last name

Halstead

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?				✓		

Please tell us why?

I agree so long as Waikanae gets a dedicated Ouncillor.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?				✓		

Please tell us why?

I agree, buton condition that if Waikanae doesn't get dedicated representation, I strongly disagree.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Waikanae should not become a suburb of Paraparaumu. Waikanae is the 2nd largest town on the coast, and historically the oldest.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Each community needs direct input to council from different areas particularly if Council abolishes discreet wards.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

The amalgamation of the Paraparaumu and Waikanae urban areas, destroys the unique identity of the two towns and moves towards a centralised city and associated power base.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

As usual, I suspect that Council has already made up their minds to adopt these proposals, and is just going through the motions. Local government is becoming increasingly distant from representing the ratepayers and residents, and becoming more autocratic than democratic.



Kōrero
mai **Have**
your say

Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3676880

First name

Yvonne

Last name

Halstead

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?					✓	

Please tell us why?

It should be a broad representation

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?					✓	

Please tell us why?

This works at present

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Waikanae is a different town than Paraparaumu- different demographics, people and community. We need someone to represent us on the council to put forward our ideas and needs. We have lost enough lately and we are starting to feel very marginalised. Please don't lump us in with Paraparaumu-we have our own identity.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

I feel that each community in the Kapiti area needs their own community spokesperson on the Board. We are all unique towns/communities with our own needs and opinions. However I do feel that the community boards need to be more proactive and visible within their communities- greater involvement and engagement with the citizens in their community.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?		✓				

Please tell us why?

I disagree because I don't believe Waikanae should be absorbed into Paraparaumu

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Please give Waikanae representation at Kapiti Council. We don't want to start feeling like Wanaka does in the Queenstown Council.



Kōrero
mai Have
your say

Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3659588

First name

Anton/Grant C W

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Māori representative should be on each ward of council, especially Ōtaki Ward.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?				✓		

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Flood lights in alleyway between Mountain View and Byron Brown Place due to criminal activity and vandalism of private property noticed on walks through these centres.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3649357

First name

michael

Last name

Hanbury-Sparrow

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

Yes

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?				✓		

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?					✓	

Please tell us why?

Want to maintain local connection

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Want to maintain local connection - Loss of identity

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Want to maintain local connection - Loss of identity, community boards help remind the council why they are here - to serve us

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the

changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Too much change for the say of change

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

The council is already disconnected from the community - any action that further isolates it from us should be avoided



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3671425

First name

Jo-Anne

Last name

Hare

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?		✓				

Please tell us why?

Because the current model isn't working

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?				✓		

Please tell us why?

Because different wards have different local requirements

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

As I said above, the communities are very different have have different requirements, Waikanae is rapidly growing and our wards are where we can focus on these differences. We chose not to live in paraparaumu because it had not the appeal of Waikanae, so should not be lumped in with with their wards and decision making.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

To be honest, I have been unable (again) to find the correct documents in the mine field of unhelpfulness of your KCDC website and with no links in this document in this form. Which I suspect is no accident. You make information hard to find and rely on those that disagree to lose patients on finding correct links and simple 'go away' so you can make any decisions you see fit and then say that there were no substantial objections. Self praise is no flattery, KCDC is performing poorly and the more reasonable objections and debate that can be voiced through our wards are a benefit to the local residents and a thorn in your side, which is why I suspect you wish to abolish them.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?		✓				

Please tell us why?

I have never seen a boundary line ever benefit the ratepayer... leave them as they are please.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Absolutely! Community boards historically are the buffer between us the rate payer and council who more often than not seem to think they are some sort of blue chip company who forget whom they should be answerable to, the wards have the interest of their local area at heart and see what is happening on the ground level. Without them there is a fear that the councils attitude towards the ratepayers and their views will be completely lost.

This area is growing at a rapid pace and we need each areas diversity to be recognized and acknowledged, not disbanded to be totally ignored. You are not a business, a blue chip company or even a cooperative, you are civil servants and supposed to a representation of the opinions of the ratepayers who pay your salary and trust you to not screw things up. Please stop screwing things up and concentrate on the basic needs and requirements that ratepayers require.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3666558

First name

keith

Last name

hargreaves

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?				✓		

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?					✓	

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

democracy requires representation. a paraparaumu councilor would not adequately represent Waikanae needs and views

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

this council has reduced alot of our democratic rights. community boards are an important part of our representation.
it will be remembered at election time!

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

waikane ward must be kept



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3612888

First name

Chris

Last name

Harmer

What ward are you in now

Paraparaumu

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

0

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?		✓				

Please tell us why?

Reduce to 8 Councillors

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?				✓		

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Remains as is

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Remain as is - helps spread councillor load and has locals understanding locals in each ward

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?			✓			



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3685960

First name

Mike

Last name

Harris

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

Representation Review: A fresh look at local democracy

Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?						

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?						

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?						

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?						

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?						

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

I emphatically do not support the changes proposed in the 2021 Representation Review.

In my opinion, it fails totally to deliver the "Fair and effective representation of Communities of Interest".

The proposal to amalgamate Waikanae ward and Paraparaumu - Raumati Wards into in to one, (amongst many other changes)

Is "dividing a community of interest" identified as not acceptable by the Local Electoral Act.

Historically, and currently, Waikanae and Paraparaumu – Raumati are very separate entities. They should continue to be recognized as such in their representation, as they are currently.

The present ward and community board member structure does provide the basic knowledge of both their people and local conditions.

Surely council should reorganize themselves to use this efficiently, as it is, if they feel that current effectiveness is lacking.

It is an important responsibility of the council to ensure this.

To propose this amalgamation approach is, in my opinion, a huge Council side step in their responsibilities – a failure to be objective in considering the Local Electoral Act.

I do not see how a small group of councillors on KCDC can possibly represent the amalgamation proposed without a comprehensive layer of costly bureaucracy whose effectiveness would be uncertain.

Surely, giving the present structure more delegation and support would be far more logical.

Finally, I simply do not agree that the conclusions from Empathy Design, with it's paucity of sampling, is a true feedback from the affected population.

Too conclude, I do not agree in any way to the 2021 Representation Review.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3641737

First name

Alan

Last name

Hart

What ward are you in now

Paraparaumu

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?			✓			

Please tell us why?

Do we need that many?

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?			✓			

Please tell us why?

As above, do we need that many?

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?				✓		

Please tell us why?

Main population area.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?				✓		

Please tell us why?

Can't see what they really achieve. Endeavored to find out when we came up from Wellington and was

still unable to find out.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?			✓			

Please tell us why?

Seem okay.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Can you reduce the pure party and personal ideological imperatives and focus on making the area a growth one?



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3684411

First name

Sheila

Last name

Hart

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

0

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?				✓		

Please tell us why?

This has worked so far so if it ain't broke why fix it.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?				✓		

Please tell us why?

It's worked well up till now so why change it for change sake.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Because each ward has its own uniqueness.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

The community board represent out community and work hard within the community. To remove them

would remove our voice. Community board members live in the community so understand the needs of the community.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

We are already compromised as I see us as the poor relations of the Council. We are a community in our own right as are Paekakariki and Waikane.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3675501

First name

Ian

Last name

Hastie

What ward are you in now

Paraparaumu

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

Please tell us why?

The present 10 councillors appear to not listen to the ratepayers. Surely less than 10 might be more effective.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

Please tell us why?

They are elected by ratepayers and should be accountable to the ratepayers for their results..

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					

Please tell us why?

The wards reflect the community they live in.

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Please tell us why?

Why ?

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

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Do you agree with the new boundary lines?			✓			

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Council appears to be displacing elected councillors for un elected I will representatives. That's not a democracy and creates un elected special group interests who controls what council does.



Kōrero
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your say

Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3682623

First name

Robert

Last name

Hawke

What ward are you in now

Paekākāriki-Raumati

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

0

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Please tell us why?

Gives us fair representation

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Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?				✓		

Please tell us why?

Gives fair representation

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Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?		✓				

Please tell us why?

They have different areas of interest

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Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Community boards ensure that local issues are addressed

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?		✓				

Please tell us why?

New boundaries would mean the Central Ward has undue influence

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

The Community boards should stay no matter what the decision is on boundaries as they provide more democracy



Kōrero
mai **Have**
your say

Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3682427

First name

John

Last name

Hayes

What ward are you in now

0

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

Yes

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with the new boundary lines?						

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Refer to SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENT ATTACHED.

Merriam-Webster describes representative democracy as "the body of persons representing a constituency". They define constituency as "a group of voters in a specified area who elect a representative to a legislative body".

I subscribe to the view, that you represent your areas, rather than representing the views of the bureaucracy to your constituency - something that has been said of some of you.

Assuming that we agree with Merriam-Webster, it seems to me that this council has a problem with representation, or at least with the perception of representation. It could be that much of the substantive debate is held in secret, in council briefings, where the major decisions are made and positions adopted to be presented by a largely united front - running this place as a government, even a cabinet, rather than a parliament. The subtleties of the various views within our community seldom seem to be publicly represented in this chamber.

Whatever the reason, those of you that still have antennae must realise that this council often seems to be bad at reading the room - of representing the constituency. I won't go through the many controversies I have witnessed in the over 3 decades I have lived here, and attempted to be a contributing and informed citizen. In fact I have sought information and clarification from many of you in that time - not always successfully. I suspect that many of you have shaken your heads and asked yourself "Why don't they get it?"

With respect, I submit that you need every means of constituency communication, with more granularity than the broad brush approach proposed. I believe if you struggle now, you will struggle more.

With that in mind, I urge you to retain community boards.

According to LGNZ, the purpose of a community board is to:

- represent and act as an advocate for the interests of the community;
- consider and report on any matter referred to it by their council, and any issues of interest to the community board;
- communicate with community organisations and special interest groups in the community, and undertake any other responsibilities delegated by their council.

In other words, they should be a vital resource for you, for intelligence, for early warnings and a means of dissemination decisions and rationale. The discussion booklet you distributed says in part “*The research indicated community boards added a confusing layer of bureaucracy, particularly for our more in-need and currently disenfranchised and marginalised communities.*” I suggest that much of that confusion comes from people assuming community boards have more influence than they have’

However the booklet also says “*community boards can be a great tool for representation in bringing the voice of the community to Council, but they don’t have the teeth they need.*”

If they are not useful, give them some teeth.

In the last election, a successful slogan was “*Empower Community Boards.*”

You don’t empower by demolishing.

Your proposal also lacks definition. The booklet spins “*councillors and Council staff working together to foster community-led development, and on new, creative, and contemporary ways to help our communities engage more directly with Council.*” I would be more relaxed if a satisfactory definition of those new, creative, and contemporary ways was provided. In the absence of that definition, my view of the future is informed by the past, which has not always gone well.

My impression is of overworked and underpaid councillors so swamped in paperwork that there is very little effective outreach to their communities. In those circumstances their tends to be a dependency on officers - some would say officer capture - and very little contestability of potential policies and possibilities. That is not healthy for a healthy and responsive democracy.

I respectfully submit you need Community Boards to provide some visable contestability rather than become even more dependent on advice with little accountability to the public. At least Community Boards face a reckoning every three years.

John Hayes



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3678506

First name

Bruce

Last name

Heather

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
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Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

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Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?				✓		

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Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

A ridiculous suggestions. Each area must have a community board.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?			✓			



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3641772

First name

Di & Rex

Last name

Hebley

What ward are you in now

Paraparaumu

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Please tell us why?

Too many.

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Please tell us why?

Too many.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

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Do you agree with the new boundary lines?			✓			

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Being bilingual is healthy but as English is the most used and understood language in New Zealand it should precede all other languages for names, places and notices.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3616218

First name

David

Last name

Henderson

What ward are you in now

Paraparaumu

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?				✓		

Please tell us why?

I think this number of councillors is a good balance for the size of our district

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?		✓				

Please tell us why?

I believe there should be less district-wide councillors

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?		✓				

Please tell us why?

I think there should be more wards, and thus more ward councillors, to replace some of the district-wide councillors

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?					✓	

Please tell us why?

I think community boards exacerbate over-representation of a noisy minority

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?		✓				

Please tell us why?

See comment on number of wards above



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3648352

First name

Tom

Last name

Henderson

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

0

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?				✓		

Please tell us why?

Good cross section of people

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?				✓		

Please tell us why?

The views of the wider people are important

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Waikanae is growing fast with more families moving into the area and we need to have a say in the future for Waikanae

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?		✓				

Please tell us why?

Don't take away the views of our community

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?			✓			

Please tell us why?

The boundary's are all increasing with land development and we need local views

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

We need to have a long hard look at the future model of the whole of Kapiti where will we be what do we need and have a clear understanding of what the public want for them in the future



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Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3635727

First name

Joan

Last name

Hilder

What ward are you in now

Paekākāriki-Raumati

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?					✓	

Please tell us why?

Councillors from each of the wards plus districtwide councillors ensures all parts of the community are fairly represented

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

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Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?					✓	

Please tell us why?

As above, gives a fair representation

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Each community should have its own ward

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Community boards provide the grassroots lines of communication between residents and council.
Handpicked advisors to do the job is not democratic

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?						✓

Please tell us why?

I haven't looked at them but if they spilt existing communities then they are a bad thing.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

How about you actually listen to people and act on what is said, you are our elected representatives and are supposed to represent our opinions NOT those of paid workers in KCDC or the few from miniscule "reviews". None of that is democracy. The current system has worked very well for a long time and does not need to change - for the sake of change. OK we may have to have a 5 year review, that does not mean it's not working change it. A few tweeks every now and then is sensible but don't go for wholesale change just for the sake of it.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3638552

First name

Steve

Last name

Hollett

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Please tell us why?

Each ward needs to be fairly represented in the decision making processes. Having half the councillors being districtwide does not guarantee this. All five, for example, could be from Otaki.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
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Please tell us why?

these two communities have vastly different characters and historical development. There would be nothing to gain by trying to combine them. There would be lots to lose for Waikanae.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?			✓			

Please tell us why?

The current Waikanae Community Board does not appear to be as effective or efficient as some others in the Kapiti District.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

I have no confidence yet in the stated populations. I suspect that the current Waikanae ward has a substantially larger population than stated. Does this figure reflect the number of permanent residents? Or maybe the number of ratepayers. How does it account for non-permanent property owners? And the character of Waikanae needs to be protected. Merging Waikanae with Paraparaumu does not do this.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3648957

First name

Kirsty

Last name

Hulena

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

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Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?					✓	

Please tell us why?

Do not get rid of the Waikanae ward, it's important we retain a voice as we are already underrepresented

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Waikanae will be subsumed into paraparaumu and we have our own distinct voice. Waikanae is already largely disregarded by the council

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Again you are limping areas together for no good reason

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Listen to the people for a change. Remember we elect you and can get rid of you. The council seems to utterly disregard any views the community holds and we have had enough



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3665912

First name

Maraea

Last name

Hunia

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

Representation Review: A fresh look at local democracy

Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					

Please tell us why?

Kāpiti, like every district council, needs more Māori representation. It therefore needs at least one Māori ward. Majority rule does not work for minority groups.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					

Please tell us why?

Māori representation on KCDC continues to be pitifully low. In order to have equitable representation that aligns with the Treaty of Waitangi / Tiriti o Waitangi, the council must shape itself in a way that gives greater voice to Māori. Are the current councillors aware that historically, the district council and its predecessors have been responsible for the removal of hundreds of acres of land from Māori title in the Kāpiti district with no redress to date? (Refer Mahina Baker) This is but one example that underlines the need for consistent Māori voices on the council.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

Please tell us why?

Combining these two would make for a very large and strong ward that lacks diversity. This may impact on Māori representation, as Māori get lost in an affluent population. This would also impact on the proportion of councillor voices in the smaller communities of Paekakariki and Ōtaki.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?		✓				

Please tell us why?

The smaller wards need local voices to be heard. I can't see the point of having one very large and predominantly Pākehā ward which will drown out the voices of Māori. A community like Ōtaki needs a local group to hear their concerns.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

For the same reason as 6 above. The change would produce a large ward with a large, predominantly Pākehā population resulting in low minority voice. Will its representatives have an interest in, and advocate for, Treaty partnership and principles? Incidentally, the maps provided in the document "A fresh look at local democracy: How can Council better represent you and your community?" are not detailed enough to give a clear indication of the streets/areas affected by the boundary changes.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

We want to retain the unique character of Otaki - a relatively high population of Māori, the wānanga, several reo Māori speaking schools. This special character, which represents far greater diversity of thinking and doing, is currently under threat as houses are snapped up and local Māori are pushed out of the Kāpiti area. The council must do everything it can to support this unique and special community, including by including a Māori ward to ensure strong and consistent Māori voice.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3649346

First name

Karen

Last name

Hutchins

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?				✓		

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Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?				✓		

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Please tell us why?

Waikanae currently has very few community services within our town. Our library is so inadequate for a town of this size that we are forced to go to Paraparaumu. Our green waste outlet is going to be closed. It is essential that we keep our ward councillors otherwise the few things we still have are also likely to be removed. Waikanae rate payers contribute a large % of the total rate take, and we are short changed when it comes to money spent in our town.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Due to the comments above it is essential that the community boards are retained. We need this independent group.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the

changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?						✓

Please tell us why?

Have not seen them advertised.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

I think that the council should take out notices or advertisements in the local papers to notify rate payers and citizens of these proposed changes and all/any other changes and decisions that the council makes. This should be a regular article in the local papers. Your role as a council should be to keep us informed, we should not have to go to your website to find information!!!



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3668703

First name

Prue

Last name

Hyman

What ward are you in now

Paekākāriki-Raumati

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

Yes

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Please tell us why?

Enough to gain views from across the district and different views: not too many which could get expensive and unwieldy

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Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?				✓		

Please tell us why?

Similar to above: guarantees representation across the district but includes half with a more general perspective

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Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?						✓

Please tell us why?

I'm in Paekakariki and know too little about that area to have a view

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Please tell us why?

The Paekakariki CB has been very active and effective and consults widely in the village (admittedly we are a small population which makes it easier). There is very little indication or detail of HOW the views of the whole population will be canvassed in the absence of CBs - just a lot of waffle. It is far too much for a single councillor to do. The research report, such as it is, points out that Paekakariki and Otaki have their own characteristics, and it is likely that they would be swamped without having their own CB to represent their opinion. There is no evidence given to support the opinion that it adds a level of unnecessary bureaucracy rather than adding real value. The comparatively low cost of \$250,000 is well spent on CBs. Holly Ewens, chair of the Paekakariki CB has written an excellent analysis of the reasons for their being retained and I support her analysis

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Do you agree with the new boundary lines?						✓

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Process pretty odd, though not due to KCDC, but to the law - presenting one option only, when there were 4 considered, with very little reason advanced for it is poor. Further, the research report is very thin and basically indicates the very wide range of opinion you would expect. Trying to get everyone involved in local government is not realistic: some people will not be involved and that is their right. Hearing from the voices that ARE involved is perfectly reasonable.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3676248

First name

Sally and Ross

Last name

Jackson

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Please tell us why?

We feel this number provides for a diverse representation to meet the needs of Kapiti.

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Please tell us why?

Simplifying the existing confusing situation.

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Do you agree with the removal of community boards?				✓		

Please tell us why?

Community Boards as exist have a very parochial view for their area rather than a districtwide view.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

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Do you agree with the new boundary lines?				✓		

Please tell us why?

It looks a much cleaner simpler situation overall.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

While councillors have to be mindful of local community issues, they should be making their decisions on what is fair for the whole district.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3681921

First name

Derek

Last name

Johnston

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Please tell us why?

Agree as the balance is appropriate plus the demise of the community boards

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Please tell us why?

Subject to those elected acting in the overall interests of all ratepayers and residents and not just their ward interests.

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Please tell us why?

Voting has the potential to be skewed in favour of the larger Paraparaumu voting base, which could result over time in the loss of adequate representation for Waikanae at both ward and districtwide levels

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Please tell us why?

Present board structures are a waste of time and resources. Need to be replaced with some other form of mixed representation which provides a “voice” for broad based community interests.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

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Please tell us why?

Given the guidelines, do not see any logical alternative. Voting results over time will test the boundaries of the Central Ward

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

A good deal of work on adequate representation for community. Interests will follow the demise of Community Boards. The best model should provide the “pointy end” of the community view to get the attention of elected councillors.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3646731

First name

Lesley

Last name

Johnston

What ward are you in now

Paraparaumu

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

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Do you agree with the new boundary lines?					✓	



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3671552

First name

Sue

Last name

Johnston

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

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Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3685840

First name

Graeme

Last name

Joyes

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Refer to SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENT ATTACHED.

4th October 2021

Submission to KCDC Representation Review

I am only submitting on two issues but want to acknowledge there are other issues that will be covered by other submissions.

Firstly, I am always nervous when politicians and councils or governments want to play with the democratic process. Its usually explained in terms of efficiency etc etc, just as this one is. History indicates when politicians start fiddling with democracy the reasons are much less admirable, usually a grab at gaining more power and silencing critics.

For example, the Community Boards perform an important function in allocating community funding. From the discussions I have had with several councillors, and from what is presented in the documents, this function is going to now be given to appointed people from the community. This causes a number of alarm bells to ring. If these people are appointed by the KCDC, there is a risk that these people will be selected from those who agree with council policy and direction and may not be truly representative. Secondly, where does the accountability lie? Under the Community Board system, it was accountable to the ratepayers through the ballot box, whereas a council appointed group is accountable to the council. This looks like an attempt to give more power to the Chief Executive and staff.

I want to suggest an appointed group to disburse funds is exactly what the Community Boards are.

Secondly, I want to comment on the size of the public consultation.

From the KCDC document, "Community insight to inform and inspire Kāpiti Coast District's representation arrangements

9 July 2021

Emma Saunders, Ann Pistacchi-Peck" the second paragraph states:

"Empathy and council officers worked as one engagement and research team. We conducted five activities across three phases, involving more than 150 people in meaningful engagement."

From that I presume the consultations numbers had to be less than 160, but more than 150. If it had been greater than 160, than that figure would have been used. I will be generous and suggest that 160 people were consulted. Taking the KCDC population of 53,000 in the 2018 census, the number consulted is 0.3%. To get an accurate survey of plus or minus 5% requires a sample size of approximately 2000 people.

I note this study uses the term “People believe, people want” and a range of expressions to assert the “facts” found in this study. I suggest that less than 160 does not inform the council of what people want.

Simply put, this is woefully inadequate.

Graeme Joyes

[address redacted]

Waikanae

[phone number redacted]

[email address redacted]



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3624804

First name

Peter

Last name

Katz

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

Yes

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

Please tell us why?

I think if Waikanae / Paraparaumu wards are combined and supporting community infrastructure withdrawn two further "local" counsellors should be appointed to the W/P ward to ensure there is a diversity of people for ratepayers to appoint. Also, at least two of the five should be from Waikanae. The benefit of this approach may increase the diversity of opinion and discussion in decision making.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

Please tell us why?

Realistically each counsellor carries some personal views into voting - it is human and accepted. My objection is that I do not think the current proposal ensures fair representation for Waikanae/Paraparaumu. It is possible for 3 counsellors to come from Paraparaumu or vice versa from Waikanae which would distort fair representation. I suspect the government would never consider combining 4 Auckland seats with 4 MPs.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Please tell us why?

I strongly disagree under the present arrangement. Refer above. There needs to be more detail on how counsellors will be more accessible, and how they record their discussions with ratepayers to ensure the ratepayer side is represented in the chambers and to demonstrate they are considering all genuine concerns expressed by ratepayers. I appreciate that cost savings are sought or the current funding supports better representation. I do think that a big load is taken off counsellors if there is strong transparency between KCDC and ratepayers.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Please tell us why?

As above, further information and some modification to proposal would have to be made to justify the change.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

I think there does need to be a line where Waikanae interests are clearly represented by at least one council vote. The council's own presentation characterised and demonstrated there are 5 very diverse wards. The diversity should not be retained for some and not others.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

I agree it is important to review representation. Council workshops can be difficult to contribute through but is it possible on some key issues to run an electronic survey to test the ratepayer sentiment. These surveys can be efficient to run and process once established. This seems a democratic approach for kapiti wide issues. It certainly could be more efficient than Boards and allow commentary. The results would have to be transparent.

KCDC Representation Review

From Peter Katz

10 October 2021

KCDC Representation Review

- Appreciate and understand objective for efficiency, but:
- Waikanae and Paraparaumu wards by council's own advice have different priorities and ratepayer profiles

Submission:

- *The current proposal could lead to 3 Paraparaumu base councilors, or vice versa, 3 Waikanae Councilors, representing the single ward – this outcome is not representative of the Waikanae and Paraparaumu diverse needs and specific priorities*
- *Further insight to “how” KCDC plan to ensure there is a transparent process to share and address concerns raise by ratepayers from Waikanae and Paraparaumu is essential to fully assess and comment on the democratic strength of the proposal.*
 - Ie How would ratepayers from each Ward be made aware of key issues and contribute at the “community” level

I would support the current 5 ward system with a “streamlined” more efficient transparent interface between ratepayers the community, and council.

As a ratepayer, I would normally like to contribute to making the process more robust and contribute positively to solutions. To achieve this, it would be helpful if the council promoted wider discussion of the four options presented by the consultants from which a hybrid solution may better serve the democratic process



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3685652

First name

Dennis

Last name

Kerr

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?					✓	

Please tell us why?

Ensure at least some local representation that cannot be swamped by concentrated populations.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Paraparaumu population could always swamp the smaller Waikanae population.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

They are essential to provide a local perspective which would otherwise be largely lost.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

There is an unnecessary emphasis on a representation ratio. Why? It is vital that Otaki, Paekakariki and Waikanae have a balance to the Paraparaumu concentration.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

The community boards, or an equivalent, are essential to avoid a big brother situation. They also provide a readily available contact point for citizens rather than an unfamiliar councillor from another locality.



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your say

Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3673425

First name

Brian Lloyd

Last name

Kilpatrick

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Please tell us why?

With current Councillors they largely work effectively and efficiently together at present.

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Please tell us why?

Seems to be sound geographically and based on population spread.

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Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Have the public seen Empathy's Report? If not, why not? Community Boards are closer to their

communities for public representation and decisions on community grants and other concerns. Dispersing with Community Boards would cost more than the \$250K "saved"!

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

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Do you agree with the new boundary lines?				✓		

Please tell us why?

See comments at Q6 above.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

I believe that:

1. The funds saved by dispersing with Community Boards would be used up by the proposals for clinics, secretariat and staff management "time" and replacement "mechanisms" for resolving community grants!!
2. I endorse comments from Community Board member Warwick.



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Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3646775

First name

Heather

Last name

Kinsey

What ward are you in now

Paraparaumu

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Please tell us why?

Too many.

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Please tell us why?

Too many.

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Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Decision making should be made locally by locals - talk to CODC to see how well it works.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

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Do you agree with the new boundary lines?				✓		



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3684456

First name

Lyndsay

Last name

Knowles

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?						

Please tell us why?

Refer to SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENT ATTACHED.

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Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?						

Please tell us why?

Refer to SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENT ATTACHED.

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	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?			✓			

Please tell us why?

I'm an Ōtaki resident and this question is best answered by the residents of Paraparaumu and Waikanae wards.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

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Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?						

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Refer to SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENT ATTACHED.

Notes to accompany feedback form on
'Local Democracy'

Dom LYNDSAY KNOWLES 1/10/21.

I am extremely concerned at the suggestion that the Community Boards be abolished. Community Boards are a very important part of ensuring local democracy.

Unfortunately they are not resourced in a way that enables them to work effectively with their local communities.

I support Ms Papps suggestion that Ward Councillors be abolished and that the role of Community Boards be expanded and they are resourced appropriately.

(- Reference - Kāpiti News Sept. 29, 2021 Page 42)

In addition I suggest consideration be given to the Community Boards having voting rights equal to the Districtwide Councillors.

These changes would improve democracy and better reflect and serve the needs of the distinct communities that continue to make up this region administered by the Kāpiti Coast District Council.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3618455

First name

Nick

Last name

Kortens

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?					✓	

Please tell us why?

Better and more accurate representation, with less potential for bias, particularly political.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?					✓	

Please tell us why?

It better represents our community balance and doesn't bias to any one area

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Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Same reasons as above, but basically the change suggested will disempower more areas than empower them.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

As above

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

There is nothing wrong with the current boundary lines and changing them is an unnecessary expense, for probably political reasons

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

As above



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3677565

First name

Steve

Last name

La Hood

What ward are you in now

Paekākāriki-Raumati

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

Yes

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Please tell us why?

Seems about the right NUMBER of representatives for the population of the district

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Please tell us why?

I have reservations about the ward structure - Kāpiti's future should be more cohesive than separating the representation into wards, just because that's how the communities have developed. What's right for Raumati is equally right for Ōtaki.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Please tell us why?

As above. I imagine a cohesive 'new city' future for the entire Kāpiti District, rather than the separate wards we currently have.

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Please tell us why?

The Community Boards have no authority beyond grants and polite submissions. They are in effect toothless. There's little or no integration from one Board to another across the District. If they can't influence Council decision-making on behalf of their communities, why bother with them?

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

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Please tell us why?

Again, I wish the Council would start to see Kāpiti as a unit, rather than a sum of parts.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

There are demographic projections that show this District will burgeon in population by some 30 thousand people in the next 10 years. I feel that's an underestimation, particularly one TG is completed through to Levin and the Palmerston Nth link is done. We should be focused on designing a new, ecological, human-scale city centre at Paraparaumu, from Coastlands to the Expressway and from the Expressway to the beach (including the Airport land). Tinkering with gerrymandering the 'boundaries' of separate wards is a 'today' issue - given that those separate wards will likely become suburbs of the new Kāpiti City over time. Now is the time to imagine that new City and plan for it.



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Your details

Response ID

3685638

First name

Ann

Last name

Lawler

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

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If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?	✓					

Please tell us why?

It doesn't matter. The mayor is legally the only one who can instruct the CEO. Neither mayor nor councillors can contact staff. Councillors get reports from staff. Those I read are too wordy (employ someone to teach non-superfluous English, non repetitive - it blocks councillor understanding - is that the intent?). Since first trying to pursue democracy in Kapiti in 2012 I have found 'relevant' reports constantly flawed, misleading, deceptive, directional by omission. With prior knowledge I saw deception and duplicity directing decisions to recommendations.

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Please tell us why?

NO STRONGLY DISAGREE. Totally different communities. Trying to combine working and wealthy communities. Why? To hobble effective, insightful, outspoken Waikanae residents who understand the systems and law and with time to use democratic process - and ensure KCDC does too.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

NO. One community board member, Ms Warwick is the only one since 2012 to do /achieve anything. While others pursue upward mobility, reflected glory, as in the Peter principle, councillors are worse.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

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Do you agree with the new boundary lines?			✓			

Please tell us why?

Increasing Otaki size makes scant difference. See answer to Q8 above.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Thinking? Mayor/councillor behaviour since 2016 mean the community is forced to follow options KCDC present, like sheep to slaughter. Ratepayer objections are bulldozed over, reports poorly researched consultant heavy, major projects/decisions forced through. On 26.8.21 proposed ward names changed. All were maori, still are. What is the benefit? Think it through. What is the objective? Why not write all reports in maori? As for the Gateway (not the 2013 Gateway attempt), iwi partners and mana whenua (Te Rūnanga O Toa Rangātira, Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki and Āti Awa ki Whakarongotai Charitable Trust) do not give OVERT input. Those committees cost \$89,605, YE 2018-19, \$77,524, YE 2019-20. They get what they want without showing their hand. Other ratepayers try to get listened to but don't. Why is the questionnaire just in english? Inconsistent.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3615004

First name

John

Last name

Le Harivel

What ward are you in now

Paraparaumu

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?				✓		

Please tell us why?

Seems about right in terms of numbers and number of portfolios.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?			✓			

Please tell us why?

Not 100% convinced of value of district wide councilors'role. Better if they relate to a specific ward. A bit like list MP's!

Is there an option to have 'sub-wards' i.e. councilors representing specific areas with a 'larger ward system.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Please tell us why?

Obviously it enables equity around numbers of voters per ward although Otaki always seems to lose out due numbers. Would like to see 'sub wards 'within the wider ward so that councilors represented a specific community.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?					✓	

Please tell us why?

See community boards as just another layer of bureaucracy with little power and wasting a lot of time on spurious grant application process. (not to mention \$250K could be better spent elsewhere). Better to have direct responsibility to individual councilors who should know their communities..spurious that community board members know their community better.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

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Do you agree with the new boundary lines?				✓		

Please tell us why?

Seems a reasonable representation and spread... might have liked to see individual rural communities better represented.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Councilors portfolios needs to be spelt out around their requirements. Councilors need to work from specific locations and have to spend specific number of hours on the job as well as being available through surgeries.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3683864

First name

Meurig

Last name

Lewis

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?					✓	

Please tell us why?

More democratic than proposed model.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

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Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?					✓	

Please tell us why?

Local issues can be better addressed.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Waikanae's need can be completely different to those of Paraparaumu.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

It would be wrong to take away an important voice of the community.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

See Q6.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Why replace community boards with a secretariat (??!!). This would be giving more influence to council staff - hardly democratic. The council should be run by elected councillors, not by salaried officials.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3682032

First name

Michelle

Last name

Lewis

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

Yes

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?				✓		

Please tell us why?

I agree with the number of elected representatives. I do not agree with the allocation of councillors to existing (2021) wards. I am concerned that Waikanae has a growing population and that has been under represented in the last 6 years. It is my preference for 2 councillors for Waikanae, this could be at the expense of a Districtwide councillor.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?	✓					

Please tell us why?

No. If the new proposal went ahead, I would support 6 ward councillors, 2 for each ward and 4 District wide councillors.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

I strongly object to this part of the proposal. Paraparaumu is a District wide centre where people from across the district come to key facilities such as regional shopping area, and major community facilities. Waikanae is a local centre, like Otaki with its own supermarkets and local facilities that allow ratepayers to undertake all their regular needs within the Waikanae town. Waikanae is distinct from Paraparaumu, it is physically separated by the Waikanae River. Rivers have traditionally been used for planning purposes as natural boundaries. It is bizarre to think that Waikanae and Paraparaumu are a similar community. They are two distinct communities and both require representation as such. I would also support Raumati having its own ward councillor. Kapiti has long been marketed as five centres (Paekakariki, Raumati, Paraparaumu, Waikanae, Otaki) joined by a state highway. To disregard this long held and used way of marketing the area is a disservice to the people of each of the five centres.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason

this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					

Please tell us why?

I believe that removing the community boards removes the ability for people to engage and share their opinions with their representatives. It is impossible for one person to represent the views of over 10,000 people. It is possible for 5 people (4 community board members and a ward councillor) to have a greater understanding of the different elements of the community and for board members to be selected by these different groups within our communities. However, I do believe that this requires community boards to be more proactive and to drive their own agendas at meetings and not be driven by the council. This is critical for a good democratic process to be maintained.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

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Do you agree with the new boundary lines?			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

Please tell us why?

Above principles in my comments override the boundary lines which result.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

To preserve the voice of the people, retaining more elected members is increasingly important for communities as a whole. The issue you vote on today, is not just about Kapiti today, its about the voice and choices you take away or give to future generations. Keep the voice of the people alive, do not restrict the process to a numbers game. Keep individuality alive.

From: [michelle lewis](#)
To: [Mailbox - Representation Review](#)
Subject: Presentation of petition - Representation Review - Feedback
Date: Monday, 4 October 2021 1:30:54 pm

Kia ora

As part of the representation review I have collected signatures to a petition which I wish to give to the council as part of the representation review process for their consideration in the decision making prior to confirming a decision.

For visibility I attach below the petition, which has 275 signatories. You advice as to whether they should be accepted in this email as official acceptance. I intend to bring this to the councillors attention at the speaking time I have allocated for me on 19th October [my personal submission time].

Petition wording starts:

We support retaining all four Community Boards in the Kapiti Coast District Council (KCDC) area as part of the representation review for the 2022 Elections.

Specifically the four boards are the Waikanae Community Board, Otaki Community Board, Paekakariki Community Board and Paraparaumu/Raumati Community Board.

Through surveys the community told KCDC that we wanted a democratic model that brought us closer to our elected representatives and decision-makers, while reflecting the diversity of the district and communities of interest.

The current proposal for representation from 2022 onwards by KCDC does exactly the opposite, making it harder to access elected representatives and diluting the diversity of the district into three non-descript wards.

Community boards keep us closely connected to our elected representatives and reflect the diversity of the district and communities of interest within it.

We agree our community of interest is where we feel we belong; where we live, work, shop, and play.

The three wards proposed by Kapiti Coast District Council, do not represent our communities of interest. It is not possible for one elected councillor to effectively represent and consult with 10,000 people.

If every one of those 10,000 people wanted to connected with their councillor they would have just 1.5 minutes per year to voice their views. This would leave the councillor no time, in a 40 hour week, working 48 weeks per year to do anything other than listen to people, no time to attend meetings, read papers, act on the information, discuss or progress changes sought. Elected councillors would be in a no-win situation unable to meet with their communities in an effective way and to effectively represent their views.

This option as currently proposed by KCDC does not bring people closer to their elected representative and decision maker. It makes it harder for ratepayers and people living in the communities of interest to access their elected representative.

Community boards with 4 members could provide 1 elected member for every 2,500 people. This provides people with greater access to their elected representatives, four times more opportunities to engage and share their thoughts. Giving community board members greater representation on council and council committees would further strengthen the request from the community to be more closely connected to our elected representatives.

We request council retain all four community boards and further that all community boards have voting rights on council and all council committees from 2022 onwards. This is how Kapiti Coast District Council can act on the feedback it received from the community to keep us closely connected to our elected representatives.

Petition wording ends.

The petition and signatories to date can be found at:

<https://www.change.org/p/kapiti-coast-district-council-save-waikanae-otaki-paekakariki-raumati-paraparaumu-community-boards>

Should you wish to discuss this further I can be contacted on [phone number redacted].

Kind regards

Michell Lewis

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Name	Country	Signed On
Michelle Lewis	New Zealand	2021-09-23
Dorothy Ogston	New Zealand	2021-09-23
Leigh Walkinshaw	New Zealand	2021-09-23
Julie-Anne Moore	New Zealand	2021-09-23
Susan Sinclair	New Zealand	2021-09-24
Cameron Butler	New Zealand	2021-09-24
Rosemarie Begbie	New Zealand	2021-09-24
Graeme Joyes	New Zealand	2021-09-24
Loretta Pomare	New Zealand	2021-09-24
Amanda Kerr	New Zealand	2021-09-24
Anne Hadjimi	New Zealand	2021-09-24
Daryl Udy	New Zealand	2021-09-24
Janine Robbins	New Zealand	2021-09-24
Sallie Pearson	New Zealand	2021-09-24
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Anita Spencer	New Zealand	2021-09-24

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Michael Ross	New Zealand	2021-09-24
Guy Burns	New Zealand	2021-09-24
Lauren Solomon	New Zealand	2021-09-24
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Colin Moar	New Zealand	2021-09-24
Blanche Charles	New Zealand	2021-09-24
Sheona Smithson	New Zealand	2021-09-24
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Jan McKenzie	New Zealand	2021-09-24
Mary Campbell-Cree	New Zealand	2021-09-24
Chris Hault	New Zealand	2021-09-24
Michelle Abbott	New Zealand	2021-09-24
Jacqui Randall	New Zealand	2021-09-24
joanne cook	New Zealand	2021-09-24
Leanne wellborne	New Zealand	2021-09-24
Mary Thomas	New Zealand	2021-09-24
Leanne Pokere	New Zealand	2021-09-24
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Esme Schlotjes	New Zealand	2021-09-24
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Rhys Cornor	New Zealand	2021-09-24

Virginia Richards	New Zealand	2021-09-24
Sheila Beckers	New Zealand	2021-09-24
Maureen Godwin	New Zealand	2021-09-25
Gina-Marie Aburn	New Zealand	2021-09-25
Andrea Reid	New Zealand	2021-09-25
ALAN TRISTRAM	New Zealand	2021-09-25
David Todd	New Zealand	2021-09-25
Dave Johnson	New Zealand	2021-09-25
John Dillon	New Zealand	2021-09-25
Peter Morton	New Zealand	2021-09-25
Chris Turver	New Zealand	2021-09-25
Amanda Vickers	New Zealand	2021-09-25
Dan Eastwood	New Zealand	2021-09-25
Donna Peters	New Zealand	2021-09-25
Shannon Gillies	New Zealand	2021-09-25
Kim udy	New Zealand	2021-09-25
Dave BOYD	New Zealand	2021-09-25
Brian Frampton	New Zealand	2021-09-25
Avon Dykstra	New Zealand	2021-09-25
Mark Frampton	New Zealand	2021-09-25
Lynley Barker	New Zealand	2021-09-25
Aunard Barlow	New Zealand	2021-09-25
Shane Gibbons	New Zealand	2021-09-25
Ben Christie	New Zealand	2021-09-25
Catherine Chandler	New Zealand	2021-09-25
Maxine O'Connor	New Zealand	2021-09-25
Joseph Porter	New Zealand	2021-09-25
Gabriela Fyfe	New Zealand	2021-09-25
Beryl O'Neil	New Zealand	2021-09-25
Kane Pomare	New Zealand	2021-09-25
Vicki Bunch	New Zealand	2021-09-25
Helen Punton	New Zealand	2021-09-25
Heather Cameron	New Zealand	2021-09-25
Louise Mallia-Patterson	New Zealand	2021-09-25

Peter Jones	New Zealand	2021-09-25
Bianca Begovich	New Zealand	2021-09-25
Patricia Tourell	New Zealand	2021-09-25
Trish McQueen	New Zealand	2021-09-25
Annie Law	New Zealand	2021-09-25
Chris Ford	New Zealand	2021-09-26
GUNSTON Robin	New Zealand	2021-09-26
Suzanne Spellacey	New Zealand	2021-09-26
Vicky Cooper	New Zealand	2021-09-26
Trevor Rowe	New Zealand	2021-09-26
Monique Howell	New Zealand	2021-09-26
judi hart	New Zealand	2021-09-26
Vicki Stoner	New Zealand	2021-09-26
Alan Rench	New Zealand	2021-09-26
Carla Maria Rench	New Zealand	2021-09-26
Clare Hynd	New Zealand	2021-09-26
Stefan Horn	New Zealand	2021-09-26
Mervyn Falconer	New Zealand	2021-09-26
KATHRYN HARDWICK	New Zealand	2021-09-26
Kevin Bennett	New Zealand	2021-09-26
Jenny Cliffe	New Zealand	2021-09-26
Ane Parata	New Zealand	2021-09-26
James Westbury	New Zealand	2021-09-26
Emma Cross	New Zealand	2021-09-26
Janice Meeres	New Zealand	2021-09-26
Mandy Hager	New Zealand	2021-09-26
Russell Watson	New Zealand	2021-09-26
Helen Cliffe	New Zealand	2021-09-26
Wainui Smith	New Zealand	2021-09-26
Sharon Hunter	New Zealand	2021-09-26
Derek Cavanagh	New Zealand	2021-09-26
Mary Craigen	New Zealand	2021-09-26
John Smith	New Zealand	2021-09-26
Ann Reading	New Zealand	2021-09-26

Chriss Bull	New Zealand	2021-09-27
Yvonne Mansell	New Zealand	2021-09-27
Linda Hill	New Zealand	2021-09-27
Marilyn Stevens	New Zealand	2021-09-27
Grada Dixon	New Zealand	2021-09-27
Alison McEwen	New Zealand	2021-09-27
Don Moselen	New Zealand	2021-09-27
Vanessa Jefferies	New Zealand	2021-09-27
Brent Bythell	New Zealand	2021-09-27
Hinerau Kingi-Ransom	New Zealand	2021-09-27
Laurel Dunstan	New Zealand	2021-09-27
Sarah Angus	New Zealand	2021-09-27
moira wylie	New Zealand	2021-09-27
Jenny Askwith	New Zealand	2021-09-27
Denise Bradbury	New Zealand	2021-09-27
Jo Michat	New Zealand	2021-09-27
Viola Palmer	New Zealand	2021-09-27
Alastair Bridge	New Zealand	2021-09-27
Chris Bridge	New Zealand	2021-09-27
Andray Ochkas	New Zealand	2021-09-27
Annie Christie	New Zealand	2021-09-27
Neil Robertson	New Zealand	2021-09-27
Brea Singh	New Zealand	2021-09-27
Roger Bloxham	New Zealand	2021-09-27
Joy Clifton	New Zealand	2021-09-27
Helen Bainbridge	New Zealand	2021-09-27
Iorayne baker	New Zealand	2021-09-27
Gordon Whittleston	New Zealand	2021-09-27
Rick Harvey	New Zealand	2021-09-27
Graham Priest	New Zealand	2021-09-27
Tim Boyer	New Zealand	2021-09-27
Jacqueline Rutherford	New Zealand	2021-09-27
Sheryl Holme	New Zealand	2021-09-27
Diane Connal	New Zealand	2021-09-27

Selwyn Crane	New Zealand	2021-09-27
Olive Jean Shields	New Zealand	2021-09-27
Quentin Poole	New Zealand	2021-09-27
Kate Turner	New Zealand	2021-09-28
Christine Baxter	New Zealand	2021-09-28
Lanita Mulholland	New Zealand	2021-09-28
marie Hammond	New Zealand	2021-09-28
Wendy Bishell	New Zealand	2021-09-28
Milena Miteva	New Zealand	2021-09-28
Kylie Crimmins	New Zealand	2021-09-28
Davi Henare	New Zealand	2021-09-28
Diana Roy	New Zealand	2021-09-28
Amanda Kemp	New Zealand	2021-09-28
Tommy Donohue	New Zealand	2021-09-28
Gerald Wineera	New Zealand	2021-09-28
Irene Young	New Zealand	2021-09-28
Roy Frisby	New Zealand	2021-09-28
Ron Minnema	New Zealand	2021-09-29
Julia Atkins	New Zealand	2021-09-29
Yvonne Oliver	New Zealand	2021-09-29
Pat Bloxham	New Zealand	2021-09-29
Di Buchan	New Zealand	2021-09-29
Julie Warren	New Zealand	2021-09-30
Susan McIntosh	New Zealand	2021-09-30
kim Green	New Zealand	2021-09-30
connie humphrey	New Zealand	2021-09-30
Gunda Tente	New Zealand	2021-09-30
Gladys Rowsell	New Zealand	2021-10-01
Rehutai Cooper	New Zealand	2021-10-01
Eileen Hollands	New Zealand	2021-10-01
Jeff Ashby	New Zealand	2021-10-01
Kirsten Fulford	New Zealand	2021-10-01
Jess Croad	New Zealand	2021-10-01
Greg Estall	New Zealand	2021-10-01

Sam Woodford	New Zealand	2021-10-01
Robert Taylor	New Zealand	2021-10-01
Tracey Manning	New Zealand	2021-10-01
Kirsty Doyle	New Zealand	2021-10-01
Michaela Leger	New Zealand	2021-10-01
Deborah Wood	New Zealand	2021-10-01
Crystal Shearer	New Zealand	2021-10-02
Gillian Burfield	New Zealand	2021-10-02
Lenny Burg	New Zealand	2021-10-03
Pan Weston	New Zealand	2021-10-03
Akhil Joshi	New Zealand	2021-10-03
michele warwick	New Zealand	2021-10-04
Lorraine Duffin	New Zealand	2021-10-05
Julieanne Stephens	New Zealand	2021-10-05
Dinesh Patel	New Zealand	2021-10-05
Raewyn Hewitt	New Zealand	2021-10-05
Mike and Genevieve Langda	New Zealand	2021-10-06

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Name	Country	Date	Comment
Cameron Butler	New Zealand	2021-09-24	"Community boards are an asset to the community and council."
Loretta Pomare	New Zealand	2021-09-24	"We in Waikanae need a voice, already we are being treated like the poor cousins to Paraparaumu! We have lost valuable facilities and council can't even tell us why! Our Board is the only place I can go to, if I want to highlight an issue and get my voice heard!"
Anne Hadjimi	New Zealand	2021-09-24	"Save the boards"
Murray Forsdyke	New Zealand	2021-09-24	"This is erosion of democracy driven by central government agendas"
Bede Laracy	New Zealand	2021-09-24	"I support community boards and there has been no proper conversation about whether we should abolish them"
Karl Webber	New Zealand	2021-09-24	"Kapiti needs as much on the ground representation as we can get at this time and the community boards need to step up, be better resourced and increased rather than done away with lmo, I havnt seen any better alternatives proposed amongst the representational review either, nor do I think it's a good idea to make a decision like this at the last minute, council knows these reviews come around every six years and I think there should be an opportunity for the whole community to have input of ideas from a clean slate or at the start, not towards the end of the process."
Rob Crozier	New Zealand	2021-09-24	"I'm signing because the present system recognises the geographical nature of Kapiti's pearls (as Guru calls them) — we are one big town and three small ones. We're not a city with suburbs. Please keep the Boards."
donna bridgeman	New Zealand	2021-09-24	"The community needs the Community Boards to continue so that everyone can give their views to the councillor representing their area who in turn will bring important issues to council"
Liana Stupples	New Zealand	2021-09-24	"Keep democracy active and place and face based"
Royd Sampson	New Zealand	2021-09-24	"Keep the community boards"
Kathy Thomson	New Zealand	2021-09-24	"Local Community Boards are more representative off our Communities & are easy to approach for someone to listen to you without all the extreme formalities. They are more in touch with the people they represent & take care to listen to you. I find them very approachable unlike KCDC!!"
Tania Sheerin	New Zealand	2021-09-24	"Community boards need to & be seen & heard more."
Jamie Bull	New Zealand	2021-09-24	"Ōtaki is a unique community on the Kapiti Coast and needs genuine representation and under the current system we receive this"
Jordon Wansbrough	New Zealand	2021-09-24	"E hiahia ana ahau a Jordon Marshall Wansbrough (Nemo) kia whanui to taatau hapori i roto i a taatau pooti mo te Kaunihera a rohe o Kapiti 2020 pooti I support keeping the community broads for Kapiti District Council for the 2022 elections"
helen jonassen	New Zealand	2021-09-24	"I feel passionate about this issue"
Kate Frater	New Zealand	2021-09-24	"I believe community boards are better able to impart local knowledge and concerns."
Robyn Moore	New Zealand	2021-09-24	"I am concerned that Waikanae is being sidelined. Hopeless library, dog issues, poor maintenance of river tracks, closing the recycling station. It's as though Waikanae doesn't matter."
Blanche Charles	New Zealand	2021-09-24	"KCDC has already endorsed one of 4 options - ie the option which permits Paekakariki & Otaki, each with a pittance of Waikanae's population, will each remain as separate Wards, while Waikanae & Paraparaumu, the 2 largest towns, are to be amalgamated into one Ward. It is possible that Waikanae could be left without representation on the Council. Yes, there is an opportunity for public submissions but a waste of time given that the decision has already been made by the Council. It's a fair accompli. Democracy trashed!"
Sheona Smithson	New Zealand	2021-09-24	"Community boards are vital to our voices being heard."
Mary Campbell-Cree	New Zealand	2021-09-24	"I'm signing because, over the 11+years I've lived on the coast, the local community boards (Raumati & Otaki) have achieved significant results for the communities."
Michelle Abbott	New Zealand	2021-09-24	"I'm signing because Waikanae needs a local voice KCDC would not be able to include the true feelings of our little community when governing for such a large area, we need to be heard!"
joanne cook	New Zealand	2021-09-24	"It's the right thing to do. Kcdc need sorting out."
Leanne wellborne	New Zealand	2021-09-24	"This is the right thing to doEven though ,historically KCDC never listens to its employers (rate payers)"
Shirley Arbuckle-Hart	New Zealand	2021-09-24	"I want Waikanae to have it's views represented properly"
Rachael Mence	New Zealand	2021-09-24	"The community boards serve a purpose. There is zero need to get rid of them."
Karen Stewart	New Zealand	2021-09-24	"Waikanae has its own unique character and we deserve our own representation on the council, and not be combined with Paraparaumu and lose our identity."
John Dillon	New Zealand	2021-09-25	"While they are all on the Kapiti Coast they are all unique and each needs its own representation"
Donna Peters	New Zealand	2021-09-25	"Local people, & local organisations must have a voice. Locals know best what is needed locally."
Helen Punton	New Zealand	2021-09-25	"This will reduce community representation in decision making and goes against what people want."
Vicky Cooper	New Zealand	2021-09-26	"I see value in the community boards."
KATHRYN HARDWICK	New Zealand	2021-09-26	"Each community needs it's own representative so needs can be heard and appropriate positive actions can met those needs ."
Mary Craigen	New Zealand	2021-09-26	"Each of the four current boards represents an area that is different to each other, different people, different needs. Amalgamating them takes away our voice"
Marilyn Stevens	New Zealand	2021-09-27	"I believe in our democratic rights"
Laurel Dunstan	New Zealand	2021-09-27	"Community boards keep us closely connected to our elected representatives and reflect the diversity of the district and communities of interest within it."
Rick Harvey	New Zealand	2021-09-27	"Because I live in otaki and believe we need them"
Olive Jean Shields	New Zealand	2021-09-27	"Just keep it like it is now. We need to keep our individual boards, we voted them in so leave it alone"
Pat Bloxham	New Zealand	2021-09-29	"I believe it is important to retain the community boards"
Julie Warren	New Zealand	2021-09-30	"I want and expect adequate community representation."
kim Green	New Zealand	2021-09-30	"I believe we need to boards kept."
connie humphrey	New Zealand	2021-09-30	"I wish to keep the community boards ,and the status quo ,"
Jeff Ashby	New Zealand	2021-10-01	"The local representation is important to get good governance"
Robert Taylor	New Zealand	2021-10-01	"Abolishing ward committees would add unacceptably to councillors workloads, reducing their effectiveness.Abolishing ward committees does nothing to improve (or even maintain) local democracy transparency, or accountability.A responsive effective Council needs local input, insight, and knowledge. Ward committees provide this.Keep them."
Lorraine Duffin	New Zealand	2021-10-05	"I believe that a community board for each is still warranted. We the people need to feel that we have a voice through our community boards"
Julianne Stephens	New Zealand	2021-10-05	"Why should the signs go? They're iconic!"



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3613898

First name

Diana

Last name

Loubser

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

Representation Review: A fresh look at local democracy

Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

Please tell us why?

Community members can make a significant difference as they are usually impartial and non-political.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Please tell us why?

Community representation is important as it provides a wider perspective.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
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Please tell us why?

Sectors of the population fall into different age groups. I believe representation will be fairer with a combined Ward system.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					

Please tell us why?

Different perspectives are need to keep decision making based on an equitable level.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?			✓			

Please tell us why?

I am not particularly fussed about the demarcation of boundaries.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

A boarder scope of members is valuable for decision making.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3657707

First name

Alex

Last name

Love

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Please tell us why?

I think 8 councillors and a mayor would be better. Large enough to capture community views but small enough to assist decision making.

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	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					

Please tell us why?

I think there should only be ward councillors. Better establishes community representation and accountability to those communities.

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Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					

Please tell us why?

Paraparaumu and Waikanae West are different communities and have different interests. Combining these wards reduces community representation.

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Do you agree with the removal of community boards?				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

Please tell us why?

These seem to be ineffective because they had little power. They should be replaced with ward representation.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Only having 3 wards destroys representation of community interests. Wards should be much smaller to better represent communities of interest.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

There should be smaller wards and more wards so that councillors better represent communities of interest. The number of councillors should be reduced to no more than 8 to aid decision making. All councillors should represent a ward to better establish accountability to a community. There should be no districtwide councillors.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3670876

First name

Sue

Last name

Lusk

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?				✓		

Please tell us why?

Too big and is unwieldy, too small and not representative enough. 10 seems a good balance. I think the Ward Councillors should have an admin assistant each to help them make contact with everyone in their ward. Cheaper than community boards.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
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Please tell us why?

BUT FEEL STRONGLY that Waikanae should have its own Ward Councillor: I have gone to Michael Scott many times for advice and help over the years. He is a great loss to Waikanae.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Waikanae's population is exploding, including an influx of young families so we can justify expecting a local representative. Our geography makes having our own Ward sensible (I would include Reikorangi in the Ward). I would feel disenfranchised if I weren't able to go to a local Councillor who lived and worked in Waikanae and understood our issues.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?			✓			

Please tell us why?

Very ambivalent here: When they have good leadership they are wonderful advocates; when they are dysfunctional, as Waikanae has been for two triennia, they add another six weeks if you want them to advocate for you. And if they have a vested or differing interest, you can't guarantee your message will be accurately conveyed to Council.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Waikanae should separate ward: Just look at geography of 8km of farmland between Paraparaumu and Waikanae; commercial nature of PPM central; 12 kilometres to PPM beach with completely different needs. We are diff community even if no "special charac

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Sooooo ambivalent. The community boards are irrelevant to a large proportion of working Kapiti, who don't know they exist. They dish out \$500 grants; the poor KCDC staff have to present reports at night to them to be rubber-stamped; the interactions I have had with WCB over the last few years have all been as a result of a COUNCIL-initiated workshop (town centre, library etc), not a WCB one.

Their success or failure hinges on leadership. Paekakariki functions well, keep that board. Also maybe Otaki.

If they meet 6-weekly, this just delays getting a message to Council as far as I am concerned. I have found talking direct to James Cootes and Michael Scott (I know, I know....) so helpful over the years.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3682702

First name

Robert

Last name

Macindoe

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?				✓		

Please tell us why?

Is a fair representation of the Kapiti district, assuming current Wards and Boards remain in place

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?					✓	

Please tell us why?

Local representation, at the core roots of diverse communities is essential to democracy.

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	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

This will reduce core roots representation and is undemocratic.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Local representation, at the core roots of diverse communities is essential to democracy. This will reduce

core roots representation and is undemocratic.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?			✓			

Please tell us why?

Neutral

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

I strongly support maintaining the existing Board, Ward and Council structure to ensure transparency, accountability and above all else, democracy and community representation are maintained from the grass roots up.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3684094

First name

Raelyne

Last name

Macrae

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?				✓		

Please tell us why?

The CB do a great job, but have no power to address local issues.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?				✓		

Please tell us why?

I believe in being able to access our local ward, but they need to have "teeth" to perform. CB is accessible and local members are more likely to be recognisable.

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	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?						✓

Please tell us why?

Not relevant to me.

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Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

It takes away accessibility of residents to local reps. We can approach our CBs easily, not so councillors. Councillors are removed from general public, therefore inaccessible.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?						✓

Please tell us why?

Not relevant to me.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

1 councillor and secretary for some will gobble up way more of our rates than the community board. As district councillors don't attend CB meetings, how will they be able to address local issues, thus be able to represent us.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3641701

First name

Francis

Last name

Malcolm

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?	✓					

Please tell us why?

No, my view of the present council is they lack working as a team - dysfunctional.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?	✓					

Please tell us why?

No, they should be one team working for the benefit of the community.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?					✓	

Please tell us why?

Yes, with strong leadership and a culture of working as a team will benefit the community.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?					✓	

Please tell us why?

One team all heading in same direction and removal of politics that has been an issue under present

leadership.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?					✓	

Please tell us why?

As above, a strong team working as cohesive team.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

We need a strong cohesive team that are working for all members and ethnicity that can lead the Kapiti Coast forward and remove the present debt that council have created.



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Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3679008

First name

Richard

Last name

Mansell

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

Yes

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

Please tell us why?

If effective and fair representation is achieved then the quantum of councillors is not important. However, if more councillors were needed to achieve this (or less) then I would not be opposed to change.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					

Please tell us why?

I do not think the proposal provides fair representation. By splitting the councillors into 5 ward or 5 district wide councillors it takes away the ability to give distinct communities of interest fair representation. Waikanae has approximately 25% of the population but only 10% of the councillors currently and none under this proposal.

I do not believe that having district wide councillors provides greater diversity or a greater calibre of candidate.

I think the issue of parochialism can be dealt with by the oath of office, the standing orders and general management of elected officials by the Mayor.

It may be possible to increase the amount of ward councillors to improve the representation of the distinct communities of interest.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					

Please tell us why?

Waikanae is a distinct community of interest. People have make a choice to live, work and play there. It has been under represented for the last six years. Combining Waikanae with the numerically larger Paraparaumu creates the very real possibility that 25% of the population will have no direct

representation. I completely disagree with your views that Waikanae is not a separate community of interest and question the logic behind your reasoning.

KCDC staff admitted that Waikanae was a separate community of interest when attempting to create an equalised ward but gave up because it was “too hard”.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

If don't knows are ignored Council surveys suggested that Community Boards are equally valued or not valued. That is no basis for doing away with them. The fact that many people did not know what Community Boards do is an indictment on KCDC for not giving Community Boards some proper powers and for not promoting them properly.

Community Boards add a valuable layer to the representation process. Community Board members are able to interact with their community in a way Councillors can and have not.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

The boundary lines need to be adjusted to allow for proper representation of Waikanae.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Refer to SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENT ATTACHED.

Kapiti Representation Review

Submission Of

Richard Mansell
 [email redacted]
 [phone number redacted]
 [address redacted], Waikanae 5036

I reside in Waikanae Ward.

I do not support the representation model as proposed by Council as it does not provide fair representation. I believe Waikanae is a distinct community of interest and my comments should be read with that to the forefront.

In response to the questions asked in the feedback form I respond –

Q1. Neutral
 Comment – If effective and fair representation is achieved then the quantum of councillors is not important. However, if more councillors were needed to achieve this (or less) then I would not be opposed to change.

Q2 Strongly Disagree
 Comment – I do not think the proposal provides fair representation. By splitting the councillors into 5 ward or 5 district wide councillors it takes away the ability to give distinct communities of interest fair representation. Waikanae has approximately 25% of the population but only 10% of the councillors currently and none under this proposal. I do not believe that having district wide councillors provides greater diversity or a greater calibre of candidate. I think the issue of parochialism can be dealt with by the oath of office, the standing orders and general management of elected officials by the Mayor.

It may be possible to increase the amount of ward councillors to improve the representation of the distinct communities of interest.

Q3 Strongly Disagree
 Waikanae is a distinct community of interest. People have make a choice to live, work and play there. It has been under represented for the last six years. Combining Waikanae with the numerically larger Paraparaumu creates the very real possibility that 25% of the population will have no direct representation. I completely disagree with your views that Waikanae is not a separate community of interest and question the logic behind your reasoning.

KCDC staff admitted that Waikanae was a separate community of interest when attempting to create an equalised ward but gave up because it was “too hard”.

Q4 Strongly Disagree
 If don't knows are ignored Council surveys suggested that Community Boards are equally valued or not valued. That is no basis for doing away with them. The fact that many people did not know what Community Boards do is an indictment on KCDC for not giving Community Boards some proper powers and for not promoting them properly.

Community Boards add a valuable layer to the representation process. Community Board members are able to interact with their community in a way Councillors can and have not.

Q5 Strongly Disagree

The boundary lines need to be adjusted to allow for proper representation of Waikanae.

Further Comments

Empathy Survey

I find it difficult to accept that survey of 168 people in five different formats is sufficiently robust enough to completely change, for the worse, the rights of residents of Waikanae to any elected representation. I note that as of 1 October there were 331 submissions, 44.7% were from Waikanae. Waikanae residents obviously believe they are a separate entity and have responded accordingly. I hope that this weight of numbers is given more weight than the previous attempt to gauge public opinion.

Public Submission Timelines

I note that the time for public consultation occurred over a Covid Lockdown period. This has resulted in important information not being given to the Public who do not have access to social media. The 12 page booklet was only included in the Kapiti News in the week when it was not delivered. The council staff member responsible for the whole process has admitted she did not receive a copy of the newspaper that week. Neither did I, nor my mother. That is not good enough. The booklet should have been resent. The timelines should have been extended.

The council was asked to extend the period for submissions due to Covid. Its response was that the Local Government Commission required certain dates to be met so it was unlawful to delay. If this is the case then Local Government Commission needs to be taken to task. I asked the Mayor for strong leadership in this but he declined.

I wish to be heard in person.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3677959

First name

Shar

Last name

Maoate-Davis

What ward are you in now

Paraparaumu

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?	✓					

Please tell us why?

As a rate payer and Iwi member, we don't feel the Council did enough publicised work on consulting on Māori Wards. Iwi representation via Te Whakaminenga is not inclusive of a wider consultation process. For this reason I don't agree with the current 10 + 1 model. We believe it should be 1 Māori Ward Seat plus 4 District wide, 5 Wards + 1 Mayor.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?	✓					

Please tell us why?

As above, 1 of the 5 District Wide seats should be a Maori Ward Seat. We don't feel represented in the current arrangement.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?						

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?			✓			

Please tell us why?

Again, Māori representation on these Boards have been poor in relation to representation and canvassing. I think the Council needs to reconsider this given the needs of all Maori living in the District.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?			✓			

Please tell us why?

Changes need to include consultation in ways that pockets of our community who don't usually response can participate. This includes face to face community forums such as Marae-based, youth, beneficiaries and sports affiliated groups. Not many people we work with will respond to this survey.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Māori Wards not being included is a sham. We don't feel included or consulted. Talking with a small representation of Iwi/ Māori doesn't constitute consultation. This is a Maori issue and should ensure a fair response from our population.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3678756

First name

Ken

Last name

Markham

What ward are you in now

Paekākāriki-Raumati

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?					✓	

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?					✓	

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?			✓			

Please tell us why?

Better to include ALL of Raumati with Paraparaumu/Raumati than to include Waikanae.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?					✓	

Please tell us why?

Economic reasons.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?		✓				

Please tell us why?

ALL of Raumati should be in the same ward.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

The naming of the new wards should reflect the fact that all voters speak and read English whereas very few speak and read te reo. Accordingly, the English name should precede the Maori name.



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Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3660158

First name

Graeme

Last name

Marshall

What ward are you in now

Paraparaumu

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?					✓	

Please tell us why?

Why change - is it broken? If so the wrong people are in job.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?					✓	

Please tell us why?

We want people to represent us that know our area

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

They each have their own separate dynamics

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

They are our everyday people who live in the area, they are committed to their area and are the voice of

us - you should try listening to them

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

It is not broken

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Listen to the people that put you in your position, this proposal is a waste of rate payers money



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3635721

First name

Russ

Last name

Martin

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?				✓		

Please tell us why?

A rational basis for community control of the district's bureaucracy.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?					✓	

Please tell us why?

See above. Also represents different areas within the district.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Distinctly separate areas need similar representation.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Removes local opinion from the council's considerations.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Poor justification.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Bigger is not always better. Indeed it is usually much worse.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3659520

First name

Arthur

Last name

Marychurch

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?		✓				

Please tell us why?

See Q4 answer.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?		✓				

Please tell us why?

There are only 4 wards therefore you can cut 1 ward and 1 district councillor.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?			✓			

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Communities need local representation.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?			✓			



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3685022

First name

Eric

Last name

Matthews

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?				✓		

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?				✓		

Please tell us why?

Provided the community retains distinct community boards.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?			✓			

Please tell us why?

This proposal should be decided by the Paraparaumu and Waikanae community.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Community concerns are conveyed by the Board to the ward councillor for council consideration.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?		✓				

Please tell us why?

The proposed Central Ward creates 3 ward councillors with only one councillor for each Northern and Southern district.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Community Boards consist of elected local ward volunteers. I do not agree that councillors with council paid staff should set up a council secretariat to replace community volunteers.



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Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3684192

First name

Susan

Last name

McIntosh

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?				✓		

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?					✓	

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?			✓			

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

It is difficult to underestimate the value of the Community Board to the people of Otaki. Members are available and knowledgeable of the local population. Many are unable to attend Paraparaumu meetings. Meetings in Otaki are warm and familiar and close. Further I question the value of evidence based on 168 interviews.



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Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3684825

First name

Christine

Last name

McLaren

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?						

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?	✓					

Please tell us why?

ALL councillors should be ward based to better represent and take responsibility for their local community.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

They are different areas and communities with different needs (see #4).

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Community Boards are a nationwide feature of NZ local government and should be retained. They represent and understand their communities and give it a voice which would be unheard in larger wards. That is particularly important as our communities grow. KCDC using the "more in-need, currently disenfranchised marginalised communities" as a reason for disestablishing community boards is

unsubstantiated. To say that Community Boards cannot help these groups is doing everyone a disservice.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

The boundary lines should remain because the system is fine as it is.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3684076

First name

Belinda

Last name

McLean

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?			✓			

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?	✓					

Please tell us why?

I believe that to reduce bureaucracy etc - ward councillors should be abolished, community boards retained and strengthened.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?			✓			

Please tell us why?

I agree that there should be a consistent ratio of councillors to population, however this is achieved.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

I support the boards because they are a direct local voice to the council. Ōtaki otherwise seems to have low visibility at the council table. If they need more "teeth" they should be given more.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?			✓			

Please tell us why?

As for Q6.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

I support the views expressed by Christine Papps (Kāpiti News 29 September 2021, p.42). Eliminate ward councillors but retain the strengthen local community boards.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3624507

First name

Terry

Last name

McMinn

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

Yes

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?					✓	

Please tell us why?

No need to change what works ok

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?					✓	

Please tell us why?

Having Ward Councillors gives us, the minority, a valid voice in Council that represents our local interests and requirements

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

As it stands now It WORKS, don't change what is working

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

That will remove our DEMOCRATIC Right to have our views heard as they affect us

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Leave it as it is

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Tell the CEO to BUTT out and administer his employees not to interfere with ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3646717

First name

Robert

Last name

Mills

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?				✓		

Please tell us why?

Good number to share decision-making.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?				✓		

Please tell us why?

Good mix of local and district-wide views. But see answer to question 11.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?		✓				

Please tell us why?

Does not ensure local Waikanae views can be adequately shared.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?		✓				

Please tell us why?

They serve a good purpose, but would they be reduced to 3 - Northern/Central/Southern?

Difficulty of access if Central Community Board does not meet at Waikanae but down south at Paraparaumu.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?		✓				

Please tell us why?

Does not ensure local Waikanae views can be adequately shared.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

I realise the burgeoning population of Waikanae poses an issue for implementing the +/-10% rule. What other ways of addressing the issues could be considered - e.g. 6 ward 4 districtwide members?



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3683861

First name

Peter

Last name

Miskell

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

0

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

0

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	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?		✓				

Please tell us why?

Proposal does not provide for effective representation.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Proposal does not provide for effective representation without community boards.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Effective representation is being denied. Waikanae and Paraparaumu communities are not the same.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Three wards do not provide for a fair representation.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

An alternative arrangement that provides fair community representation would be: Otaki (2), Waikanae (3), Paraparaumu (4), Paekakariki/Raumati (2) councillors - no districtwide councillor. Minor boundary changes may be required too.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3676627

First name

Chris

Last name

Mitchell

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

Yes

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?				✓		

Please tell us why?

Consistent with population.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?		✓				

Please tell us why?

I would prefer either all ward councillors or all district wide. Current mix is confusing and accountability is uncertain. Councillors should be visible and/or accessible to their communities, while retaining responsibility of governance of the whole district.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?		✓				

Please tell us why?

So far as Waikanae is concerned the proposal is a marginal improvement, but both of these urban areas have significant local issues and would benefit from representation from several ward councillors (as per my preference above).

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?		✓				

Please tell us why?

The review focuses on the point that they are currently a waste of time and money. This position however is the result of Council choices about delegations to CBs, and expectations. The point is that CBs could be a valuable part of representation with greater delegated functions, higher expectations, and visibility.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?		✓				

Please tell us why?

As above.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

A good starting point for the review is for each councillor to consider what structures would best achieve the purposes of local government as defined in s.10 LGA. I haven't seen any evidence that the Council has considered (or is even aware of) the full range of possibilities available to it to engage with various communities and to use talent and expertise where it is available within the community.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3609908

First name

Julie-Anne

Last name

Moore

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

0

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?				✓		

Please tell us why?

We need diverse representation

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?				✓		

Please tell us why?

Each town needs representation

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Waikanae is not a suburb of Paraparaumu and should have its own voice

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Boards are different to general councillors and have different roles

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Waikanae should remain a separate ward

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Waikanae residents pay more rates than anyone else and yet core services are being removed over time. Abolishing our community board and ward would be a further attempt to silence our voices. No tax without representation! Our rates are taxes and we should be clearly represented.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3654517

First name

Julie-Anne

Last name

Moore

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?			✓			

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?			✓			

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Waikanae and Paraparaumu are separate and distinct localities that should have each their own voice.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

We need representation outside of the Council.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

No tax without representation. Waikanae should not lose its voice. We should not be silenced. No voice = zero democracy.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Waikanae residents pay the highest rates to KCDC, rates are tax. The first principle of tax is "no tax without representation". We are owed the right to keep our Ward, Board and Voice!

[Refer also to Response ID 3609908 which appears to be from one and the same person.]



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3657782

First name

Pataka

Last name

Moore

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?					✓	

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

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Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?					✓	

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Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?			✓			

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Local representation need through community.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?				✓		

Please tell us why?

I assume it doesn't make any difference to us in Ōtaki (?!)

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Please increase Māori representation. This is not done through asking Māori to continue to 'vote' or work within a system that is flawed. Democracy does not work for minority groups. The Raukawa-Mihingare model is the solution. I can explain this if you are open to it.

Not willing to speak as last time I spoke Gurunathan said he would write a response - have never received a response.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3684627

First name

Moko

Last name

Morris

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?				✓		

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?				✓		

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Ōtaki solutions best decided by Ōtaki people.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Ōtaki are already diluted and forgotten about.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3682907

First name

Don

Last name

Moselen

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?					✓	

Please tell us why?

This system gives sufficient representation for our population.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?					✓	

Please tell us why?

It works well and gives equitable representation.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?		✓				

Please tell us why?

I still feel that these are still distinct districts.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Community Boards provide an important link between the markedly individual Kapiti Coast communities

and the Council. Board members have the ear and confidence of residents something that would be lessened considerably by being represented by one person.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?			✓			

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Listen to the communities. There is not much faith in the Empathy research and subsequent report particularly in Otaki.



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Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3684957

First name

Colin

Last name

Mowbray

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?				✓		

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?				✓		

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?			✓			

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Community Boards are closer to local problems.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?		✓				

Please tell us why?

My community of interest is Waikanae, NOT OTAKI.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3685549

First name

Rod

Last name

Murgatroyd

What ward are you in now

0

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

0

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?					✓	

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?	✓					

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?			✓			



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3678431

First name

Francis

Last name

Neill

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

Yes

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

Representation Review: A fresh look at local democracy

Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?				✓		

Please tell us why?

This appears to be the appropriate number for the Kapiti Coast

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?				✓		

Please tell us why?

It provides for both local and district-wide representation

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?		✓				

Please tell us why?

While the proposed ward structure for 2022 does solve an issue with the number of people in each ward being represented by an appropriate number of ward councillors, it does so at the cost of two communities of interest, namely Waikanae and Paraparaumu, being lumped together. This has a number of risks, including the risk that Waikanae could effectively not have any representative on the council, given that Paraparaumu will have 50% more voters in the ward than Waikanae will have.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

As our elected representatives, the Ōtaki Community Board has made a significant contribution to the region over the years.

Most recently it unanimously adopted the resolution of Councillor James Cootes that the Kāpiti Coast District Council investigate establishing a Local Alcohol Policy for Ōtaki (and possibly for the whole district). This proposal was subsequently adopted by the full council. Many people in the Ōtaki community are looking forward to a Local Alcohol Policy becoming a reality. Going back in time, the community board advocated for a patch-free town when gangs sought to establish headquarters in Ōtaki. The community board established the award-winning Greater Ōtaki Project, and there have been many more initiatives over the years.

Our elected community board members also play a very important role in our community. This includes contributing their time and expertise to community groups. Indeed, some community groups include in their constitutions provision for a community board member. If the council abolishes community boards, these community organisations will need to pay the cost of changing their constitutions. It is a concern that the Kāpiti Coast District Council proposes placing this extra monetary and time cost on local community organisations.

The council included a document named “A fresh look at local democracy – How can Council better represent you and your community?” which arrived inserted in a community newspaper.

That document states that the council’s “proposal does not include community boards”.

It gives two reasons:

1. Research indicated community boards added a confusing layer of bureaucracy; and
2. About \$250,000 a year saved from running community boards could be redirected towards supporting or enhancing others ways of engaging with our community.

Looking at the first point, it is not correct in fact to state that community boards add a “confusing layer of bureaucracy”. That is because community boards are not, in terms of the dictionary definition of bureaucracy, a “level of bureaucracy”. Dictionaries define bureaucracy, in terms of this context, as the body of officials and administrators, especially of a government or government department (including local government).

The clause “layer of bureaucracy” is possibly just very poor wording by the council staff responsible for putting the document together. Because of this, it is not clear what is meant in terms of being a reason to abolish community boards. Because of this, I submit that council would need to further consult the community with a proper reason given before it could legally abolish community boards.

The research which the document refers to is presumably that recently conducted by Empathy, which is reported on the council’s website. That report indicates that researchers spoke to 168 people. The report also stated that of these only a “small minority” could speak to direct experience of community boards. I submit that it is very telling that the council, when approached by the Ōtaki Mail, said it was unable to say how many people that “small minority” was.

Given that there is not mention in the Empathy report of community boards adding a “confusing layer of bureaucracy”, it is reasonable to conclude that this was not a significant community concern, nor even an issue for a small but concerned minority.

On the second justification for abolishing community boards, that the council would save \$250,000 a year, the council lists a number of other ways of engaging with communities – all of which would cost money. All five ways its lists would cost money. One, a “secretariat to support councilors in the community” would probably cost much more than \$250,000.

Simply saying that it costs \$250,000 a year to run community boards is not, in itself, a reason to abolish them. Of course democracy costs money. How much money would we save by not having an elected council?

Having elected representatives, who are answerable to the people in the community and who are working for our community, is a much preferred option to having the work done (as in the five suggestions the council lists in its consultation document) by either bureaucrats, neighbourhood forums or community

panels – none of whom are elected.

In a nutshell, then, council has not provided one single valid reason for abolishing community boards.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?		✓				

Please tell us why?

The current boundary lines need to be retained until there is a proposal that provides for communities of interest

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

If council decides to press ahead with the suggestion of abolishing community boards it would leave itself open to accusations that it has done so without properly giving reasons for doing so, and for not properly consulting with the community on its proposal.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3624146

First name

Grant

Last name

Nicholls

What ward are you in now

Paekākāriki-Raumati

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

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Please tell us why?

I haven't heard anything that says we do not have enough councillors, or indeed, too many.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

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Please tell us why?

I believe in local representation, and do not want to see wards removed. communities need to be represented by

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Please tell us why?

district wide councilors do not know localities and communities as well as ward representatives

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Please tell us why?

District wide councilors will not know the needs and concerns of our little community (Paekakariki), we will get swamped by larger communities.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Retain the existing ones.



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Your details

Response ID

3656978

First name

Jan

Last name

Nisbet

What ward are you in now

Paekākāriki-Raumati

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

Yes

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

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Please tell us why?

they are definitely different communities

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Please tell us why?

The present Kapiti Coast district Council is made up of three former Borough Councils and various County Council communities. These communities while merged into one District Council still retain independent identities and these need to be acknowledged.

Grass roots democracy via Community Boards need to be kept. They need to be nurtured as we already have a very low participation rate at the triennial local body elections.

Taking away Community Boards will, most likely, cause even less people to participate, as with out local members of communities standing for the Community Boards people will often not recognise any names

of people standing and therefore not bother to vote.

Communities of interest must have grass roots representation. Dr. Mike Reid Principal Policy Adviser at LGNZ says "Community Boards are now even more important. "

They lead to more diversity of age culture and interest, and this is what KCDC is hoping to achieve for Council. "Active and effective democratic engagement at community level must be part of the solution to providing diversity in representation - Community boards are the flax roots of democracy.

They (Community Boards) have over the years been a stepping stone for a number of people to progress to become Councilors.

It is so much easier to contact local community representatives than to contact councilors – Community Board members are on the ground in times of crisis – such as the 2003 Paekakariki floods and in the beginning of the Covid crisis last year, plus being available for numerous other tasks and areas of concern.

They are available and approachable and interested and involved – they have fingers on the pulse of the smaller issues that the Crs don't have time to deal with.

In the proposed model of doing away with Community Boards and issues being dealt with by pop up meetings and the such, there is no formal structure – the issue presented by a community member can be either taken on board by the Cr or rejected where as if taken to a Board there are four members to give it consideration. It will be recorded, minutes taken and it can be taken forward to Council if require d or sent through to the relevant Dept of Council if it is an operational issue.

There is a regularity of when one can formally bring a matter to a Community Board - they are a good grounding place for younger people to come and see democracy in action or to speak about issues that concern them/impact on them in a less overwhelming situation than at a Council meeting – it is nonthreatening place where people young and old can hve their say and begin to learn about democracy . When an issue is presented at Com Bds they can hear the subject debated and some action to be taken is noted , topics put up at Council just disappear into a bottomless pit.

The proposal appears to suggest that someone in Council – staff or Councilors will select someone to do grant allocations – this is not satisfactory – grant allocations is an important part of the Com Bds jobs and a group of four people have a much more representative view and knowledge of the community and worthwhile projects.

For these and a host of other reasons do away with Community Boards at your peril.

Well-functioning Community boards are the foundation of local body government. If the Board isn't functioning well put in support for the Board.

Keep local body representative local – people can attend evening meetings.

My comments are based on my observations as a employee of the former Kapiti Borough council and as a resident who has had reasons to present at all of the four local boards either in a work related capacity or as a resident bringing up various issues or applying for funding.

Please keep community boards so there is an easy way for residents to bring issues to the attention of Council.

Community boards are grass roots local democracy.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

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Do you agree with the new boundary lines?		✓				

Please tell us why?

Some of them strangely split up communities of interest. It is confusing enough that we as a District Council sit across two Parliamentary electorates



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3616473

First name

Charles

Last name

Norwood

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

Representation Review: A fresh look at local democracy

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Please tell us why?

Seems to be a good number for the size of our community

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Please tell us why?

Having councillors that focus on one area works. Why change a system that's working?

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Please tell us why?

Don't change a system that's working

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Community boards advocate for things that council wouldn't consider

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

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Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

There is no good reason to change

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

I can't understand the rationale for changing something that is working pretty well



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3684790

First name

Erin

Last name

O'Brien

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Waikanae needs 2 ward councillors. But should NOT be joined with Paraparaumu. It is a very different social, environmental, geographic area and needs specific representation.



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Your details

Response ID

3680973

First name

Michael

Last name

Odey

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?					✓	

Please tell us why?

Reducing the number of councillors will reduce effective representation. It is difficult enough now for councillors to grasp local issues and concerns.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

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Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?	✓					

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Please tell us why?

Waikanae struggles to get effective representation relative to Paraparaumu, and joining Paraparaumu will submerge Waikanae even more.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Fail to see when Waikanae is struggling for effective representation how this will improve things.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Boundary line changes should be utilised to correct the existing population imbalances to the existing Wards.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Reducing representation to save money will have inevitable "unintended consequences".



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3682425

First name

David

Last name

Ogden

What ward are you in now

Paraparaumu

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

Yes

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Please tell us why?

The number is presently adequate

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

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Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?				✓		

Please tell us why?

Because it is the current form.

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Please tell us why?

Simplification brings some benefits

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Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

The residents will naturally feel their local identity and democracy has now been damaged. If it is passed

the connection between the council and local communities will be lessened. It will be an emotional and a functional disconnect. The community boards are a good training means for representatives, and a good means of communication.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

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Do you agree with the new boundary lines?			✓			

Please tell us why?

They seem reasonable

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

I understand that the remuneration of the elected persons will increase as a result. The question of integrity has to be ensured at this point.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3638329

First name

Mary

Last name

Oldham

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

Yes

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Please tell us why?

If we are not having community boards, then we should have more ward councillors as well as district wide representation, i.e. more councillors

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Please tell us why?

If no community boards, we need greater representation in both wards and districtwide to ensure democracy continues.

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Please tell us why?

Bigger is not always better. Communities of interest should be paramount. Waikanae and PPram are not the same.

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Please tell us why?

They do not have any real power at the council table but they should be replaced with more ward representation than you have suggested.

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Do you agree with the new boundary lines?		✓				

Please tell us why?

The central ward as proposed should be divided into two, with the river marking the boundry, and two ward reps for each area. Areas 1 and 2

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Adequate Ward representation is vital to express the needs of each community and to protect their individual character and needs.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3682763

First name

Gillian Rae

Last name

Pacey

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Please tell us why?

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M. My observation of our Community Boards are that they are now empowered by Council to maintain a formal overview of services provided by the territorial authority. This can simply be rectified by formal delegation from the territorial authority.

N. Allocating a specific percentage of rates revenue derived from a particular ward for use in that locality according to Community Board consultation to determine local community priorities.

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Please tell us why?

N. They do not relate in any form to the proposals in the submission.

O. The current boundary lines between Paekakariki/Raumati and Paraparaumu can be retained.

P. The current boundary lines between Waikanae and Paraparaumu must be retained.

Q. The boundary line between Waikanae and Otaki could be adjusted to enable closer representative numbers in each ward.



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Your details

Response ID

3682779

First name

Richard

Last name

Pacey

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3678876

First name

Viola

Last name

Palmer

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

Yes

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?		✓				

Please tell us why?

Should have 6 ward councillors and 4 district wide.
Refer to SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENT ATTACHED.

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Please tell us why?

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Please tell us why?

Community Boards have an important democratic function.
Refer to SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENT ATTACHED.

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Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

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REPRESENTATION REVIEW 2021

Submission from Dr Viola Palmer, resident and ratepayer of Waikanae.

Personal experience

I consulted the Waikanae community board once. They listened and the chair provided follow-up.

The recent closure of the Waikanae recycling centre occurred without my prior knowledge.

It disadvantages the residents of Waikanae. There is insufficient publicity by the board about impending Council decisions which would impact local residents.

Waikanae community board has lobbied successfully for facilities for the ward in the past.

My views on Council's proposal

Q. 3 The proposal to amalgamate Waikanae with Paraparaumu community board does not sit well with me.

- It removes local democratic representation. Waikanae is a separate entity from Paraparaumu.
- I would like more representation, not less which is what this proposal amounts to.
- An appointed panel to advise on local matters is no substitute for an elected board and is undemocratic.
- Suggestions for councillors to interact with the community are nebulous. Why are councillors not currently running clinics in their communities ?
- The \$250,000 spent on community boards *could* be redirected towards other ways of engaging with the community. There is no guarantee that this would occur. In the light of penny-pinching relating to the recycling centre I have no confidence that this would be the case.
- Waikanae residents would be less inclined to consult with a Paraparaumu community board.
- I am less concerned with numerical representation than with real consultation.

Each of the Kapiti townships should have a community board. In addition to the present 4 there should be one for Raumati too.

Q. 1 & Q.2 I agree with retaining the same number of councillors. My suggestion of an extra ward would result in 6 ward councillors (2 for Paraparaumu) leaving 4 as district wide representatives.

Q. 4 I do not agree with the removal of community boards. The public are more likely to consult a community board or ward councillor than a district wide councillor. The latter are akin to list MPs ie they represent nobody and everybody. My solution is to adequately fund community boards to do the job of consulting with the community and representing it.

Q. 5 As stated previously I am less concerned with numbers in each ward than in adequate representation. I would trust officials to draw up suitable boundaries which do not put lines through communities.

Conclusion

The crux of the matter is how to get better communication and representation of the community in Council. I do not believe that removal of a community board would do this.

Viola Palmer

September 2021



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Your details

Response ID

3681886

First name

Christine

Last name

Papps

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

Yes

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

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Do you agree with the new boundary lines?				✓		

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Refer to SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENT ATTACHED.

SUBMISSION FROM CHRISTINE PAPPS OF ŌTAKI, TO THE KCDC REPRESENTATION REVIEW 2021

I join with the Ōtaki Community Board members and many others in the Kāpiti community in asking that the proposals contained in the 2021 Kapiti Coast District Council Representation Review be rejected in their entirety and that the Council vote to maintain the status quo.

In particular that the proposal to disestablish the four community boards be rejected on the grounds that it will not promote good government and will not provide fair and effective representation for individuals and communities as required by the Local Government Act 2002.

In my submission I want to express some of my individual concerns regarding the proposals and the process used to arrive at them and, in particular, the undemocratic and almost secretive approach taken to bringing the proposals to the public without any warning or discussion with the boards.

Council have worked to develop a plan designed to get rid of the Kāpiti Coast's community boards and deliberately excluded the current members of the four boards from any meaningful engagement or opportunity to take part in the discussions.

The research commissioned to back up their arguments for removing the community boards has produced results which are shonky at best.

Emails from the Mayor and the Chief Executive saying the Board members had an opportunity to take an active part in the discussions and the process can be shown to be incorrect. Board members were not invited to meetings where crucial decisions were to be taken.

Board members were invited to a meeting on February 15 which was just a broad brush outline of the review. The next meetings were general outlines of the requirements and process of a Representation Review to the various boards during March. There was a briefing, not for public consumption, but without any specifics, on so-called community engagement on April 6. On June 1, the Boards were given some specifics by staff and the survey team.

It was not until August 5 that the preferred option for Council to vote on at their meeting on August 26, including the disestablishment of the community boards, was revealed to Board members including myself. From mid-February until the end of August there was little if any reporting of the review and certainly little publicity of the proposal.

Boards were deliberately sidelined during the research and proposal and the public had no idea what was being planned.

The response since the publication of the proposals to remove the Boards along with the removal of Waikanae as a ward and the naming of the wards to remove their identities clearly shows that the people of Kāpiti are less than impressed.

An alternative proposal

The Council's proposal is to disestablish the community boards.

I propose a more effective and more logical solution to what Council sees as removing barriers to engagement.

BOOST BOARDS AND ELIMINATE WARD COUNCILLORS

Council should be considering boosting community boards and eliminating ward councillors rather than proposing the removal of Kāpiti's four community boards and elimination of any direct representation for Waikanae.

Clearly the best option is to get rid of the current ward councillor positions and replace those with stronger community boards adequately supported by Council staff and assured of the funding to carry out essential support activities for their community – in other words, to provide them with “the teeth” they need.

The main drawback to the current proposal is a reduction in opportunities for voters to interact with their elected members because there will be fewer of them. Without community boards, single ward councillors will be confronted with a large number of people wanting support and assistance and no way to provide that.

Each community board currently has four members, all of whom are involved in their local community and community groups. Ōtaki has a portfolio system where each board member works with local interest groups and reports back to the Board. The other boards operate similar systems.

Community board members attend Council meetings and committee meetings. They have the opportunity to be up to date and informed, depending on how much information Councillors will provide to them.

Currently they cannot vote in Council meetings and there are limits to their speaking rights. Change that and they can potentially make a far greater contribution than single ward councillors.

Council’s so-called ‘Fresh look at democracy’ talks, very briefly on Page 10, about community boards and says their rather limited research indicates boards added what they described as “a confusing layer of bureaucracy”.

I suggest that boards provide another effective layer of democracy and it would be simple to ensure they have the tools and the teeth they need to be far more effective than they are now and more effective than any ward councillors can possibly be.

I have included this proposal in my submission as I said I would. I hope Council will consider it as part of their deliberations on the Representation Review. I am aware the view of the other Boards is that the number of Districtwide Councillors should be reduced. That too deserves consideration.

Boards are working with their Councils’ support in many other parts of New Zealand and are making a solid and effective contribution.

The time has come to support community boards, not toss them aside because they don’t fit the current Council’s rather short sighted view.

Survey Feedback

1. Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a mayor?
 - a. Agree
2. Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five district wide councillors?
 - a. Disagree
3. Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae wards?
 - a. Strongly disagree
4. Do you agree with the removal of community boards?
 - a. Strongly disagree
5. Do you agree with the new boundary lines?
 - a. Agree

I would like to speak to my submission

NAME: Christine Papps

EMAIL: [\[email redacted\]](#)

PHONE: [phone number redacted]

POSTAL ADDRESS: [address redacted], Otaki

POSTCODE: 5512

I am in the Ōtaki Ward



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3655483

First name

Angela

Last name

Park

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?				✓		

Please tell us why?

All though i agree, i think 10 counselors is a bit much,would be happy with 4 or 5 and a mayor

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?			✓			

Please tell us why?

i would be happy with 2 or 3 ward counselors.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?				✓		

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

we need the voices from the community and to represent our needs,unless you live in that community you really don't have a good sense of what is needed.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the

changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?				✓		



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3617472

First name

Malcolm

Last name

Parker

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

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Please tell us why?

Appropriate size council for a town with 60,000 people.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?			✓			

Please tell us why?

It depends on whether the ward system is retained.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?		✓				

Please tell us why?

The three proposed wards are unbalanced. Why have one large ward and two small ones? Either Waikanae and Paraparaumu should be separate wards or preferably wards should be abolished and all councillors be district wide. As a small city Kapiti does not require wards.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?					✓	

Please tell us why?

Community Boards achieve little and are an unnecessary duplication.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?		✓				

Please tell us why?

I prefer the abolition of wards. If they are retained it would be better to separate Waikanae and Paraparaumu.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3673506

First name

Dr Rachel

Last name

Patrick

What ward are you in now

Paekākāriki-Raumati

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

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	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
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Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Please refer to SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENT ATTACHED.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?						

[address redacted]
Paekākāriki 5034.

26 September 2021

Tēnā koe,

I am writing to submit my views on the Kāpiti Representation Review 2021. I am a Kāpiti resident and live in Paekākāriki.

Strongly oppose the proposal to disestablish the community boards

I strongly oppose the proposal to disestablish the community boards. Rather, I recommend that the Council retain the existing community boards, and consider ways in which to strengthen the community board model.

Community boards are best placed to understand and act upon local issues

Community board members understand local issues and have the strong local connections to achieve the best results for their communities.

I have personally observed many examples of how community board involvement in local issues has led to direct benefits for the local community. To give just one example, last year, Electra removed a large hedge growing under power lines on Tilley Road, leaving a large exposed area of bank which quickly became weed-covered and unsightly.

Community board members worked with one of our local councillors to obtain funding from both the Council and from Electra to cover the costs of replanting the bank in native plantings. Plants were purchased from local conversation group Ngā Uruora. The planting work was done by parents from the local school: raising approximately \$3,000 in funds for the school. It is highly unlikely this project would have been undertaken if it were not for the initiative of community board members, who understand local issues and have the local connections to achieve results for the community.

Strong local representation is needed to navigate future crises including pandemics, natural disasters, and climate change

In the event of future Covid lock-downs or natural disasters, in which the movements of Kāpiti residents may be severely curtailed, community boards members – who live locally and are part of local communities – are the best placed to identify those in need of help and marshal local community resources to assist.

There is growing interest internationally in environmentally, economically and socially sustainable models of urban planning. Advocates of sustainable planning promote the concept of 'living locally' or '20 minute' neighbourhoods, whereby people have the ability to meet most or all of their needs within a 20 minute walk, or have easy access to safe cycling or public transport options.

The community board model, in which people are able to access local government representation where they live, and which unlike the idea of 'councillors' at large, is not reliant on significant travel around the district to achieve effective representation, is the model of local representation best suited to '20 minute neighbourhoods'.

More community boards needed for Paraparaumu and Raumati.

To allow the community board model to operate most effectively, more community boards need to be created.

The Kāpiti region is currently serviced by four community boards. Large disparities exist in the number of residents represented by each of the community's boards, however. The smallest of these, the Paekākāriki Community Board, for instance, represents just over 1,500 residents. The largest, the Paraparaumu/Raumati community board, represents over 30,000 people.

To level out these disparities in representation, I recommend that the Council consider establishing additional community boards to ensure fairness in representation across the district and to better reflect Kāpiti's diverse communities. This could include individual boards for Raumati South and Raumati, for central Paraparaumu and Otaihanga, and the division of the current Waikanae board into two, covering Waikanae beach and Waikanae township/Reikorangi.

Community boards need more funding and power

The Empathy Design report on local representation noted a view among some members of the community that community boards lack the 'teeth' and resourcing to represent their communities effectively, and that their recommendations are can be ignored at the council table (Community Insights memo, July 2021):

They are a great tool for representation. They help bring the voice of the community to council. But they don't have the teeth they need. They are sometimes excluded from council conversations and sometimes ignored. They could be even more effective for the community if given more responsibility and ability to contribute to council discussions.

Our community board is a good opportunity to raise local issues. Board members are supportive of the local community. However, Council can ignore them with impunity. For example, in 2017 the PRCB made a submission in support of Raumati Village that was voted down. So there needs to be a little more power invested in the Boards so they can support their communities better.

For this reason, I recommend that both existing and new community boards be given the authority and resources they need to represent their communities effectively. I also recommend that the council invest in more training for community board members, and in a publicity campaign to build community awareness of the existence and function of community boards.

Current local representation review a missed opportunity

The Empathy Design memo identifies that significant barriers exist to local government engagement at all levels of local government. This is highly concerning, and requires further investigation to better understand the nature of these barriers and how they might be overcome.

A range of tools are available to councils to improve engagement, ranging from changes to local government representation structures, or simply use of better strategies to reach out to and involve sectors of the community who are currently unengaged with local government.

Building on Empathy Design's preliminary findings in this area, I recommend that the Council put in place a comprehensive review of local government representation, with the goal of tabling a full report and recommendations in three years' time. Any research commissioned as part of this review should:

- follow a clear and transparent procurement process,
- engage suitably qualified researchers with expertise in local government representation and democracy,
- should include full demographic data on those consulted, to ensure the findings are representative of the diverse nature of the Kāpiti district,
- should be submitted to a peer review process to verify the robustness of the research methodology and findings.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Ngā mihi,

Dr Rachel Patrick



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3649504

First name

Tracy

Last name

Pearl

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

Representation Review: A fresh look at local democracy

Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?				✓		

Please tell us why?

Enough, not too many, has worked til now.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?		✓				

Please tell us why?

Prefer increased local representation, suggest 6 wards and 4 districtwide.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

The Paraparaumu/Waikanae ward is too big and their representatives essentially become 'districtwide'.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

'Loss of 'representation'! Community boards are eyes and ears of the ward councillors.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Central ward is too big and so likely to dominate! 3 councillors essentially become 'districtwide'

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

If it is too difficult to divide the district into 5 sensibly representative wards then consider 6 wards [~9,500 per ward] or even 7 wards [~8500 per ward] and reduce districtwide councillors accordingly. Consider also basing wards on settlement type eg coastal/urban/rural rather than obvious geographical boundaries [eg river].



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your say

Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3672098

First name

Stephen

Last name

Penman

What ward are you in now

Paekākāriki-Raumati

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					

Please tell us why?

I don't think the district is big enough for 10 councillors.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

Please tell us why?

Just 5 ward councillors please.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

Please tell us why?

I'm not sure why we would want to combine the 2 largest wards. Suggest Combining paraparaumu and paekak.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Please tell us why?

I don't think they add value.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?		✓				

Please tell us why?

The central ward is too big.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3676195

First name

Donna

Last name

Peters

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?				✓		

Please tell us why?

Seems to be working reasonably well at the moment. Not broken - don't fix!

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?				✓		

Please tell us why?

See above.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?			✓			

Please tell us why?

Why change things though?

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

This is disgraceful! Anti-democratic! We need local people at the community level who understand our

community's needs. How dare you propose to take that away!

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?			✓			

Please tell us why?

Still don't know why you'd want to do this. Might be more trouble than it's worth.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

You need to strengthen the Community Boards, not cut them. They should have stronger powers - more "teeth" to get things done. As a member of a few groups working for our community I am disgusted that you want to cut down our democratic voices. Outrageous! If we had to apply to the central council for funds we'd get nothing.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3656648

First name

Conrad

Last name

Petersen

What ward are you in now

Paraparaumu

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

Yes

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

Please tell us why?

These numbers (retention of) will need further scrutiny (as per questions 3-10).

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

Please tell us why?

Retention seems sensible for the "moment".

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

Please tell us why?

Seems sensible for the "moment".

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Please tell us why?

A layer we do not need. The funds should be applied to a secretariat for councillors, to increase their

effectiveness.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?				✓		

Please tell us why?

Seems sensible and workable.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

"Survey" questions can be "created" to give you the answers you want to hear. The entire issue (no disrespect intended) is a little more complex than answering five questions.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3685878

First name

Joanna

Last name

Poole

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

Yes

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?						

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Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?						

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Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?						

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?						

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Refer to SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENT ATTACHED.

2 October 2021

To: Kāpiti Coast District Council

From: Joanna Poole

Submission – Kāpiti Representation Review – How can Council better represent you and your community?

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my view on “how can Council better represent you and your community”.

My view

I **do not support** the Kāpiti Coast District Council’s proposed changes to the wards and boundaries, and proposal to have five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors, as set out in Council’s ‘proposal for 2022’.

In summary, my reasons for this are:

1. Council has not provided residents and ratepayers with evidence and rationale supporting its proposed changes to the wards and boundaries as set out in Council’s ‘proposal for 2022’.
2. Council’s proposed changes are inconsistent with *a democratic model that brings me closer to my elected representatives and decision-makers, while reflecting the diversity of the district and communities of interest.*
3. Council’s preferred option is inconsistent with the majority of the ‘design principles’ (as it presented to the Community Boards on 5 August 2021).
4. Council has not pursued the option of seeking approval from the Local Government Commission for the continuation of the current levels of representation. (To achieve ‘fair representation’, under Local Government Commission rules, Councils can exceed the +/- 10% rule if compliance splits a community of interest.)
5. Council has not provided residents and ratepayers with sufficient time to consider and respond to such a significant change to the Kāpiti Coast District’s representation model as that which is currently proposed by the Council.

I have substantiated these points below as well as responding to the questions asked by Council in its document: ‘How can Council better represent you and your community?’.

1. Evidence and rationale for change

According to information about the review provided by the Kāpiti Coast District Council, Council’s overriding rationale for the proposed changes to the Kāpiti Coast District’s current representation (combining two existing Wards - Waikanae and Paraparaumu, changing boundaries - and eliminating all four Community Boards) is that it will “strengthen local representation” by:

- removing confusing layers of representation and barriers to engagement
- strengthening Councillors ability to know and understand their communities
- empowering existing or new community groups to do more to foster community-led development.

Quite simply – this rationale is flawed.

There is no evidence to support it or that indicates our District's current representation is broke and the so called 'research' by Empathy, which Council has used to "inform" Council's proposal, constituted engagement with a mere 150 people (0.26% of Kāpiti Coast District's population estimated as at 30 June 2020 of 57,000 – statistically unrepresentative), was principally, self-selecting, and wasn't backed up with quantitative research (statistically representative).

Qualitative research comprising 150 people out of a total population of 57,000 does not give "in-depth information" (as stated in Council's booklet 'How can Council better represent you and your community?'), let alone should be used "to help develop options for councillors to consider and refine."

Additionally, and importantly, I follow local matters with keen interest, and have not observed any call for change from ratepayers, residents or councillors (at least publicly).

2. Democratic model

Council's proposed changes:

- **do not** reflect the diversity of the district and communities of interest
- provide for a lack of local voice and accountability to elected representatives.
(Interestingly and ironically, these are some of the very flaws that Councils, including Kāpiti Coast District Council, have identified are issues with the Government's proposed Three waters reform.)

As stated in Council's booklet 'How can Council better represent you and your community?':

Effective representation is about your access to elected members, and the size and configuration of wards, while reflecting the diversity of the district and communities of interest.

Community of interest

The development of four Wards came with recognition that for historical, geographical and social reasons, Ōtaki, Waikanae, Paraparaumu and Paekākāriki evolved as distinct entities. All four have 'distinct and recognisable boundaries'. Since the 1989 reorganisation of local government, all four wards have remained separate 'communities of interest' with strong local affiliations.

Doing away with the current Waikanae Ward in favour of three larger Ōtaki, Paraparaumu and Paekākāriki-Raumati Wards fails the test of 'community of interest' on the basis of:

1. Historical grounds – refer to Waikanae's special place in history in Chris and Joan Maclean's book, 'Waikanae'. (Te Āti Awa historically settled north of the Waikanae River while Ngāti Toa settled south of the River). Furthermore, Waikanae has always been a separate identity

to Paraparaumu. Before the 1989 reorganisation of local government, Ōtaki used to be a Borough Council, Waikanae was a Town Council and Paraparaumu south (including Raumati and Paekākāriki) was the centre of Kāpiti Borough Council. Since the 1989 reorganisation, all four wards have remained separate ‘communities of interest’ with strong local affiliations.

2. Geographical grounds – Waikanae and Paraparaumu have a ‘distinct and recognisable physical boundary’ – the Waikanae River. Waikanae and Paraparaumu certainly are **not** “contiguous”. Residents’ postal addresses are Waikanae or Paraparaumu, depending on where they live, i.e. Waikanae residents’ postal address is not Paraparaumu.
3. Social and functional grounds – my shopping, club memberships (e.g. Gym, Bridge), visits to the farmers’ market and cafes, and connections with friends and acquaintances – all are based in Waikanae – not Paraparaumu. This is where I feel a sense of “community/belonging” and “access daily goods and services”.
4. Political grounds – a larger Paraparaumu Ward that incorporates Waikanae serviced by three councillors could be less able to represent the interests and reconcile conflicts of all its members. (Refer to the Local Government Commission’s guidelines identifying the three dimensions for recognising communities of interest).

3. Design Principles

Council’s preferred option is inconsistent with the majority of the design principles. (Refer Council presentation given to the community boards on 5 August 2021)

- Reflect distinct geographic ‘communities of interest’
- Help ensure high-calibre representatives
- Don’t spread councillors too thin, ensure they can get across the people and issues
- Support councillors’ responsibility to reach out and hear from the community
- Ensure minority voices are heard, not overshadowed
- Support the likelihood of councillors coming from across the district
- Give more focus to in-need suburbs, tackle inequity, foster equity
- Build barriers to parochialism, support ability to look across the district, make it easier to do what’s best for Kāpiti as a whole
- Ensure councillors hear from a diverse range of community voices, not just one type.

4. Fair representation

Interestingly, while legislation requires the Kāpiti Coast District Council to put forward just one proposal for consultation, Council has selected a hugely disruptive option which breaks up distinct and recognisable Wards and removes one entire ‘community of interest’ – the Waikanae Ward. At the same time, Council has provided no evidence that this is going to improve its ability to do a better job, or be cost saving, in providing effective representation.

- Given this, the lack of evidence for change, and the timing (see ‘Timing’ below); there is good reason for the Kāpiti Coast District Council to seek approval from the Local Government Commission for the continuation of the current levels of representation. To achieve ‘fair representation’, under Local Government Commission (LGC) rules, Councils can exceed the +/- 10% rule if compliance splits a ‘community of interest’. (Council successfully

did this in 2016 when it referred to LGC as Waikanae and Ōtaki wards +/- 10% non-compliant.)

How could Council better represent me and my community?

- Council could better support the status quo i.e. the current Ward Councillors and Community Boards to “bring us closer to our elected representatives and decision-makers, while reflecting the diversity of the district and communities of interest.”
- If there are issues with ‘confusing layers of representation and barriers to engagement’, and I’m not satisfied that Council has provided evidence for this, it is Kāpiti Coast District Council’s responsibility to take corrective action and make more effective use of Wards and Community Boards. Rather than “empowering” existing or new community groups (with no evidence the outcome would be better), provide and empower Ward Councillors and Community Board members (i.e. our existing structure) with the support and “the teeth they need” – don’t reinvent the wheel with no certainty of outcome and cost savings – use the tools we have!
- Currently, the Kāpiti Coast District Council is under-utilising our Community Boards – empower them to fulfil the mandate prescribed by the Local Government Act 2002.

5. Timing

Given that the Council is required to conduct a representation review every 6 years, why has the Council decided now is a good time to make these significant proposed changes rather than in previous reviews (e.g. six years ago when the District was also outside the +/- 10 percent rule) – especially when ratepayers and residents have limited capacity to evaluate the proposal and provide feedback for the reasons described below:

- In 2021, ratepayers and residents are participating in at least two other significant Council consultation initiatives: Long-term plan and Growth Strategy.
- The community is burdened with managing other issues such as COVID-19, housing costs, managing income/expenses/debt and has limited capacity to think about, or understand the rationale for the timing of, this major change being proposed by Council to the Kāpiti Coast District’s representation.

Why was the representation review, given its significance to ensuring democracy, not flagged in the Long-term Plan 2021- 41 community consultation document ‘Securing our future – what matters most Kāpiti’, as Council did with about the upcoming consultation on Council’s growth strategy? (Democracy matters a lot!)

Why, given the significance and of where future growth of the district occurs and impact on representation, has the Council not consulted with Kāpiti Coast District ratepayers and residents on the Growth Strategy before consulting on the Representation Review proposal?

Why is Council only providing Kāpiti Coast District ratepayers and residents with a one-month submission period for something as significant as the changes proposed in the Representation Review?

- Compare this to the time given to Councils to evaluate and provide feedback on the Three waters reform (as noted by the Kāpiti Coast District Council chief executive: *“While the proposal has taken some 18 months to develop, we’ve been given an eight-week window to evaluate the WICs analysis and provide feedback. That’s not long.”*)
- From what I can ascertain on the Council’s website, the representation review started at least, if not before 4 August 2020 when it first briefed elected members. This means the Council’s Representation Review proposal has taken at least 13 months, but the community has only been given four weeks to evaluate and provide feedback. (Statistically, that’s a lesser/inferior period of time than Council’s being given to evaluate and provide feedback on the Three waters reform!)
- According to Council’s timetable, LGC determination is not due until 10 April 2022, so Council has given itself a generous four-month window between appeal objection period (20 December 2021) and LGC determination (10 April 2022).

Last but not least, why is something so fundamentally important to democracy, being rushed through before Central Government’s review of Local Government?

Please give the community a break from this constant barrage of change, and in this case unnecessary and significant change!

YOUR QUESTIONS AND MY FEEDBACK

1. Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?

My Response: I agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor with the following caveat:

- That the number of councillors representing the Kāpiti Coast District community (and this includes the Mayor) is proportional to the population of each Ward (this includes Waikanae as a ‘Ward’). Currently the number of councillors, both Ward and districtwide and including the Mayor, who reside in or represent Ōtaki Ward is out of proportion to its population (and the ‘community of interest’) which gives both a perceived and real bias of favouritism to the Ōtaki Ward.

2. Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?

My Response: I strongly disagree on the following basis:

- Districtwide councillors, akin to List MPS, are not accountable to a defined set of constituents and as a result are not bound to listen to and implement constituents’ feedback and wishes. Kāpiti Coast District ratepayers and residents have seen countless examples of districtwide councillors running roughshod over ratepayers’ and residents’ views and wishes for their community on the basis that the districtwide councillor knows best!

3. Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?

My Response: **I strongly disagree on the following basis:**

- As per my submission above: pages 1-5.

4. Do you agree with the removal of community boards?

My Response: **I strongly disagree on the following basis:**

- Community Boards provide important representation for the local community.
- Council could better support the status quo i.e. the current Ward Councillors and Community Boards to “bring us closer to our elected representatives and decision-makers, while reflecting the diversity of the district and communities of interest.”
- If there are issues with ‘confusing layers of representation and barriers to engagement’, and I’m not satisfied that Council has provided evidence for this, it is Kāpiti Coast District Council’s responsibility to take corrective action and make more effective use of Wards and Community Boards. Rather than “empowering” existing or new community groups (with no current familiarity and understanding of Kāpiti Coast District Council’s governance or evidence the outcome would be better), provide and empower Ward Councillors and Community Board members (i.e. our existing structure) with the support and “the teeth they need” – don’t reinvent the wheel with no certainty of outcome or cost savings – use the tools we have!
- Currently, the Kāpiti Coast District Council is under-utilising our Community Boards – empower them to fulfil the mandate prescribed by the Local Government Act 2002.

5. Do you agree with the new boundary lines?

My Response: **I strongly disagree on the following basis:**

- Council’s proposed changes to the boundary lines are inconsistent with retaining Waikanae as ‘a community of interest’ which I strongly support and is the basis of my submission.
- The Kāpiti Coast District Council’s proposed solution for resolving the +/- 10 percent rule, (removing the Waikanae Ward in favour of expanded Ōtaki, Paraparaumu and Paekākāriki - Raumati Wards), lacks imagination, logic and most importantly **does not** “retain a significant community of interest” – the Waikanae Ward. In essence, Council has used a sledge hammer to crack a nut!
- For the reasons I’ve already given on pages 1-5, it’s unfathomable to think that Council could have come up with such an obviously biased and lazy proposal as the option it has put forward (“our proposal for how our ratepayers and residents should be represented”). **You definitely have not got it right!**
- **The current boundary line between the Waikanae Ward and Paraparaumu Ward must be retained (for the reasons I’ve provided on pages 1-5).**
- The current boundary lines between Paekākāriki/Raumati and Paraparaumu could be retained. (The proposed changes/tweaks by Council change a relatively small minus variance to a relatively small positive variance.)

- The Ōtaki Ward is currently over-represented (variance of -13.53%) with an average population of 9,870 per Ward Councillor (not including the Mayor and districtwide councillors residing in Ōtaki Ward) and Council's proposal barely improves this situation. Council's proposed representation solution would see this increase by a paltry 180 people to an average per Ward Councillor of 10,050 and it still has a large variance of -11.92% i.e. barely any change!
- Meanwhile, the distinct 'community of interest', Waikanae, loses its Ward representation completely – and guess who pays the largest share of the Kāpiti Coast District's rates per property – Waikanae (refer p 86 'Securing our future – Long-term Plan 2021-41 community consultation document')! Remember – no tax without representation!
- If Council truly wants to achieve 'fair representation' **and** meet the Local Government Commission's +/- 10 percent rule, it's time for some 'imagination' or, in Council's words 'reimagination'! An obvious and potential fix for better aligning the representation variances for the Ōtaki and Waikanae Wards, currently (- 13.53% and +26.6% respectively) would be to extend the Ōtaki Ward boundary to include the territory north of and including Peka Peka Road.
- Including Peka Peka in the Ōtaki Ward, and removing Peka Peka from the Waikanae Ward, is logical for geographic and social reasons in that:
 - The Kāpiti Expressway ends at Peka Peka and the yet to be completed Peka Peka to Ōtaki Expressway starts at Peka Peka
 - Peka Peka is approximately equidistant between Ōtaki and Waikanae townships with equivalent access to the amenities of both townships.
 - The community of Peka Peka has been campaigning for an interchange which if it is provided, would strengthen further Peka Peka's proximity to both Ōtaki and Waikanae townships and amenities, and
 - it's certainly more logical than doing completely away with the Waikanae Ward!
- Finally, does Council really believe the Local Government Commission is going to be satisfied with, or taken in by, the miniscule proposed change to the boundary of the Ōtaki Ward and corresponding representation while annihilating an equally important 'community of interest' – the Waikanae Ward?!

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Representation Review

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What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

Yes

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?			✓			

Please tell us why?

Refer to SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENT ATTACHED.

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Please tell us why?

Refer to SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENT ATTACHED.

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Please tell us why?

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Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

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Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Refer to SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENT ATTACHED.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

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KAPITI REPRESENTATION REVIEW

SUBMISSION – Quentin Poole

2/10/2021

Introduction

I do not support the changes contained in the 2021 Representation Review on the basis that it fails to deliver the 'fair and effective representation of communities of interest' required under the Local Electoral Act.

The proposed changes include amalgamating the Waikanae Ward and Paraparaumu-Raumati Wards into one, and scrapping all four Community Boards in Otaki, Waikanae, Paraparaumu-Raumati, and Paekakariki.

The initiative is solely coming from the KCDC as its required part of the six-yearly Representation Review with only the nebulous support of a report by Empathy, commissioned by KCDC and with only 150 people surveyed out of a population of 57,000 odd. This equates to only 0.26% of the population base for the Kapiti District.

Council's proposed changes are inconsistent with *a democratic model that brings me closer to my elected representatives and decision-makers, while reflecting the diversity of the district and communities of interest*. Also the preferred option is inconsistent with the majority of the "design principles" as council presented to the Community Boards on 5th August 2021.

I support the current ward model which could be made more compliant with the + or – 10% variance requirements for Otaki and Waikanae through population redistribution, or seeking approval to maintain the current variances in recognition of the clearly-defined communities of interest and the wide geographical split across 40 kilometres of the Kapiti plain.

I do not support the proposal of retaining 5x Districtwide Councillors; these seats should be re-distributed amongst the wards in the basis as developed below.

I do not support re-naming the current 4 Wards; their names correctly and accurately describes their community of interest derived from the historical association of each area.

I do not support the removal of the Community Boards; the LGA 2002 states that:

The role of a community board is to—

- (a) represent, and act as an advocate for, the interests of its community; and
- (b) consider and report on all matters referred to it by the territorial authority, or any matter of interest or concern to the community board; and
- (c) maintain an overview of services provided by the territorial authority within the community; and
- (d) prepare an annual submission to the territorial authority for expenditure within the community; and
- (e) communicate with community organisations and special interest groups within the community; and

- (f) undertake any other responsibilities that are delegated to it by the territorial authority.

Currently, Community Boards within Kapiti are being under-utilised when looking at their role as proscribed by the LGA 2002. Empower them to fulfil the mandate proscribed by LGA 2002 and they will add immensely to the communication and administration of our District.

I do not support the change in “new” boundary lines.

I would like to speak to my submission.

1. Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?

Neutral

Please tell us why:

The actuals sum of councillors will depend on the criteria of the wards and population mix within each ward. If all current wards are retained and all councillors are ward councillors, the following could be the set-up for the composition of the wards:

	Current Pop	Councillors	Pop Excess	% Above/Below Avg
Otaki	9,870	2	-1,130	-20.5%
Waikanae	14,450	3	-2,050	-37.3%
Paraparaumu	21,800	4	-200	-3.6%
Paekakariki/Raumati	10,950	2	-50	-0.9%
Total	57,070			
	5,500			

In this model, the councillor numbers equate to 11 but it allows for population growth districtwide especially in the Otaki and Waikanae catchments which are the 2 main areas for future growth.

See further discussion below.

2. Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?

Strongly disagree

Please tell us why:

- A. Districtwide councillors are not responsible to anyone, any area but are supposed to do what's best for the area as a whole. Under the auspices of the LGA, all councillors are supposed to "do what's best for the area as a whole".

- B. **There is a direct lack of accountability to the constituents of the Kapiti District by the Districtwide councillors.**
- C. **Districtwide councillors are viewed rather similar to “List” MP’s. Once they are elected, they are not responsible to anyone and therefore do not communicate with any community within the district.**
- D. **A common theme in the Empathy review of 9/7/21 is that: “People want councillors to know the people and issues of the district. Most people stressed that councillors need to hear from the diversity of people in the district, not just the loudest voices, or those who have time or access.” By making all councillors “Ward Councillors”, there will be a greater opportunity for the people to connect whilst allowing the Ward councillors to develop contacts into the diversity of people.**
- E. **The following statements in the council literature: ‘Empowering existing or new community groups to do more to foster community-led development’ and ‘Strengthening Councillors ability to know and understand their communities’ further enhances the change from Districtwide Councillors to ALL councillors being elected from a ward.**

3. Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?

Strongly disagree

Please tell us why:

- F. **Combining the current Waikanae and Paraparaumu Wards fails the test of “community of interest” on the following grounds:**
- G. **GEOGRAPHICAL: the 2 wards share a common physical boundary – the Waikanae River.**
- H. **HISTORICAL: Waikanae has always been a separate identity to Paraparaumu; before the 1989 reorganisation of local government, Otaki used to be a Borough Council, Waikanae was a Town Council, and Paraparaumu south (including Raumati and Paekakariki) was the centre of Kapiti Borough Council.**
- I. **IWI: Te Atiawa historically settled north of the Waikanae River whilst Ngati Toa settled south of the river.**
- J. **ECONOMIC: Paraparaumu is the industrialised base for the Kapiti District while Waikanae has only 1 small street of very light industrial activity.**
- K. **SOCIAL: Waikanae is colloquially known as “God’s Waiting Room” due to the high preponderance of retirees. All secondary schools are south of the river. There is major differences in the make-up of the two areas.**

4. Do you agree with the removal of community boards?

Strongly disagree

Please tell us why:

- L. Community Boards can be and are advocates for their area at council meetings and workshops. They know the intricacies of their area and can often balance competing and contrasting views within their community.**
- M. My observation of our Community Boards are that they are not empowered by Council to maintain a formal overview of services provided by the territorial authority. This can simply be rectified by formal delegation from the territorial authority.**
- N. Allocating a specific percentage of rates revenue derived from a particular ward for use in that locality according to Community Board consultation to determine local community priorities.**

5. Do you agree with the new boundary lines?

Strongly disagree

Please tell us why:

- N. They do not relate in any form to the proposals in this submission.**
- O. The current boundary lines between Paekakariki/Raumati and Paraparaumu can be retained.**
- P. The current boundary lines between Waikanae and Paraparaumu must be retained.**
- Q. The boundary line between Waikanae and Otaki could be adjusted to enable closer representative numbers in each ward.**

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Representation Review

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Potts

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?					✓	

Please tell us why?

All wards should have representation if council is to be democratic

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

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Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?					✓	

Please tell us why?

So one group cannot dominate council. We need a cross section of ratepayers.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Paraparaumu would become dominant and non elected persons would have too much influence.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

They give the ward a voice.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?			✓			



Representation Review

Your details

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Ian

Last name

Powell

What ward are you in now

Paraparaumu

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

Yes

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Please tell us why?

No good reason to change.

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Please tell us why?

Useful balance.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Separate wards better - ensures more effective community understanding and focus.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Reduces community engagement.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

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Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Separate wards better - ensures more effective community understanding and focus.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

The potential tension between local community and district-wide interests should be seen as a positive and a strength of good governance.



Representation Review

Your details

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Pratt

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Please tell us why?

Five wards 8 councillors - 1 Raumati, 3 Paraparaumu, 2 Waikanae, 1 Otaki, 2 Districtwide

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Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

They are each distinct areas with their own character.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?			✓			

Please tell us why?

They are good at looking after local issues.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

See above.



Representation Review

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What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Please tell us why?

allows representation for each ward plus overall district fairly

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Please tell us why?

Waikanae is a definitely different area

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Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

community boards have a statutory role plus I have found easy access & effective action several times

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

current system works



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3672594

First name

Kirstin

Last name

Prince

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

Representation Review: A fresh look at local democracy

Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?	✓					

Please tell us why?

I think we should have either 9 or 11 councillors not 10. Split into relevant geographical clusters.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Just have geographical clusters not ward and district just kāpiti geographical clusters

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

The two communities are different and combining will lose that uniqueness

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

You need to hear the voter voice on particular issues and this can be achieved through the community

boards. Losing this voice is un democratic.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Community boards can help keep councillors on track to what they were voted in on. Otherwise they may change their minds with the new power on being a councillor inflates their sense of self and they have a power hubris. Community boards help reign that in they are essential in holding councillors accountable



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3676771

First name

Leigh

Last name

Ramsey

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

Representation Review: A fresh look at local democracy

Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?			✓			

Please tell us why?

because it has worked to date

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?				✓		

Please tell us why?

it works

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

because it helps with ratepayers engaging with council at a local level

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

as above

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?			✓			

Please tell us why?

because they are ok

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

removal of community boards should not happen



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3646761

First name

Ken

Last name

Rand

What ward are you in now

Paraparaumu

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

Yes

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

Representation Review: A fresh look at local democracy

Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?					✓	

Please tell us why?

This number provides reasonable representation for the size of our community and is in line with comparator regions Gisborne, Invercargill, Nelson, Porirua, Tasman, Waipa and Western Bay of Plenty.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?	✓					

Please tell us why?

I believe Ward Councillor representation is the best methodology of representation and note that five of the seven comparator regions operate on this basis. I would contend that competent Councillors should be able to balance local community perspectives and views with a regional perspective and make informed judgements and decisions. Further I believe better decision-making would emanate rather than present arrangement whereby 5 Councillors by reason of structure focus on their wards and 5 supposedly take a regional wide perspective. I also think it would better assist Ward Councillors in providing their constituents with balanced arguments for decisions taken.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?				✓		

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?					✓	

Please tell us why?

As I see it Community Boards have little significant influence and if a decision was made to move to Ward representation would ensure Ward constituents views were better represented and thus the role for Community Boards is negated.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?				✓		

October 2021

KCDC Representation Review

Tena Koutou Katoa

- In preparing this submission I have had regard to the;
 - Local Government Act 2002 purpose and KCDC's stated purpose of;
 - leading and representing the Community to enable democratic local decision-making or
 - Council is the voice of local people representing and balancing a range of interests.
- I have also read and considered the Empathy review and while I acknowledge the conclusion they have come to I note that the local input to that review only represents 0.29% of the districts population.
- I agree with a number of the principles expressed within that report although I arrive at a different conclusion. Comments that resonate for me are;
 - Councillors need to hear from the diversity of people in the district, not just the loudest voices or those who have time or access
 - most people want Councillors to do what's best for Kapiti as a whole
 - they want Councillors to be capable, able to consider issues fully and wisely, debate rigorously and constructively, make good decisions and take swift action
 - respondents believed it was the job of Councillors to reach out and understand the district not the responsibility of people to make themselves known and heard
 - they want to ensure Councillors have time to hear from people and understand the viewpoints and issues
 - one of the barriers perceived was confidence in Council to really listen and care
- I would contend that competent Councillors should be able to balance local community perspectives and views with a district wide perspective and make informed judgements and decisions. I do not buy into the argument for this to occur that one needs Ward councillors and District Wide Councillors and in fact I find that an indictment by implication on Ward Councillors abilities.
- As I said in my initial submission it is my belief that the All Ward Councillor model would drive the need for balancing a Local and District Wide perspective resulting in rigorous debate and strong and balanced decision-making. I further believe it would strengthen the feedback that Councillors could provide back to their Constituents.
- Having a look at our district I believe we should retain the old wards of Otaki, Waikanae, Paraparaumu and Raumati/Paekakariki and that we should increase the number of Councillors to 11 allocated as follows;
 - Otaki 2
 - Waikanae 3
 - Paraparaumu 4
 - Raumati/Paekakariki 2.

This allocation is based on one Councillor per 5000 constituents approx. I would contend this workload would allow Councillors to better reach out to their community in a proactive way rather than just responding to issues that arise and cause local community heat.

- This model may well require Councillors to have better support within the Council structure so there is a place where people can arrange Councillor appointments. Each Councillor as an example could also consider holding local meetings say quarterly to update constituents, flag issues arising and get input etc. Remember your Purpose is to be the voice of local people representing and balancing a range of interests. The argument may well be that residents would be unlikely to attend such meetings however I believe much of the current disinterest is because of a feeling of inability to have constituent views heard or considered.
- In relation to Community Boards I believe they have little significant influence and under the above model I would submit they should be disbanded and the resources used to better support the model outlined in this submission.
- Finally I note that 5 of the 7 comparator Districts operate this model.

Ken Rand

[phone number redacted]

[email address redacted]



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3675244

First name

Oriwia

Last name

Raureti

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

Representation Review: A fresh look at local democracy

Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?					✓	

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?			✓			

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Do not feel we have been presented with the process to have our voices heard. We are happy to have local ears for our local needs.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?						✓

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Before dissolving a mechanism we have to be heard, tell us what you offer.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3684998

First name

Peter and Jane

Last name

Rendall

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

Please tell us why?

Allocate all councillors to wards based on demographics and designate district portfolios to the councillors.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

Please tell us why?

See 2 above.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					

Please tell us why?

Each ward has its individual demographic with differing needs and expectations.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

The need of Waikanae community are significantly different to those of the more commercial environment in Paraparaumu.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Waikanae has not had an equitable share of rates revenue invested in its infrastructure. The proposed zoning has potential for all councillors to be domiciled in one area with potential for conflict of interest in supporting another area - e.g. all councillors could be residents in Paraparaumu.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3658644

First name

Turid

Last name

Revfeim

What ward are you in now

Paekākāriki-Raumati

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

Yes

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

Representation Review: A fresh look at local democracy

Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?				✓		

Please tell us why?

It gives more chance for diversity and a range of voices to important issues impacting a diverse community

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?	✓					

Please tell us why?

I feel it will be too much 5 individuals to take on and it means getting rid of Community Boards, who, for me, are my voice in the council

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?		✓				

Please tell us why?

2 quite different communities with different issues

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

It is the community board that listens and acts on behalf of the residents. They make things happen as they know the issues and can argue or support affectively on our behalf.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?			✓			

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Keep the community boards and support these amazing people. They are our first port of call and can diffuse any anger against the councillors. They know how to resolve issues and then they are 5 strong voices that can help locals achieve what is best for the community and ultimately KCDC. Coming from Wellington City - the support and work done by the Community Boards is amazing and makes you feel included and proud to live under such a great district council.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3656729

First name

Ewen

Last name

Ritchie

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

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If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

Representation Review: A fresh look at local democracy

Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

Please tell us why?

Councillors are remote from the community they are supposed to represent. There is no discernible pathway from the public to the Council at present. The Councillors operate totally without community feedback because there is not forum for this. We might as well cull the numbers in the name of efficiency and cost savings.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

Please tell us why?

What I want to see is for the Councillors to represent the area they represent. To be accessible by and to promote the views of the area they cover. This just does not happen at present. The Community Boards should be the place that ratepayers can go to with there views and the ward Councillors work in with the Community Boards. I have been a resident in the Council area for 5 years and in that time have never seen anything to indicate the existence of Community Boards.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					

Please tell us why?

Waikanae and Paraparaumu are totally different and have different needs. Paraparaumu has a total shambles of a roading system with Kapiti Road being such a congested nightmare. Waikanae has none of these issues. Waikanae retains a vestige of a beach community, paraparaumu lost this feeling a long time ago. So the needs are different and cannot be adequately addressed by a collective.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?						

Please tell us why?

I think they should be an important means of soliciting community feedback and representing community feelings. However at the present time they are totally a waste of time and money as they have no apparent face towards the community they supposedly represent.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Keep Paraparaumu separate from other districts such as Waikanae as the needs of the 2 communities are totally different.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Council collects rates and undertakes essential services. That is what we pay rates for. Rubbish, water, sewage, (primary services with greatest focus) library, swimming pools, parks local roads etc. Today the Councils are being dragged more and more into delivering services which should be the domain of the Government. These should not be the domain of Councils. Further Councils are going further and further in seeking to expand services into non essential nice to have initiatives. Asking to input to a strategic plan to then identify nice to have projects which are totally non essential are a primary cause of rates spiralling out of control. People need to be asked if they are prepared to pay an increase in rates in order to get a nice to have. Projects like the Kapiti Gateway should not be considered without ratepayers approval.



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Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3678735

First name

Brian

Last name

Robb

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

Representation Review: A fresh look at local democracy

Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?					✓	

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?					✓	

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Waikanae could end up without a 'voice'. Either keep a Waikanae Ward Councillor or the Community Board.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Important that the 'grass roots' of democracy have a voice.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?			✓			

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

They are representatives and should acknowledge communications.
A 'fresh look' at Community Boards and how they function is necessary.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3641181

First name

John

Last name

Roberts

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

Representation Review: A fresh look at local democracy

Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?					✓	

Please tell us why?

It's about right - quite workable.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Keep what we've got.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Think big - No!

Small is beautiful - Yes!

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

While they can do better, they can be an effective local voice. Communication to the community by the board is important.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Think big - No!

Small is beautiful - Yes!

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Remember you are accountable. Ultimately we may vote you out at the next election.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3676214

First name

Keith

Last name

Robertson

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

Representation Review: A fresh look at local democracy

Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Reduce the number of councillors - more efficient.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Have five ward councillors only - more efficient.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?					✓	

Please tell us why?

Less fragmented.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?					✓	

Please tell us why?

Not needed.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?					✓	

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

- Reduce red tape and STAFF
- Reduce all the compliance costs
- Reduce KCDC staff levels



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3641863

First name

Dr John

Last name

Robinson

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

Representation Review: A fresh look at local democracy

Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?						

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?						

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?						

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Do you agree with the removal of community boards?						

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?						

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Refer to SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENT ATTACHED.

Inequality of representation in Kapiti

John Robinson

The Kapiti Coast District Council is carrying out a Representation Review; a draft report has been presented to Council on 26 August, and much of the information here is from that report.

This submission does not fit within the formal format, and is presented here as a stand-alone document.

Kapiti is currently effectively co-governed through a partnership between the Council and some 4% of the population, members of three chosen iwi. This is (more or less, see below) within New Zealand law; information that I have received from Council makes this clear.

“In 1994 the Kāpiti Coast District Council (the Council) entered into a Memorandum of Partnership with Te Āti Awa, Ngāti Raukawa ki te Tonga and Ngāti Toa Rangatira, the tangata whenua of the Kāpiti Coast District.

The Memorandum of Partnership (the Partnership) recognises the importance of Te Tiriti o Waitangi (the Treaty of Waitangi) and its principles and is where the Council formally recognises Te Āti Awa, Ngāti Raukawa ki te Tonga and Ngāti Toa Rangatira as the tangata whenua of the Kāpiti Coast.

The Memorandum of Partnership is also the foundation from which the Council gives effect to our legislative obligations to Māori under the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA), and Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) including (but not limited to):

- The requirements for the Council to provide for Māori participation in decision-making;
- To ensure processes are in place for consulting with Māori; and
- The exercise of guardianship by the tangata whenua of an area in accordance with tikanga Māori, in exercising its functions and powers under the RMA.”

Reference here, as in national legislation, is to tangata whenua. There are in fact no tangata whenua in Kapiti; the favoured tribes are correctly referred to elsewhere by Council as mana whenua, which is quite different as they were recent immigrants in 1840. Thus, if the law were correctly administered, those regulations would have no relevance to Kapiti. But this is New Zealand, where laws are carelessly written and thoughtlessly acted upon, where words are often undefined or taken to mean whatever an occasion demands.

The decision to take that action, with a fundamental alteration in the governing structure of the District, was not put in a poll before the ratepayers. It has considerable weight, and the representatives of these three iwi play an important part in reaching decisions within Council.

This division into two, unequal, peoples is made abundantly clear in the intentions and in the presentation of the recent Long Term Plan. It was emphasised dramatically in the two-page spread in both the Kapiti News and the Kapiti Observer. Equal prominence is given to the message from the Mayor (right-hand page) and the message from the three recognised iwi, the Mana Whenua (left-hand page), who spoke authoritatively about their intentions.

The Representation Review accepts this arrangement without question; it has been decided and the public are not asked their opinion. The key role of these iwi in reaching major decisions is clear.

“While Council’s representation arrangements haven’t changed much over the past 20 years, our communities and their needs and expectations have changed significantly. This representation review comes at a time of significant change for both local government and our district. Local government is being asked to be agile, to remove barriers, to better reflect Te Tiriti o Waitangi, and to know and understand our communities better. **We’re seeing moves towards co-governance with mana whenua.**”

“On 29 October 2020 Council resolved not to establish a Māori ward for electoral purposes. This decision was based on the recommendation of Council’s three iwi partners, Te Āti Awa ki Whakarongotai Charitable Trust, Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki and Ngāti Toa Rangatira, who did not support the consideration of a Māori ward for Kāpiti at this time. ... On 1 March 2021 the Local Electoral (Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Act (Amendment Act) came into force introducing changes to the treatment of Māori wards and constituencies. Council consulted with each of its iwi partners on the implications of the Amendment Act which provided local authorities with a fresh opportunity to consider whether to establish a Māori ward. Council’s iwi partners confirmed that while Māori ward representation on Council was important to them, their current priority was **to strengthen their existing partnership** with Council.”

The reason for that is obvious: at the present these iwi, less than 30% of Maori in the district, have considerable effective power, in addition to the same voting rights as all other citizens. With wards, they would share that influence with other Maori, and would have just the one means of influence and power, of the vote. Council has accepted their wish to conserve unequal effective representation – acceding to their demand.

Throughout this process there is no questioning of the continuation of this ‘partnership’, between our elected representatives and the chosen iwi, and no opportunity for consideration of that decision by the general public. This review considers the choice of representation in the one partner of the dual government structure for the general public; the working of the other partner making decisions for our district is held to be none of our business.

Who are these iwi, and why should they have this special privilege?

The chosen iwi, the ‘mana whenua’, are not all the Maori in the district. It is the people of three iwi, Ngati Toa, Te Atiawa and Ngati Raukawa, who are less than 30% of the 14% who are Maori (Council figures) – less than 4.2% of the Kapiti population. Their position is not earned, it is inherited from ancestors two centuries ago (by race; as Maori they are, in legislation, members of the Maori race).

The ancestors of Ngati Toa, Te Atiawa and Raukawa lived elsewhere, to the north, before 1820; they were not the long-term inhabitants of Kapiti. Any reference to these iwi as ‘tangata whenua’, as in the above quotes, is incorrect.

First, in 1819-1820, there came a taua, a band of savage warriors, when Ngati Toa joined with Ngapuhi from the north to ravage the district. They saw that there was good land here with weakened tribes ripe for conquest.

During the first decades of the nineteenth century, Ngati Toa and Te Atiawa had been under constant murderous attack from enemy tribes (such as Waikato and Ngati Maniapoto), and they decided to move away, to find a new home and to themselves attack, kill and drive off those then living here in Kapiti. In 1821-1822 a migration of Ngati Toa, with many of their allies, Te Atiawa, Ngati Mutunga and Ngati Tama, came to drive out those living in Kapiti in bloody battle and to take the land. The treachery of the large Muaupoko tribe at Horowhenua, when they greeted the newcomers in apparent friendship before attacking and

killing many, resulted in the unrelenting hatred of Te Rauparaha, and subsequently Muaupoko were almost completely wiped out.

There were struggles for the land. At Paekakariki, in 1823, Ngati Toa were attacked by Ngati Kahungunu and Ngati Ira from Wellington and suffered heavy losses.

Ngati Toa had been weakened as many of their principal allies in Ngati Tama and Te Atiawa had left to return to their previous homes in Taranaki. They needed a safe refuge, which they found on Kapiti Island. In 1824 they were attacked there by a great, combined taua of their foes – a wide range of iwi had cause to seek utu from Ngati Toa. The fleet of the attacking taua had such a great number that the war canoes were almost continuous across the five kilometres from the mainland to the island. But Ngati Toa prevailed and the attack failed.

Warfare was widespread across the country, and many Ngati Raukawa and Te Atiawa came in great treks to find sanctuary with Ngati Toa in Kapiti. In 1828, with the strengthened forces and a large stock of firearms, and using the many canoes captured from the 1824 attackers, a fleet of war canoes crossed Cook Strait to Queen Charlotte Sound with a taua of 340 picked warriors from Ngati Toa, Te Atiawa, Ngati Tama, and Ngati Raukawa. Further murderous raids to the south followed, as in 1831.

In 1830, Te Atiawa, Ngati Tama and Ngati Mutunga had sent a *taua* to attack Ngati Kahungunu, after which a truce of sorts had been arranged. Later, in 1832, Ngati Kahungunu were invited to a feast at Waikanae, where they were treacherously attacked and killed by their Te Atiawa hosts.

In the early 1830s, the land on Kapiti Island and along the coast was overpopulated, crowded by many tribes, and the resources were severely strained. With the increased population, relations among the several tribes in Kapiti started to fray, and, under the habits of tikanga, the resulting conflict resolution was by war. In 1834, a conflict broke out between Te Atiawa and Ngati Raukawa. When fighting spread, Ngati Raukawa made a call for help to Te Heuheu of Ngāti Tuwharetoa and Te Wherowhero of Waikato, and a combined force came to the aid of the besieged Ngati Raukawa. After further fighting, negotiations led to a formal agreement and there was an uneasy peace; but the coalition was shattered.

More conflict in Kapiti followed in 1839. When there was dispute, some Ngati Raukawa were keen to even up old scores dating back to the 1834 combat and there was bitter fighting in Waikanae. Estimates of the casualties differ: between seventy and two hundred Ngati Raukawa and between twenty and thirty-six Te Atiawa and Taranaki died in that fight.

The coming of these people to Kapiti brought two decades of violence. Peace came only in 1840 with the acceptance of the national, colonial government, leaving those last comers in possession of the lands that they had taken.

This is not a history to be proud of; there is nothing here, no action taken by these iwi, that we can celebrate or should reward. There is only a memory of bloodshed, misery and disruption.

Meaningful representation is when we all have equal rights, and each of us has one vote, all of equal value. The Council thus chosen should itself make decisions; that is their duty and the task that they have put themselves forward to carry out, based on the needs and wishes of all citizens without discrimination and favour to any one group. Special rights, as exist in Kapiti today, undermine democracy and deny equal representation.

Council should put an end to this unwanted discrimination, and revoke all decisions setting up division and partnership. Members of the three iwi referred to as ‘mana whenua’ (and,

wrongly, in some cases, as ‘tangata whenua’) should take their place in a unified community as citizens, equal with us all.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3681994

First name

Brian

Last name

Roche

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

Representation Review: A fresh look at local democracy

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Please tell us why?

Eleven an odd number allows for a clear majority in passing resolutions, although a total of 10 with the Mayor holding the casting vote also allows for such a majority. I also firmly believe that in the case of the casting vote being used, that it should be mandatory that the status quo be maintained as normal standard meeting practice. I do not consider it appropriate for the mayor to drive change with a casting vote when there is clearly no consensus.

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I am aware of funds allocated to the Waikanae Community specifically.

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Waikanae 3

Paraparaumu 4

Paekakariki 2

Total 11

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Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3682003

First name

Maree

Last name

Roche

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

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No

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Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3670486

First name

Cam

Last name

Ronald

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

Yes

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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The current model allows sufficient representation from the community to enable the KCDC to effectively deliver the services to the community. Reducing this ratio would potentially overload the already busy representatives

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This 50:50 blend ensures that local communities, such as Otaki where I live, have direct access to "their councillor" with the districtwide councillors having a wider view.

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I don't offer a comment on this aspect as I am not sufficiently informed.

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The Community Boards are the most effective means for the views of the community to be brought to the Board, considered, consolidated, and then represented to the council. I have interacted with the boards at Otaki and Waikanae and found them to be responsive and a useful method of advancing community interests,. I have not found them to be "a confusing level of bureaucracy" as suggested by the Empathy Review. The Boards serve a valuable local focus that would be lost if they were not retained. It is unrealistic to expect a single councillor to assume this wide role, and still maintain their elected representative focus.

The view that "boards can be a great tool for representation in bringing the voice of the community to the Council" is correct. They do indeed need greater teeth and to be better resourced, directly. Attempting to replace these with the bureaucracy suggested in the review with clinics, secretariat etc, simply creates greater bureaucracy and removes the community further from the contact points. This proposal would be a backwards retreat, not a step forward, for community consultation and interaction.

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Please tell us why?

The Otaki boundary proposal is a sensible one and reflects the changing community.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

I have interacted with the Community Boards at Otaki and Waikanae through the Otaki RSA. The Boards have been pro-active and responsive to proposals, and this was very evident in the first OVID lockdown when both Boards took steps to support the isolated communities, especially for the elderly and those living alone, who were supported by the RSA welfare team at Otaki.

I have attended meetings and seen the Boards support all levels of the community from school children seeking to enhance their learning; sporting codes; community groups at all levels; and support for the arts and other initiatives.

I doubt that a single councillor could ever reach that level of support.

This quote from the Review (page 2) suggests the best answer:

Many believe it's currently hard for councillors to hear from the diverse range of people in the district. Barriers that prevent people from putting their views forward include lack of time, energy, communication ability, transportation, self-confidence, and confidence in council to really listen and care. Many note that, because barriers block engagement for some, council constantly only hears a subsection of voices and perspectives. Community boards might be a good vehicle for people who already have the confidence and ability to engage with council

I encourage the Council to follow the wisdom of the Review. The Community Boards are the ideal pathway for the Communities of Interest to be represented.

I would welcome the chance to speak to this submission.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3682457

First name

Jenny

Last name

Rowan

What ward are you in now

Paekākāriki-Raumati

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

Yes

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Refer to SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENT ATTACHED.

Kāpiti District Council Representation Review - Submission

2 October 2021

Introduction

My name is Jenny Rowan, former Mayor of Kāpiti District Council and of Inglewood District Council, and former community board member of the Paekakariki Community Board. I have 20 years experience in elected local government governance roles.

I support the submission from the Paekakariki Community Board.

I will comment on three matters below:

- Ministerial Review of Local Government
- Iwi representation
- Community Boards

The Process

Before I address those matters, I would like to comment on what I see as a very inadequate consultation process for this review. I understand the Council has used an external American based company. Seemingly their process has resulted in responses from a total of 168 individuals from a voting population in excess of 25,000. This could hardly be seen as adequate community engagement and consultation, or a statistically robust process. It also seems there was a deliberate decision to give no opportunity for the community boards themselves to comment, and that the whole matter has been kept very much 'under wraps' until quite recently.

When where you going to invite feedback from the Community Boards? You would not find it at all acceptable if this process was applied to you as the elected Council governing body.

Ministerial Review of Local Government

You will already be aware of the legislative changes that are coming your way from Central Government. In the week of 27 September 2021, Government tabled an amendment in the form of the Covid 19 response Legislation Bill, which will give the Government the ability to delay local government elections not just once but through until 2023. This amendment has passed its first reading under urgency.

More importantly there is a review currently underway about the traditional role and functions of Local Government, with the intention of significant change. The overhaul of the three waters sector and the resource management systems are foremost among a suite of reform programmes that will reshape our system of local government. This will inevitably impact the structure and size of local authorities, and elected representation. The report is scheduled to be on the table by the end of next year.

So, whilst I fully understand the requirement for this representation review, I don't know what is driving these local proposals for significant change, especially when this national review is likely to change the entire structure of Local Government and its activities.

If I read the signals of the future possibilities for Local Government correctly, you could be heading into a more socially responsible role, including housing, and more of the four wellbeings activities. I believe you should be waiting for these outcomes before considering the changes proposed in this local representation review. The community has a low tolerance for democratic structural change, unless they can see a real benefit to them personally. It is easy to confuse the public when so much is going on, and you could end up being the brunt of the frustration, as you try to initiate local change with an over-lay of pending central government change. This would also be exacerbated if you have not been able to have an election next year to explain your position and

reasons why.

Your ability to inform and educate our communities will be severely challenged, given the lack of media transparency with the current Council, evident by how this process has been introduced and conducted.

I believe the central Government changes ahead of us are going to be considerable. If the three waters are removed from Local Government business there could be future amalgamations and a complete overhaul of the representation structure. You would be wise to focus on the potential outcomes, and be prepared to take the Kāpiti community with you in that change, and not be tied up in these seemingly minor domestic representation matters.

So, I trust you as a Council haven't pre determined your decision to do away with community boards. You might need them more than ever in the future. I am mindful that Mayor Guru campaigned on a promised to empower the Community Boards, what has happened to that idea and process?

Iwi Representation

Fair and Effective Representation.

The make up of this Council is very good in that our communities clearly understand the need to have a mix around the table of men and women - but not in terms of tangata whenua however.

What ever is ahead of us this is a major issue that has to be addressed now. We can no longer continue to make critical decisions without mana whenua at the table.

How have Iwi been involved in this discussion, what are they thinking about this review, and how do you know about their ideas of how they might want to participate. ?

Was Te Whakameninga approached?

And let's be clear here, like the Three Waters debate, if we don't start to meaningfully bring our mana whenua to the table, legislation will do that for us, as is being proposed in the six entities in the three waters debate, that will be established in Aotearoa/New Zealand: six Councils and six mana whenua/Iwi.

So the last remaining hurdle, is that of Iwi representation.

I see that Iwi advice is to not establish a local Maori ward for electoral purpose for the 2022 elections. That's understandable. This community has unfortunately demonstrated a high level of ongoing racism, where the lack of understanding of the role of non-Maori and of Council as Treaty Partner is still feared by many of the voting population.

You might like to put some thinking into how you are going to bring representatives from our three local Iwi to this table, if you are not able to bring them through a Maori ward process. This should be taken to Local Government NZ, as it is a critical issue for our national democratic process in the future. Local Government does not want to be left behind, as it becomes irrelevant to Tangata Whenua, and as they gain more economic and power based entities.

When I re-imagine a Council and Community Boards in the not too distant future, I want to see committed younger men and women, sitting at the table, alongside our Tangata Whenua, making decisions for all, and leading discussions in a world of impacting climate change challenges. I wish them much courage.

Community Boards

However if you choose to proceed with changing the representation review here are my thoughts for the Community Boards.

I am submitting on this review this because I have a long time commitment to the role that our Community Boards play in our District.

This conversation is about democracy, not bureaucracy. It is about the way our communities can continue to have the critical grassroots representation that connects us all to the issues of the day.

This requires you to think in a bigger context of how our local government democracy fits into our way of life. This should not be about doing away with them because some of our Community Boards don't appear to function well.

From my experience of the Paekakariki Community Board, it performs way above its weight, and over the years has allowed community members to gather the support needed to further quite major ideas and projects. To this end, our little village has benefited hugely from this statutory connection to our District Council.

Community Boards - History

I was Mayor of Inglewood when Community Boards were introduced as a concept that would better serve the local populations within a wider District Council setting. I supported the democratic idea of local representation, of a group of very local people who would know their local community, and be able to address very domestic matters, and if need be assist with larger matters with their local Councillors.

This did require a commitment by all players to be willing to work and be educated in a way that the local community benefited, which meant that each elected representative understood their role and place in the sun.

On that note, if you decide to keep the Boards, then you will need

to ask the Mayor what he meant by ‘empowering the boards’, and how to put those ideas into play.

What I know is that ongoing education and training for all elected representatives is critical, especially in these fast changing times. It is important to ensure that the administration support is in good heart, and the link between the Boards and Councilors is strong. And that their brief is wide enough to make the job interesting, and they are paid a fair wage.

The Mayor may have other ideas.

Recommendation

I recommend that you:

1. Defer any local representation review decisions until Government representational review is complete (due October 2022)
2. Formally engage with each of the three local Iwi to discuss options for inclusion of Mana Whenua in the local Council role and function, and in Council discussions and decision-making (including this review).
3. Formally engage the Community Boards in consultation on this review, and provide opportunity for their formal submission to Council.

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Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3626212

First name

Vicki

Last name

Rowe

What ward are you in now

Paraparaumu

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?					✓	

Please tell us why?

Seems to work so far although this particular council is not listening to the people so ideally a different set of councilors and Mayor

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

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Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?					✓	

Please tell us why?

For true representation of the people this seems to be the best way to go. At least these people will be closer to the community and hopefully more in tune with what we actually want.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Please tell us why?

They are very different and should be represented separately.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Please tell us why?

The council now ignores its community this will only make it far worse.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

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Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Think they are fine where they are

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

The last few years it seems the council has really stepped away from the community in hearing what we have to say. We must retain these wards to ensure that there is some hope to the main council listening.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3668137

First name

Pryor

Last name

Rowland

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

Yes

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Please tell us why?

10 councillors are enough to represent our population. Having more could lead to disunity.

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Please tell us why?

There should be more ward councillors for more local representation if we are removing community boards.

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Please tell us why?

Waikanae has a separate identity.

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Please tell us why?

Only if local representation is enabled by more wards.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

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Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Prefer more wards, not less.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

There should be a Maori ward. Kapiti would benefit greatly by incorporating the Maori world view within the council.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3651934

First name

Royd

Last name

Sampson

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

Yes

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Please tell us why?

Waikanae is a separate community as it is. I believe we draw the short straw on most decisions. Keep the community board or we will lose our voice.

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Please tell us why?

The community board needs to be retained as stated. We lack a voice at the table, give the community reps more air time in council and make sure they are listened to!

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

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Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Our farm has been here for 100 years and we've always considered ourselves part of Waikanae community. The moving of the northern line puts us in the Ōtaki area. This will impact on access to hospital in Wellington and bring many more disadvantages upon us.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3678468

First name

Brett

Last name

Sangster

What ward are you in now

Paraparaumu

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

Yes

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Please tell us why?

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Please tell us why?

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Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

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How can Council better represent you and your community?

Submission from Brett Sangster, [REDACTED] Paraparaumu Beach

If the Kapiti Coast District Council is serious about taking a “fresh look at local democracy” and how council can work better for its district, it needs to take a first step of clearly outlining the community’s expectation of democracy and what that means for council behaviours, policies and systems like Key Performance Indicators. Council must expect to be held accountable for the delivery of credible democratic processes. It must be prepared to go the extra mile on engagement.

Proposals about numbers of elected councillors (including the mayor), wards and community boards flow from and must support that first step.

KCDC should consider adopting guiding principles as a basis for leading its democratic processes and community engagement. These principles should be the basis for engagement and better social, cultural, economic and environmental outcomes for people living in the Kapiti Coast District.

There are six community engagement principles outlined by the OECD that KCDC should consider:

1. Connecting with those hardest to reach

- **Inclusiveness** – More inclusive processes and practices will increase community access to Council information and broaden involvement in Council policy development, planning and decision making.

2. Changing the ways government and the community work together

- **Reaching out** – New and more effective ways to involve communities in the planning and decision-making processes will allow the Council to move beyond established networks to tap into the significant knowledge and expertise within communities.

3. Listening, understanding and acting on experiences different from our own

- **Mutual respect** – Listening to and understanding the views, concerns and experiences of people and communities, will lead to better decisions and strengthened Council-community relationships.

4. Open and accountable practices and processes

- **Integrity** – Open and accountable engagement practices and processes that genuinely inform decision-making will increase community trust and confidence in Council.

5. Incorporating diverse values and interests

- **Affirming diversity** – Incorporating diverse opinions and perspectives into policy development, planning and decision-making will help achieve effective and sustainable outcomes.

6. Working together to add value

- Council, individuals and communities working productively together will add value in policy development and programme and service planning.

Local government in New Zealand, unfortunately, does not work in this manner. The concept of representation is blurred with no real expectation that councillors or council officers will do anything more than any minimum engagement requirements set out in legislation. There is an expectation that communities will come to them, rather than councils actively engaging with communities, not just about specific issues, but more generally about community health and wellbeing.

Councils don't hear from renters, rarely hear from workers, students, and from people who are beneficiaries. There are so many voices that are not part of Council's picture. This is why Council needs a policy that says it will seek out quiet voices – people who don't have the resources or the inclination to seek out Council. Effective engagement needs to be driven from the bottom up, not from the top down.

About six years ago, changes to the Local Government Act required councils to adopt a significance and engagement policy. There was an expectation from government at that time that such a change would improve council engagement with their communities. Sadly, apart from having S&E policies, nothing has changed. It would be interesting to know how many KCDC councillors have read the council's S&E Policy.

Councils currently embrace democracy and engage with communities because they have to, not because they want to. Until that mindset and commitment changes, little else will.

Council has raised five issues that it seeks public submissions on:

1. Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a mayor?

The issue should be the role of councillors and the support they receive regarding democracy from council officers rather than the number of them.

While councillors may be elected to be representative of voters and communities, they rarely are. There is also often an "arrogance of office", which is seen when people with issues have to take those to council, rather than council actively looking. Councillors receive little training in this vital area.

An issue of diversity has been raised. If this is to be a real issue, then council must actively seek and interact with hard-to-reach groups, such as mana and tangata whenua, youth, the elderly, recent immigrants, the unemployed, young families, ethnic groups, LGBTQI+. It is vital that elected councillors demand this active engagement and are prepared to be guided by it.

2. Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five district-wide councillors?

All councillors should be equal. They should be elected to represent Kapiti Coast District, not a portion of the district. All councillors should have a district-wide focus. If active engagement measures such as those outlined in submission point 1. are embraced, then council will be richer for that, rather than relying on variable councillors to perform the task.

3. Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae wards?

Dividing the district into geographic wards for the purposes of representation adds little value. There are communities of interest on the Kapiti Coast who deserve to be heard, not just communities of place. All geographic wards should be removed.

4. Do you agree with the removal of community boards?

Community boards have no real authority bestowed on them by council. They are not decision-making bodies. They rely on council officers to resource and direct them. They are a barrier to engagement between communities of place and communities of interest being heard by all council decision makers. Face-to-face engagement is important and there are better tools for delivering that than community boards. These boards are expensive in terms of council monies and time. They should be removed and replaced with more effective measures.

5. Do you agree with the new boundary lines?

Answers to submission points 3. and 4. above answer this.

Yes, I would welcome an opportunity to speak to this submission in person.



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Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3646770

First name

Desmond

Last name

Scrimgeour

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Please tell us why?

We are over represented. Three waters reform will only require up to 3 representatives for dog tags and park benches.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

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Please tell us why?

With the 3 Waters being taken away and roading being next it is best to realign for the future.

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Please tell us why?

Agree but with a much reduced representation.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Please tell us why?

They serve no real value.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

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Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

No need for a separate Southern Ward - join it up.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

With the 3 Waters reform on the door step and no option but to responsibly sign up to the stimulus there is no better time to realign and ensure Council and boards are fit for the future. Government has signaled roading will be next to be unified.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3639337

First name

David

Last name

Shand

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Please tell us why?

Number is appropriate

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Please tell us why?

both local and district-wide perspectives are needed

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Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

We are geographically separated and so is our community on interest. Waikanae needs separate/guaranteed representation

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Please tell us why?

Just another layer. Council can talk direct with community organizations such as residents associations.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

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Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Don't combine Waikanae and (most of) Paraparaumu
Keep Paekakariki separate - which is it community wise



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3608775

First name

Tania

Last name

Sheerin

What ward are you in now

Paekākāriki-Raumati

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

Yes

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Please tell us why?

Depends on how many wards we have and if we have community boards or not? and if we dont have community boards, we will need more councillors and if we have more more wards, we will need more councillors.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

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Please tell us why?

Yes, if we retrain the same amount of wards and the same amount of community boards.

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Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

No, they are completely different communities and Waikanae North Population is going to grow massively...I dont think you are looking at the bigger picture.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

No, we need community boards, they are the interface between us and the council...I will not be able to get near a councillor for all our needs in the community...Getting rid of this would be detrimental to all of our communities, once its gone, its gone...Dont lose our heart in our community

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Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Its not broke, dont get rid of it...Try and fix it

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

At the end of the day, The councillors are not doing what they should...They are not listening to the hub / nor hive of their community/wards



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3683111

First name

Adrian

Last name

Simcock

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

Yes

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Please tell us why?

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KAPITI REPRESENTATION REVIEW

SUBMISSION –

2/10/2021

Introduction

I do not support the changes contained in the 2021 Representation Review on the basis that it fails to deliver the 'fair and effective representation of communities of interest' required under the Local Electoral Act.

The proposed changes include amalgamating the Waikanae Ward and Paraparaumu-Raumati Wards into one, and scrapping all four Community Boards in Otaki, Waikanae, Paraparaumu-Raumati, and Paekakariki.

The initiative is solely coming from the KCDC as its required part of the six-yearly Representation Review with only the nebulous support of a report by Empathy, commissioned by KCDC and with only 150 people surveyed out of a population of 57,000 odd. This equates to only 0.26% of the population base for the Kapiti District.

Council's proposed changes are inconsistent with *a democratic model that brings me closer to my elected representatives and decision-makers, while reflecting the diversity of the district and communities of interest*. Also the preferred option is inconsistent with the majority of the "design principles" as council presented to the Community Boards on 5th August 2021.

I support the current ward model which could be made more compliant with the + or – 10% variance requirements for Otaki and Waikanae through population redistribution, or seeking approval to maintain the current variances in recognition of the clearly-defined communities of interest and the wide geographical split across 40 kilometres of the Kapiti plain.

I do not support the proposal of retaining 5x Districtwide Councillors; these seats should be re-distributed amongst the wards in the basis as developed below.

I do not support re-naming the current 4 Wards; their names correctly and accurately describes their community of interest derived from the historical association of each area.

I do not support the removal of the Community Boards; the LGA 2002 states that:

The role of a community board is to—

- (a) represent, and act as an advocate for, the interests of its community; and
- (b) consider and report on all matters referred to it by the territorial authority, or any matter of interest or concern to the community board; and
- (c) maintain an overview of services provided by the territorial authority within the community; and
- (d) prepare an annual submission to the territorial authority for expenditure within the community; and
- (e) communicate with community organisations and special interest groups within the community; and

- (f) undertake any other responsibilities that are delegated to it by the territorial authority.

Currently, Community Boards within Kapiti are being under-utilised when looking at their role as proscribed by the LGA 2002. Empower them to fulfil the mandate proscribed by LGA 2002 and they will add immensely to the communication and administration of our District.

I do not support the change in “new” boundary lines.

I would like to speak to my submission.

1. Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?

Neutral

Please tell us why:

The actual sum of councillors will depend on the criteria of the wards and population mix within each ward. If all current wards are retained and all councillors are ward councillors, the following could be the set-up for the composition of the wards:

	Current Pop	Councillors	Pop Excess	% Above/Below Avg
Otaki	9,870	2	-1,130	-20.5%
Waikanae	14,450	3	-2,050	-37.3%
Paraparaumu	21,800	4	-200	-3.6%
Paekakariki/Raumati	10,950	2	-50	-0.9%
Total	57,070			
	5,500			

In this model, the councillor numbers equate to 11 but it allows for population growth districtwide especially in the Otaki and Waikanae catchments which are the 2 main areas for future growth.

See further discussion below.

2. Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?

Strongly disagree

Please tell us why:

- A. Districtwide councillors are not responsible to anyone, any area but are supposed to do what's best for the area as a whole. Under the auspices of the LGA, all councillors are supposed to "do what's best for the area as a whole".

- B. **There is a direct lack of accountability to the constituents of the Kapiti District by the Districtwide councillors.**
- C. **Districtwide councillors are viewed rather similar to “List” MP’s. Once they are elected, they are not responsible to anyone and therefore do not communicate with any community within the district.**
- D. **A common theme in the Empathy review of 9/7/21 is that: “People want councillors to know the people and issues of the district. Most people stressed that councillors need to hear from the diversity of people in the district, not just the loudest voices, or those who have time or access.” By making all councillors “Ward Councillors”, there will be a greater opportunity for the people to connect whilst allowing the Ward councillors to develop contacts into the diversity of people.**
- E. **The following statements in the council literature: ‘Empowering existing or new community groups to do more to foster community-led development’ and ‘Strengthening Councillors ability to know and understand their communities’ further enhances the change from Districtwide Councillors to ALL councillors being elected from a ward.**

3. Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?

Strongly disagree

Please tell us why:

- F. **Combining the current Waikanae and Paraparaumu Wards fails the test of “community of interest” on the following grounds:**
- G. **GEOGRAPHICAL: the 2 wards share a common physical boundary – the Waikanae River.**
- H. **HISTORICAL: Waikanae has always been a separate identity to Paraparaumu; before the 1989 reorganisation of local government, Otaki used to be a Borough Council, Waikanae was a Town Council, and Paraparaumu south (including Raumati and Paekakariki) was the centre of Kapiti Borough Council.**
- I. **IWI: Te Atiawa historically settled north of the Waikanae River whilst Ngati Toa settled south of the river.**
- J. **ECONOMIC: Paraparaumu is the industrialised base for the Kapiti District while Waikanae has only 1 small street of very light industrial activity.**
- K. **SOCIAL: Waikanae is colloquially known as “God’s Waiting Room” due to the high preponderance of retirees. All secondary schools are south of the river. There is major differences in the make-up of the two areas.**

4. Do you agree with the removal of community boards?

Strongly disagree

Please tell us why:

- L. Community Boards can be and are advocates for their area at council meetings and workshops. They know the intricacies of their area and can often balance competing and contrasting views within their community.**
- M. My observation of our Community Boards are that they are not empowered by Council to maintain a formal overview of services provided by the territorial authority. This can simply be rectified by formal delegation from the territorial authority.**
- N. Allocating a specific percentage of rates revenue derived from a particular ward for use in that locality according to Community Board consultation to determine local community priorities.**

5. Do you agree with the new boundary lines?

Strongly disagree

Please tell us why:

- N. They do not relate in any form to the proposals in this submission.**
- O. The current boundary lines between Paekakariki/Raumati and Paraparaumu can be retained.**
- P. The current boundary lines between Waikanae and Paraparaumu must be retained.**
- Q. The boundary line between Waikanae and Otaki could be adjusted to enable closer representative numbers in each ward.**

Name: Adrian Simcock
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Tel: [phone redacted]
Email: [email redacted]



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3657494

First name

Gloria

Last name

Simpson

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

Representation Review: A fresh look at local democracy

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Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

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Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

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Do you agree with the new boundary lines?			✓			



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3639571

First name

Rosanna

Last name

Sinai

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

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Yes

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Do you agree with combining most of the current Paparapumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Need representation for my area not get swallowed up in Paparapumu

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Concerned lack of interest in Waikanae. We need our own councillors to push for our area and not get lost in the void

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3659568

First name

Lynn

Last name

Sleath

What ward are you in now

Paraparaumu

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

Yes

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Please tell us why?

- 1) Provides approx 10,000 residents per councillor.
- 2) 10 councillors is appropriate number of committee resourcing.

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Please tell us why?

District-wide unnecessary and concept is flawed. 10 ward councillors provides required accountability to the communities of interest.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Please tell us why?

Provides better balance with 10,000 per councillor.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?					✓	

Please tell us why?

Boards are an unnecessary filter/layer of bureaucracy and distance our politicians from their community.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

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Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Of the examples given, the most relevant is Tasman District which is a similar collection of small towns/townships. There the council has NO district-wide councillors, ALL are ward councillors and therefore accountable to the communities.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3631496

First name

Dan

Last name

Smith

What ward are you in now

Paraparaumu

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Please tell us why?

The wards are close to town based so that there are representatives for each specific town in the district to reflect each towns differences which I think is important.

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Please tell us why?

District wide councillors allow more of a wider perspective but can't outnumber ward based.

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Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Want people who specifically represent each town as much as possible.

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Do you agree with the removal of community boards?		✓				

Please tell us why?

Having a board stops one councillor or person making all decisions with a bias.

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Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

It Merges township areas more which I think should be kept distinctive

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Look at elected Maori district wide councillors. Split out Paraparaumu and Raumati community board. Look at more digital ways to seek feedback. It was a pain in the arse to sign up and create another password to give this feedback! Make it more open.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3624920

First name

Jeremy

Last name

Smith

What ward are you in now

Paraparaumu

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

Yes

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Please tell us why?

The numbers are about right for a council of this population size.

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Please tell us why?

The 5/5 split is OK for now but as the population grows- Waikanae should have an extra councillor

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Please tell us why?

I don't live in Waikanae but it is my impression that many Waikanae people feel underrepresented.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Please tell us why?

A community board can be the first point of contact for many citizens who :

1- know nobody with council connections and
 2- might feel intimidated by coming to a council meeting (There are more of these than you might think) and
 3- can not get to council meetings during the day but might get to a meeting locally. Kapiti has an unusual population skew : I am not aware of any other council which has a higher percentage of people who work outside the boundary. Upper Hutt and Porirua are also "commuterville" councils but have significant local employment bases, much wider than Kapiti. I would say the same of the three Wairarapa councils because of their traditional farming base.
 If the council decides to do away with community boards it should be required to hold at least TWO of its council meetings in the evening every year.
 Cr Rob McCann has pointed out there is an increasing disconnect between what councillors do and what people think they do. This is not helped by many social media pages which reflect people's selection bias and deepen their confirmation bias.
 And I recommend all councillors should read the Otago Daily Times item from May 29 about a regional council meeting at Omakau. It was a "hot" local issue.
 Read the comments about trust and understanding. I think some of the sentiments there are common through the country and I worry about that.

by Jared Morgan

A deep mistrust of the Otago Regional Council was laid bare at an often heated meeting in Omakau last night.

The number of people in the Omakau Memorial Hall swelled to close to 200 to hear and discuss the five scenarios for managing minimum flows in the Manuherikia River but it was how the data was being presented that was questioned.

Andrew Newman, of the ORC, touched on the flow scenarios, which range from 1200 litres per second through to 3000 litres per second, but his audience included farmers who irrigated from the river.

It was a graph that showed the impact of the water flow management scenarios on ecosystem health, mana whenua, fishing and irrigation reliability that drew anger.

Manuherikia Catchment Group member Jan Manson questioned the information presented by the ORC as the majority of the Manuherikia was healthy and only 30% of it was degraded.

"Is there anywhere in the document that lets the public know that?"

She went further, asking if the general public understood flows and what a 3000 litres per second flow would look like at the Shaky Bridge in Alexandra.

"Would the ODT have photos of children swimming in that flow?"

A man in the audience provided an answer: "They'd be halfway to Roxburgh."

Mrs Manson said flow levels needed to be explained in laypersons' terms.

Trust was a recurring theme in questions. Several people accused the ORC of skewing the facts by presenting the worst third of the river to the public — the stretch from the Alexandra camping ground to the confluence with the Clutha River.

Central Otago Mayor Tim Cadogan summarised the general sentiment.

"People haven't got a bloody clue what three cumecs looks like."

He demanded that information in photo format be made available as soon as possible, including offering to provide it himself.

Meanwhile, he urged everyone in attendance to make a submission on the plan and to encourage others to do so.

Submissions close on June 18. A report is due in August.

jared.morgan@odt.co.nz

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	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?		✓				

Please tell us why?

I think you have a problem in incorporating Waikanae and Paraparaumu into a "superward:.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3658045

First name

Tracy

Last name

Solomon

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

Representation Review: A fresh look at local democracy

Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

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Please tell us why?

Waikanae needs its own voice, someone who has Waikanae issues at the forefront of decisions. This will not be the case if we are merged with Paraparaumu.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Waikanae needs its own representative. We are losing many community services. We have a poor pop-up library, no recycling anymore and soon no green waste! What is next to go, our beloved Waikanae Pool? Waikanae people need their own community board!!



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your say

Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3646785

First name

John

Last name

Souness

What ward are you in now

Paraparaumu

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Please tell us why?

Growing area - 10 should suffice for a number of years.

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Please tell us why?

Good balance.

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Please tell us why?

Reduces costs (hopefully) and easier to identify areas (wards).

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Please tell us why?

Don't contribute enough to justify cost.

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Do you agree with the new boundary lines?				✓		

Please tell us why?

Best option in regard to population figures.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Make sure their thinking relates to consultation on major projects that will impact on all ratepayers (e.g. the gateway project).



Kōrero
mai Have
your say

Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3673474

First name

Maureen

Last name

Starke

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Please tell us why?

Don't feel we need any more or any less councillors.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

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Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?					✓	

Please tell us why?

Given a good representation across the region.

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	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

No! With the two wards, each area has individual representation.

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Please tell us why?

One way of making the council accountable.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

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Do you agree with the new boundary lines?		✓				



Kōrero
mai **Have**
your say

Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3666366

First name

Doug

Last name

Stephenson

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

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Yes

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Please tell us why?

Waikanae is growing rapidly and needs its own representation

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

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Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3646701

First name

Marilyn

Last name

Stevens

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

Yes

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

Representation Review: A fresh look at local democracy

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Please tell us why?

The councillors we have don't always represent the views of the community - there is a disconnect!

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

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Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?		✓				

Please tell us why?

Maybe 5 districtwide and no ward councillors. Community boards represent their communities more effectively.

With the removal of Community Boards, I wonder how our ward councillors, particularly if they have other paid employment, are going to continue with the 'flax root' engagement in their communities. Setting up neighbourhood clinics is not going to help with the multiple community groups Community Board members are engaged with. It would make far more sense to have Community Boards who have a voice around the Council table and remove Ward Councillors.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Waikanae does not want or need to become part of Paraparaumu.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Please tell us why?

In your proposal all you mention about community boards is the grant they give. What about the huge amounts of work they "do" in their communities that never gets acknowledged. In a lot of community groups their constitutions dictate they must have a community board member as a trustee or committee. They will all need to change their constitutions!

The removal of Community Boards is showing democracy at its worst. Community Boards are very engaged in their communities doing a lot of work that never gets recognised at Council. In your proposal it mentions Community Boards don't have the teeth they need. So, given them the teeth!!

Here's how: Have an induction process that is flexible, for the workers have flexi times, so if they are unable to attend an induction through the working day - have evening or weekend alternatives. In that induction teach them how to write comms & give them a budget to do some meaningful comms. Give them a web presence - that might be as simple as a tab on Council website for each community so that the community can be kept up to date with what's going on in their community. Digitally support Community Boards. (If there is a cost for this \$20,000 has already been approved in the budget for Community Boards - use some of that).

Give them the power to appoint lwi representatives that are remunerated for meetings they attend - led by Council not Community Boards.

Strengthen ties between staff & Council - Community Boards were not even on the mailing list for the Submission.

Managerial Support - if a Community Board is seen to be dysfunctional, help them work through the problem. The problem is generally a Governance one it is never to do with the service they provide to their communities. Everyone that stands for Community Boards does so to provide a service to their community, that passion doesn't change. It is sometimes a personality issue that if Council were doing their job would help to sort out with team building!

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

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Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

If we have to change it makes more sense for Waikanae and Otaki to combine.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

The lack of consultation prior to putting this proposal forward shows the lack of disconnect with the people. If they can't get this right what chance has this proposal got of succeeding?



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3686640

First name

Margaret and John

Last name

Stevenson-Wright and Vickerman

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?						

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

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Do you agree with the new boundary lines?						

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Refer to SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENT ATTACHED.

Public Submission on KCDC Representation Review for 2022

from Margaret Stevenson-Wright & John Vickerman

██████████ Waikanae

3 October 2021

We are opposed to the proposal for 2022.

We do not believe the proposal will better represent us or our community. We regard the proposal as an attempt to diminish local democracy and not enhance it.

We participated in the initial public consultation around six months ago. This was an evening meeting with strict time constraints that gave little time to consider the questions adequately. The evening included ranking of statements on cards. One key issue was that the statements on quite a few cards were not mutually exclusive. It became a merry-go-round where individuals of a small group of the public present kept moving the cards around. We were apprehensive of the outcome but believed that an earlier period of public consultation would occur to validate some of the statements made before the process moved to higher level considerations. This failed to occur, and we now find at this late public consultation stage, that great weight has been put on some of these "perceptions" which are then further elevated to "principles". The impression given is one of a foundation built with rigorous scientific method, ultimately arriving at the preferred option presented today. We believe this is misleading, that some statements relied on are unverified, and the consequences as they stand are not warranted. More detailed investigation and analysis into the "perceptions" should have been made earlier, with public consultation.

The "perceptions" have been used to undermine the traditional strength of communities relating to geographic boundaries. In the council briefing documents, geographic significance is undermined by reference to small scale communities of interest not aligning with geographic boundaries. This issue is necessarily large scale as no sole community of interest is ever likely to align with 8,000 – 12,000 people per councillor. In Waikanae there are distinct communities of interest, but these also identify strongly with a collective geographic Waikanae identity – from the Beach, along roads aligned by the river, beneath the shadow of Te Au, and up the valley to Kapakapanui. Such a Waikanae collective community of interest is widely recognised, in contrast to the featureless sprawl identity of Paraparaumu.

In the Small Ward option in the Council briefing presentation of 29 June 2021, the combination of the blue and pink areas identifies the Waikanae collective geographic identity very well. With two councillors for this combined area the deviation rules are well complied with. The option given was linked with no community boards. In the absence of an explanation this is puzzling given that some of the potential issues given would be mitigated by the presence of a Waikanae Community Board of suitable calibre.

Within the mixed model it is not explained why the number of Ward Councillors has to be matched by an equal number of District Wide Councillors. With Wards, the population per councillor is significant for equality of representation, but why do District Wide Councillors have to have the same population base per Councillor when their main task is focussed on district wide issues? Any

number of District Wide Councillors will have an equal population base (the total population divided by the number of District Wide Councillors). Their district wide responsibilities will be different from Ward Councillor responsibilities, plus it does not follow that workload and representation of each will be or need to be the same.

In the Local Electoral Act 2001, section 19V(2) says that the population of each ward divided by the number of members to be elected is to be no more than 10% greater or smaller than the population of the district. The last part of the subsection then clarifies the applicability of the 10% rule to "other than members elected by the electors of a territorial authority as a whole, if any, and the mayor, if any". Hence District Wide Councillors are not subject to the 10% rule.

There is no indication in the briefing papers that a mixed model based on the Small Ward option of 7 ward councillors and 3 district wide councillors was even considered. Yet it would fully meet the 10% rule and align the blue and pink areas (Briefing 29 June 2021) - the Waikanae collective geographic identity - very well.

The number of District Wide Councillors should be independent of the number of Ward Councillors. If District Wide Councillors are overworked, then the number should be increased to match the workload. It is appreciated that the number of councillors will affect the remuneration of councillors but the effort for pay is what it is and councillors have the choice to stand or not. Experience demonstrates that payment does not equal performance.

The presentations convey a perception that Ward Councillors will be parochial and not do what is best for Kapiti as a whole. While examples of this might be found, we believe it is more the exception than the rule. Most Ward Councillors do recognise all wards have differing concerns and needs and that collaboration works best for all.

One significant aspect of the proposal is the dissolution of Community Boards. In the briefing of 29 June dissolution of 3/5 Community Boards was proposed leaving Otaki and Paekakariki boards. No good reason had been given as to why Otaki and Paekakariki were communities of interest, yet Waikanae was not. In the Councillor briefings the benefits and alternatives to community boards are somewhat speculative and ill thought out. The briefings essentially portray them as a barrier to representation. Of great concern is that all briefing papers are silent on one very important role of a community board. As set out in sections 51 and 52 of the Local Government Act 2002, a community board is not a local authority, and it is not a committee of the territorial authority. One of the roles of a community board is to maintain an overview of services provided by the territorial authority within the community (S52(c)) and **consider and report on ...any matter of interest or concern to the community board.** (S52(b)).

The community board has a role independent of council that councillors do not have. If council does something poorly, then the community board has the legal authority to say so. This role has frequently been confused by Council viewing it as criticism of staff and contrary to Standing Orders of elected members. The Standing Orders have to be subservient to the Local Government Act. If conflict exists it is interpretation of the Standing Orders that are the problem.

Council decision making has the Ombudsman as a check or balance but long delays in the practical working of this gives a narcissist Chief Executive carte blanche. Community Boards have a lesser but

more direct role as a check on the rigor of Council decision making. The disestablishment of a Community Board simply elevates the power and control of a Chief Executive.

The Chief Executive has the legal duty to fund and provide the administrative services a Community Board needs. In this there is a duty to provide a meeting agenda, but the Chief Executive does not have the legal authority to refuse to put an item on the agenda that is of concern to the Board. An example being simply because he thinks it is not an appropriate forum to discuss something council has done poorly. The Chair of a community board has an important role – under Remuneration Authority rules the Chair remuneration (paltry as it is) gets double that of other members – the expectation being that the Chair will be doing far more than the other members. In most cases the Chairs and the boards that they are part of do well and provide significant democratic input for little cost. The value of this and the check on Council is something generally poorly understood. There may be some evidence that they have been seen as an unhelpful barrier to representation and participation, but it is not known whether the people who said this were aware of the role of the Community Board as defined by statute.

This review so far has not portrayed the role of community boards fairly. The decision to dissolve all Community Boards apparently occurred in the councillor briefing of 29 June 2021. There is a public perception that in doing so, councillors have acted with bias, self-interest, predetermination and potential conflict of interest.

A review which dissolves all Community Boards and increases the power and control of a Chief Executive does not enhance local democracy. The new, creative, and contemporary ways to help our communities engage more directly with Council have been inadequately explained and fail to convince. If current councillors already express concerns about workload, how is removal of community boards which have contributed a great deal for little cost, going to enhance engagement with the community?

We are opposed to the proposal that smacks of predetermination and do not accept that the rushed ill evidenced review work done justifies the consequences proposed.

We request that this submission is placed in the public domain.

Margaret Stevenson-Wright

John Vickerman

Margaret Stevenson-Wright
John Vickerman



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3640106

First name

Bruce

Last name

Stewart

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?					✓	

Please tell us why?

From the information supplied I cannot see enough benefits, to me it's just change for change sake.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?					✓	

Please tell us why?

Gives good community representation.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Status Quo give better representation.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?				✓		

Please tell us why?

Duplication of people resources.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?		✓				

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

The case for change is weak and more detail/information point by point needed to be provided



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3616401

First name

Karen

Last name

Stewart

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?					✓	

Please tell us why?

I don't see any compelling reason for changing it after reading the small 12 page booklet produced on the matter.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?					✓	

Please tell us why?

Same answer as above - I am not convinced that the new structure will be of any more benefit.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Waikanae and Paraparaumu are totally different communities and have different needs. There is so much development going on in Waikanae, plus much planned for the future, we deserve to have our own voice at the table, and not be drowned out by Paraparaumu.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

We need to have as many local voices at the table as possible. The community boards may not have a vote but they are a way of getting public opinion known to the council.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Waikanae and Paraparaumu should kept separate as they are totally different communities with different wants and needs.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

The way Waikanae has been treated by the council in terms of getting rid of the Park Ave recycling centre is bad. Where is the transparency of consultation on this? Why wasn't every person in Waikanae given the chance to have a say on this, and then council make an informed decision. If Waikanae is combined with Paraparaumu, we lose more of our unique identity.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3681977

First name

Mike

Last name

Stringfellow

What ward are you in now

Paekākāriki-Raumati

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?				✓		

Please tell us why?

With community boards there are enough councillors. If you do away with community boards I'm concerned the workload of councillors will be too much for those with work commitments.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?					✓	

Please tell us why?

5 districtwide councillors ensures strategic considerations rather than just local concerns are represented at council.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?		✓				

Please tell us why?

Very different communities.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

I think that the reason for their creation in the first place has been overlooked. They were created when councils were amalgamated to make sure the local voice was not lost. Community Boards need more assistance to ensure that they communicate more effectively with residents. I suggest that support at elections is needed to ensure candidates are just not required to put their paragraph forward but to attend community meetings.

Some community boards I understand hold meetings during working hours. This discourages attendance by interested parties and makes it difficult for those in full time work to put themselves forward as candidates.

Lack of knowledge among residents about community boards is a 2 way thing. Residents who don't participate have a choice. If they don't have a connection with a community board they are just as likely not to bother to connect with council or any government. Political apathy is well entrenched and more creative solutions are needed to ensure that those with the loudest voices are not the only ones heard. Community boards are also a good training ground for prospective councilors.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?			✓			

Please tell us why?

There are always problems with drawing boundaries based on population and it will never be a perfect thing.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3681050

First name

Ele

Last name

Sylva

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

Yes

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?	✓					

Please tell us why?

To save money, why don't we just get rid of KCDC. The mayor and CEO between them must earn over 250,000. We could join up with Levin and keep the wards and community boards, think how much money that would save the rate payer.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?					✓	

Please tell us why?

For community representation.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Strongly disagree as these two areas have completely different needs and demographics.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Community boards are elected by the community and are a vital part of democracy in representing our local people, schools, groups etc.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Because its being pushed through with minimal public notice and opportunities for feedback, it should at least go to referendum in the next council election. No change before.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

I think its very misleading to ask 160 odd people about their experiences with the community boards, and come to the conclusion that "it added a confusing layer of bureaucracy", its actually the council job to simplify the process if not user friendly. We could come to the same conclusion with KCDC if we asked 160 odd people on their lunch break, if they had had any experiences with the KCDC. When a school board representative approaches the community board with an issue, the whole school benefits (all the families using the school), but they might even be aware of the community board input.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3678618

First name

Anthony

Last name

Tait

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

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If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?			✓			

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?	✓					

Please tell us why?

It seems that it is not possible to have only 5 Ward Councillors and have proper representation. 6-4 gets better.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Waikanae is under-represented in the current system. 3 wards covering Paraparaumu and Waikanae would potentially make this worse.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?			✓			

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

See answers at Q5 and Q6. They should be redrawn for a 6-4 split.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Northern ward in the proposal is still under-represented and Waikanae is not represented at all. By combining Waikanae and Paraparaumu you simply allow the already existing over-representation in Paraparaumu to continue!



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3683418

First name

Ken

Last name

Tarr

What ward are you in now

Paraparaumu

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?					✓	

Please tell us why?

Would not support more than this.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?				✓		

Please tell us why?

Seems to work.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?					✓	

Please tell us why?

Makes sense.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?				✓		

Please tell us why?

More people involved hampers good decisions.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?				✓		



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3651961

First name

Bruce

Last name

Taylor

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?					✓	

Please tell us why?

This number works well currently.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?					✓	

Please tell us why?

Good balance of representation and awareness of local and district-wide views and issues.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?					✓	

Please tell us why?

Reflects communities of interest better. For example, Waikanae and Paraparaumu have a lot in common; less with Ōtaki or Raumati.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?		✓				

Please tell us why?

Waikanae's experience this year with poor consultation over removal of recycling and green waste facility.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?					✓	

Please tell us why?

They reflect communities of interest better. See answer to Q6 above also.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Consultation with Waikanae residents this year over removal of our recycling and green waste facility was poor. Unless KCDC improves its consultation processes radically we need to retain the community boards to represent and articulate local views and issues, such as on waste reduction.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3681918

First name

Sally

Last name

Taylor

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?				✓		

Please tell us why?

Yes, but only if ALL Ward Councillors not district

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?	✓					

Please tell us why?

1. Districtwide councillors are not responsible to anyone, any area but are supposed to do what's best for the area as a whole. Under the auspices of the LGA, all councillors are supposed to "do what's best for the area as a whole".

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Combining the current Waikanae and Paraparaumu Wards fails the test of "community of interest"

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Community Boards can be and are advocates for their area at council meetings and workshops. They know the intricacies of their area and can often balance competing and contrasting views within their community.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

They do not relate in any form to the proposals in the submission.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3676806

First name

Ben

Last name

Tennant

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?				✓		

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?					✓	

Please tell us why?

Good to have community reps

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Leave it alone

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

They have a great presence in our communities, more than the council does.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Fair representation for all our communities as they are very diverse.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Please leave the community boards alone. If you want to save money then dump the 75 million going towards the Kapiti centre



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3683534

First name

Michael

Last name

Thompson

What ward are you in now

Paekākāriki-Raumati

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?				✓		

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	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?				✓		

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Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?			✓			

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	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?		✓				

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?			✓			

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

This is just another way of trying to stop people complaining about council mismanagement. Your senior staff seem to regard the public as the enemy and must be stopped from speaking out.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3683549

First name

Ronda

Last name

Thompson

What ward are you in now

Paekākāriki-Raumati

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?				✓		

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Prefer the Community Board. All local people.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?			✓			

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Local people with local interests at heart. Proposed would be more expensive than the community boards.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?			✓			



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3657891

First name

Eliza

Last name

Thomson

What ward are you in now

Paraparaumu

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?	✓					

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	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?					✓	

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Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?				✓		

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	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?					✓	

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?				✓		

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Congratulations on this review - well presented.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3667532

First name

Kathy

Last name

Thomson

What ward are you in now

Paraparaumu

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?				✓		

Please tell us why?

This number gives a wide representation over a Kapiti.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?				✓		

Please tell us why?

You need someone to represent your area & keep things relevant to your communities needs yet we also require people to look after Kapiti as a whole.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Every area has its own needs. Eg. Library or Swimming pool, sea wall or community centre! Locals feel more confident going to a less formal meeting & speaking about their community concerns. They have a vested interest in their. Patch. Caring neighbors making a close community which is needed to strengthen Kapiti as a whole.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

As above no 6 question. Each community need representatives & with 250 more village homes being built in Waikanae they need to have their say on their community needs.

Speaking at Council is very intimidating whereas a local board encourages people to stand up & speak for their community needs without the fear of being bullied & put down by councillors or arrested or banned for being over enthusiastic about situations they care about.

Leave everything as it is. Community Boards are working well.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

You need to strengthen communities in Kapiti. Greater numbers & you get lost. Caring comes from helping those next door which in turn gives a solid base for Kapiti as a whole.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Please don't try to fix something that has been working successfully for years. The small amount you pay for Community boards to give out to people should be increased. Guru said he wanted more involvement with Community boards when he was voted in now he is flip flopping like having open walk in sessions on a Saturday morning with the Mayor!!



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3611768

First name

John

Last name

Todd

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?					✓	

Please tell us why?

Needed for balanced ward representation

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?	✓					

Please tell us why?

All councillors should represent a ward area

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Waikanae needs to have distinct representation

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?			✓			

Please tell us why?

Only if each ward has stronger representation.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Waikanae needs to be a separate ward



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3658025

First name

Alaric

Last name

Tomlinson

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?					✓	

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

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Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?					✓	

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	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?				✓		

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?					✓	



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3684064

First name

Philip

Last name

Tomlinson

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?				✓		

Please tell us why?

But do we need that number for fair representation.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?					✓	

Please tell us why?

Important for local decision making. Otaki has a unique community.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?			✓			

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Need effective representation as we have an unique community in Otaki.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?			✓			



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3684485

First name

Rosemary

Last name

Tomlinson

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?				✓		

Please tell us why?

This gives a fair representation to all communities within KCDC.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?					✓	

Please tell us why?

Again this provides a fair representation having regard to the geographical and individual nature of the individual communities within KCDC and population spread.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

The current arrangement represents a fair distribution in relation to population.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

The communities represented by the Community Boards are very individual in their make up and it is very important to have someone to represent their issues and concerns. It is also important for people in the community to have someone with local knowledge to approach and it plays an important role in encouraging local involvement.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?			✓			



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3686517

First name

Prue

Last name

Tosswill

What ward are you in now

Paekākāriki-Raumati

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?					✓	

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?				✓		

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?			✓			

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

I feel it is very important to have local input in decisions affecting our community.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3671503

First name

Derek

Last name

Townsend

What ward are you in now

Paraparaumu

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

Yes

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?					✓	

Please tell us why?

The system as is works well.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?					✓	

Please tell us why?

The system works well now, why change it.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Leave as is.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

They represent the ratepayers.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Leave as is.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

We have a solid workable system now - what is the rush to change it and why?



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3647852

First name

Rodney

Last name

Tregerthan

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

Yes

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

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Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Ōtaki will be less represented for district councillors likely to all come from elsewhere....and dont tell me the mayor lives there so all will be ok!!

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?						

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?				✓		

Please tell us why?

although it will lessen local input , as a notion, these boards are out of date.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?						

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

There should be a Maori Ward ...the so called "special relationship" is unsatisfactory. Of all the areas in NZ, Kāpiti should be leading the way in this area. I truly fear that the conservative elderly right wing population's undoubted racial concerns will tarnish the value of local council.



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your say

Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3678797

First name

Ken

Last name

Turner

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?				✓		

Please tell us why?

No reason to see any change here.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?				✓		

Please tell us why?

No reason to see any change here.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?				✓		

Please tell us why?

This will result in no significant difference in areas of representation as it is only a relocation of boundaries.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Dissolving the community board will marginalise the community. If the council thinks it adds to the layers

of bureaucracy then it is up to them to rectify this rather than axe the community involvement.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?			✓			

Please tell us why?

Six of one and half dozen of the other. In other words will make no difference to levels of representation.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3654918

First name

Chris

Last name

Turver

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

Yes

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?						

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?						

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Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?						

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?						

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?						

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Please refer to SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENT ATTACHED.

13 October 2021

To: Mayor & Councillors

**REPRESENTATION REVIEW PUBLIC HEARING 19 OCTOBER 2021
CHRIS TURVER SUPPLEMENTARY SUBMISSION**

Following the split 7-4 vote by Councillors in supporting the KCDC's draft review, you are now faced with hard decisions on whether to adopt clearly controversial proposals.

I am one of 531 people and organisations from across the District to make submissions, with most feeling the changes are unjustified and unwarranted.

In the three previous Representation Reviews between 2003-2015 there was little opposition to the current system despite significant variations in the plus-minus population formula. Long-established communities of interest were fully accepted.

In the case of the last 2015 review, there were only 10 submissions across the entire District, with eight in favour of the status quo.

The Local Government Commission agreed unanimously to all three reviews.

Councillors, on behalf of ratepayers, are now being asked to make final decisions on sweeping changes to the roles of Wards and Community Boards where:

- the proposals have no substantive supporting evidence
- there is no genuine independent research
- 'research' has been minimal and was an in-house joint effort between KCDC staff and Empathy Design which was paid \$85,000
- apart from a late 'have-your-say' campaign, there has been no genuine community consultation - and only a month's notice to make submissions
- no public briefings or community meetings were held to test public sentiment during the entire year-long lead up to production of what would clearly be confrontational proposals
- there is no cost-benefit or outcomes-based analysis to support any change
- no proven case has been made for change – just general statements like eliminating "confusing layers of representation and barriers to engagement"
- no explanation is given for why the KCDC has not itself addressed any such confusion and barriers over the last 32 years or raised any public concerns
- the proposals would lead to a loss of community and institutional knowledge, compounded by regular KCDC staff turnover

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In 2020 an Independent Organisational Review was accepted by the KCDC as a basis for improving Council performance and relationships.

Its sensible findings included that: “Community Boards provide an opportunity for increasing the connection of the Council with the local community “.

Ratepayers paid \$240,00 for this review and two years later there is still no public report on what is being implemented or what has been achieved.

Resourcing to improve connectivity should not be an issue because over the five years to June, staff numbers grew from 358 to 457 including full time part time, fixed term and casuals, but ratepayer trust in the Council is not high

The deterioration in the KCDC’s latest Residents Opinion Survey suggests community connection should be strengthened – not weakened - by more effective use of Councillors and Community Boards.

To short change communities by watering down local democracy in favour of a KCDC silo approach will not help to build trust and co-operation.

The question is: What happened between the positive connectivity approach proposed in the Jenkins recommendations - and the production of a Representation Review based on reducing ratepayer representation?

A concluding thought for you:

By adopting a more positive ‘community partnership’ approach, Kapiti would be in a much stronger position to deal at local levels with our real issues which need ratepayer buy-in.

Issues like the community impacts of climate change, population growth, growing social and health issues, urban development, infrastructure improvements, environmental pollution, and economic development.

I ask you to trust your own communities by building the strengths of existing Wards and Community Boards and vote to make much better use of what we’ve got.

Chris Turver
[phone number redacted]

20 September 2021

To: Kapiti Coast District Council

SUBMISSION - KAPITI REPRESENTATION REVIEW

Introduction

I do not support the changes contained in the 2021 Representation Review on the basis that it fails to deliver the 'fair and effective representation of communities of interest' required under the Local Electoral Act.

The status quo is generally well accepted and nobody is marching in the streets or writing impassioned letters-to-the editor for change.

The proposed changes include amalgamating the Waikanae Ward and Paraparaumu-Raumati Wards into one, and scrapping all four Community Boards in Otaki, Waikanae, Paraparaumu-Raumati, and Paekakariki.

The initiative is solely coming from the KCDC as its required part of the six-yearly Representation Review process.

I support the current representation model which could be made more compliant with the + or – 10% variance requirements for Otaki and Waikanae through population redistribution, or seeking approval to maintain the current variances in recognition of the clearly-defined communities of interest and the wide geographical split across 40 kilometres of the Kapiti plain.

No Councillors, at least publicly, have made any complaint about the number of people they have to represent under the present boundaries system.

It may well be that the Local Government Commission, having approved the current representation six years ago, could approve the same system for the next term on the basis that it works and there is no public agitation for change.

The Local Government Commission makes provision for exceptions by stating that:

"There are grounds for not complying with the +/-10% rule if there are good reasons as summarised below:

- to provide effective representation of communities of interest within island communities and isolated communities
- where compliance would limit effective representation by either dividing a community of interest, or grouping together communities of interest with few commonalities.

Proposals

The core argument seems to be that combining two of the existing Wards and eliminating all four Community Boards, will “strengthen local representation” by:

- removing confusing layers of representation and barriers to engagement
- strengthening councillors ability to know and understand their communities
- empowering existing or new community groups to do more to foster community-led development

No specific evidence was produced to support these highly-generalised notions and the recommendations would deprive the KCDC and ratepayers of localised practical and institutional knowledge.

‘Confusing layers of representation and barriers to engagement’:

If there are such issues, the primary accountability rests with KCDC which has had 32 years to take necessary corrective action, including making more effective use of existing Wards and Community Boards.

No clearcut examples are given and no solutions offered other than a restructure.

In terms of the KCDC’s responsibility to ratepayers for effective local government, it is not clear how simply removing one Ward and all Community Boards would cause confusion and barriers to disappear.

‘Strengthening Councillors ability to know and understand their communities’

Apart from being an insult to those existing Councillors who make a conscious effort to engage with their communities, this recommendation does not show how removing one Ward and all Community Boards would help them do a better job.

Rather, Wards and Community Boards should be valued as vital resources in an intelligence and information-gathering flow which keeps Councillors, Community Board members, and key staff informed and engaged with community thinking.

To expect a handful of Councillors, without these resources, to not only be as fully informed and take a leadership role in dealing with community opportunities and issues, would be significantly more difficult.

Proposals for providing Councillors with resources like dedicated staff and offices adds a layer of bureaucracy and cost which may well outstrip the costs of maintaining community boards

‘Empowering existing or new community groups to do more to foster community-led development’

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This proposal is hugely ironic.

At the same time the Council is proposing to do away with grass roots Community Boards, it now wants to 'empower' existing or new community groups, with mixed understandings of how local government works, to foster community development.

One of the strengths of Community Board is their knowledge and ability to receive, or advise on, or filter, sometimes conflicting approaches from local community groups and support proposals acceptable to the Council.

As just one example of the lack of thought that has gone into this proposal it's not too hard to imagine the Council itself having to directly face large numbers of sometimes contrary community proposals at each meeting.

Instead, the Council might again consider what practical responsibilities it could delegate to Community Boards to relieve pressures on the Council and its staff.

What would be Lost

The most under-rated value of Wards and Community boards is their high level of operational and institutional knowledge about their own communities.

This is particularly important for hard-pressed Councils like the KCDC which have significant staff turnovers and consequent loss of, or interruptions to, levels of operational performance and institutional knowledge.

Ward and Community board members live in, and are elected by, their local communities and often have far more local knowledge of operational matters and the local politics that best determine solutions.

Wards

The development of four Wards came with recognition that for historical, geographical and social reasons, Otaki, Waikanae, Paraparaumu-Raumati, and Paekakariki evolved as very distinct entities across 40 kilometres of the Kapiti Plain..

Before the 1989 reorganisation of local government, Otaki used to be a Borough Council, Waikanae was a Town Council, and Paraparaumu (then including Raumati and Paekakariki) was the centre of Kapiti Borough Council.

All three were defined as 'distinct communities of interest' in successive reviews of local government, with the growing Paekakariki-Raumati townships added as a fourth Ward.

All four are accepted within Kapiti as having 'distinct and recognisable boundaries'.

Waikanae and Paraparaumu are geographically split by the Waikanae river and Te Ati Awa ki Whakarongotai's marae is based in Waikanae.

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Since the 1989 reorganisation, all four wards have remained separate communities of interest with strong local affiliations and no discernible pressures from those communities to change their unique places in Kapiti.

The 2015 Representation Review (see attachment) reinforced this.

The emphasis now appears to be on limiting “fair and effective” representation rather than on supporting the populations of four very distinct and long-established communities of interest.

Community Boards

‘The Good Governance Guide for Community Boards’

‘The strength of community boards is their connection to neighbourhoods and ability to bring decision-making down to a level where citizens can have real influence.

This is difficult for many local authorities as they may be too large or simply have too few elected members to provide the effective representation to achieve meaningful connection with their citizens.’

Mick Lester, chair of the Community Board Executive Committee of Local Government New Zealand.

It may well be that in a proposal for just 10 Councillors and a Mayor, and no Community Boards, Kapiti would be too large to provide the effective representation referred to by Mr Lester.

The KCDC in its Representation Review booklet, “How can Council better represent you and your community?”, does not include community boards, wants fewer Wards, and instead focuses only on councillors and council staff”.

Without specific research-based evidence being produced for the community in this Representation Review, how can the KCDC come up plans for such radical change and what has changed since 2015 when the Local Government Commission endorsed the status quo (LGC decision attached)?

The KCDC booklet says the Empathy Design support it commissioned indicated community boards added a “confusing layer of bureaucracy, particularly for our more-in-need and currently disenfranchised and marginalised communities”.

If this is correct, a legitimate question arises of what the KCDC has done since its establishment in 1969 to identify and rectify the issues raised and what support has the KCDC given to Wards and community boards to deal with them?

The same research says the alternative view was “that community boards can be a great tool for representation in bringing the voice of the community to Council but they don’t have the teeth they need”.

Not having “the teeth they need” gets to the heart of the matter.

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The KCDC has ignored frequent appeals over many years for the KCDC to delegate more local decision-making to community boards to allow the Council to get on with substantive issues.

An independent Organisational Review in June 2020 talked positively of scope for an improved role for community boards in strengthening local government but painted a picture of community board under-utilisation, potential for increased co-operation, and improved communication (see attached clauses 145-154)

There are 40 territorial authorities around the country with, collectively, 110 community boards and the delegation approach is used in various form by many.

Residents Opinion Survey

It is clearly understood that the Council is caught up in a Representation Review process that cannot be stopped.

However, no evidence has been produced which shows that simply shifting the deckchairs around is going to improve the Council's ability to do a better job in providing effective representation.

The core outcomes of the KCDC's own 2020/21 Residents Opinion Survey shows:

- overall satisfaction and value for money in the Council's overall performance category has fallen
- there is lower public confidence that the district is going in the right direction
- residents are significantly less inclined to think the district is developing in a way that takes into account its unique character and natural environment
- trust in the Council to do the right thing for the district and its communities is falling
- significantly fewer residents felt they were being provided with clear information on issues where decisions are coming up and it was less easy for them to have their say and participate in decision-making
- Customer satisfaction from interactions with the Council fell again after recovering the previous year

These falling 'customer satisfaction' ratings suggest no matter how the number of wards and elected members are stacked up, any re-alignment would not equate to more effective representation without improvements to delivering consistently effective Council services.

Empathy Design

No independent research has been undertaken to test ratepayer opinion on something as important as a six-yearly Representation Review.

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Empathy Design was hired by the KCDC to undertake 'community engagement and design research to inform and inspire Kapiti Coast's representation'.

The reality was that its 26-page report of 9 July was based on consultation with just 150 people out of Kapiti's population of 57,000.

This cannot be considered, by any stretch of imagination, to be a well-founded and fully representative community engagement..

It was billed as a "community insight to inform and inspire Kapiti Coast District's representation arrangements" but in fact that 'community insight' relied only on:

- . five workshops attracting between 2 and 11 people each
- . an online survey with only 19 responses
- . 28 street interviews
- . 80 "meaningful engagements" at Waikanae and Paraparaumu markets
- . 16 people on "long, semi-structured interviews".

Low levels of public involvement suggests most people are happy with the current representation approach but the Council's household brochure questionnaire results may be more helpful.

Given Covid-19, some difficulties could be accepted but a wider range of public response mechanisms was presented on p2 of the 2015 Representation Review.

KCDC were heavily involved in production of the report with Empathy Design disclosing that "Empathy and council officers worked as one engagement and research team" so there was no independent assessment.

Conclusions

The Kapiti community has been asked to make submissions on the KCDC's six-yearly Representation Review with less than a month's notice since the production of the booklet and web site entries.

The Review started in August 2020 but no public plan emerged until early September 2021 after the Council approved it in a split 7-4 vote on 26 August.

The following issues stand out which challenge the intent of "fair and and effective representation of communities of interest" required under the Local Electoral Act:

- it took a year for the KCDC to prepare the groundwork and get Councillor approval which left ratepayers with a short timeframe of one month to receive the Representation proposal, consider it, and respond

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- no substantive justification for reducing the number of 'distinct and recognisable' Wards by combining the long-standing townships of Waikanae and Paraparaumu-Raumati
- no substantive justification for scrapping four community boards
- no evidence produced to justify the statement that "the research indicated
- no evidence presented of any widespread ratepayer concern about present levels and types of representation
- no independent assessment of the KCDC's proposals to assist ratepayers in forming an opinion
- no attempt to establish public meetings during Level 1 in each community to consider the proposals

Summary

The legislation requires the KCDC to put forward just one proposal for public consultation.

It is interesting that the KCDC chose to select probably the most disruptive options for establishing 'fair and effective communities of interest' by 'breaking up distinct and recognisable' Wards and scrapping community boards.

Given the tight timeframe it now has, and the shortcomings of the proposed options, the most practical and publicly-acceptable approach is for the KCDC to seek approval from the Local Government Commission for continuation of the current levels of representation.

One of the Local Government Commission's exceptions for not complying with the +/-10% rule is:

- where compliance would limit effective representation by either dividing a community of interest, or grouping together communities of interest with few commonalities

This is very much the case for Kapiti.

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NOTE: Please compare the KCDC'S current proposal with that submitted for the 2015 Representation Review (attached) and the Local Government Commission's 2015 decision (attached).

Mayor and Councillors
COUNCIL

11 DECEMBER 2014

Meeting Status: **Public**

Purpose of Report: For Decision

2015 REVIEW OF REPRESENTATION ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE KAPITI COAST DISTRICT - PROCESS

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1 Council is invited to consider options and approve a process for conducting the mandatory 2015 Review of Representation Arrangements for the Kāpiti Coast District.

BACKGROUND

- 2 A representation review is a statutory process which must be undertaken by every council at least every six years. It is mandated through the Local Government Act (LGA) 2002 and the Local Electoral Act (LEA) 2001 (primarily section 19). Representation reviews are important because:
 - They help ensure fair electoral arrangements and equality of access
 - They enable the community to discuss the nature of effective representation
 - They contribute to the experience of democracy
- 3 The timeframes and key milestones of this process are mandated by legislation (see Appendix 1). What this report seeks is the Council's preferred option for developing the initial proposal. The initial proposal has to be released by August 2015, and there are a number of ways Council could arrive at this point.
- 4 However Council decides to handle the development of the initial proposal Council has a critical role to play in receiving and considering public submissions, and deciding on a final proposal which is also released for public reaction, by way of appeals or objections. If any appeals and/or objections are received at this point the matter is referred to the LGC who will make the final decision (determination). This may involve further hearings.
- 5 Consideration of the electoral system and the establishment of Māori Wards are also a preliminary part of the review process and both of these have already been dealt with by this Council. In August 2014 Council decided to retain STV as its preferred electoral system for the 2016 local body elections. Council was willing to consider the establishment of a Māori Ward if iwi supported this however, through Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti ART members indicated that iwi did not support the concept and so Council did not pursue it.
- 6 What remains for Council to do now is carry out the rest of the representation review process which involves consulting with its community on:
 - What kind of structure is effective in ensuring fair representation of the Kāpiti Coast community (all wards? All districtwide? A mixed system?)

- How many councillors are required (within a legally prescribed range of 6 to 14) to ensure both effective governance and effective representation?
 - Is there a continuing role for community boards (to capture the distinctiveness of their communities and provide for more devolved decision-making/advocacy)?
- 7 In carrying out this consultation in accordance with prescribed timeframes Council needs to have regard primarily to the principle of ensuring fair and effective representation for individuals and communities.
- 8 The previous representation review was carried out by Council in 2009 and resulted in the current representation structure applying to the last two triennial elections including some minor boundary adjustments.

CONSIDERATIONS

Issues

- 9 Before describing the ways Council could approach the review, it is necessary to allude to the LGC's release on 4 December of the draft reorganisation model for the Wellington region. The LGC proposal will be subject to a submission process and it is highly likely that the final proposal will trigger a poll. If this scenario eventuates the whole process could take up to a year before the fate of the Wellington Region's governance arrangements is clear. If the poll is against change the status quo will remain. It is critical then that the Council proceeds with the representation review within the statutory timeframes until such time as the outcome of the LGC process is definitive.

Options for carrying out the review

- 10 There are a number of ways Council could go about gathering information to shape the initial proposal for public consultation. (The initial proposal must be presented for Council's consideration in August 2015.) Information at Appendix 2 shows a variety of mechanisms adopted by other councils. Based on this information two options are offered below:
- Option 1 – Council to convene an independent review panel made up of one or more Councillors and a number of community representatives
 - Option 2 – Council to convene a working party comprising one or more Councillors and Council officers from subject-relevant areas.

- 11 More information and discussion of each option follows:

Option 1 – Convening an independent panel

- 12 The appointment (by Council) of an independent Panel has been the preferred option for a number of councils (see Appendix 2). Draft Panel Terms of Reference are at Appendix 3. The size of the panel would ideally be 5-7 members and have a broad representation in terms of age, gender, ethnicity, and geography as well as people with relevant skills and a good knowledge of the District. A decision on remuneration would also have to be made.

- 13 Appointing panel members could involve appointing a Councillor or Councillors today to the Panel and calling for expressions of interest from the community, with Council approving final membership at its meeting in January 2015 (including appointment of a Chairperson).

Pros

- An independent panel could be perceived by the community as being more representative and objective in its deliberations.
- Council has employed this structure satisfactorily for a number of key projects in recent times (the independent review of the PDP, and the LTP Reference Group, most notably), so it is not unfamiliar.

Cons

- A high profile process would be confusing as the LGC debate unfolds.
- The Panel would be supported by staff coinciding with one of the busiest times in the Council work programme i.e. the first half of the year which is committed to the LTP process.
- There would be a cost implication if Council decided to remunerate the members of the Panel.

Option 2 – Convening a Representation Review Working Party

- 14 An internal working party could be convened comprising one or more Councillors (one Ward Councillor, one Districtwide Councillor?) and relevant staff i.e. the Democracy Services Team, the Electoral Officer, members from the Strategy and Partnerships Group, and a GIS technician. This option is the recommended one.

Pros

- This was the path followed for the 2009 review where a number of models were developed internally and offered for consideration by Elected Members in a series of briefings and public workshops as input to an initial proposal.
- This option would be more logistically flexible. For this reason this option is the recommended one.
- This option would not involve remuneration costs.

Cons

- This option would impact on the work programme of staff at a busy time in the work calendar.

Next steps

- 15 If Council decided to convene a Panel an advertisement would be placed in local newspapers and on Council's website and Facebook pages calling for expressions of interest which Council would then consider in a public excluded meeting in January.
- 16 Whichever mechanism Council chooses, an initial proposal must be approved by Council for public submission no later than August 2015.

Financial Considerations

- 17 There are sufficient funds to carry out this activity. If Council chooses Option 1 it would have to decide whether some or all panel members should be remunerated and at what cost. It is suggested the rate be \$150 per person per day, comparable with what Elected Member hearing commissioners for the PDP hearings would be paid. It is difficult to say how many hours the Panel would need to convene, but one other council's experience was 30 hours (5-6 days) of Panel time. If this Council adopted the \$150 fee this would result in a cost of \$4,500.

Legal Considerations

- 18 The representation review process is mandated under the LGA 2002 and LEA 2001.

Delegation

- 19 Council has the authority to consider this matter.

Policy Implications

- 20 There are no policy implications.

Tāngata Whenua Considerations

- 21 If Council decides on Option 1 it may consider whether an iwi member should be sought through Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti.

SIGNIFICANCE OF DECISION

- 22 The decision presented here is not significant under Council's Significance and Engagement Policy. The representation review process is mandated by legislation which allows ample opportunity for the community to have input and appeal the Council's decision. In the event of appeals and objections to the final proposal the Local Government Commission (LGC) will make the final decision.

Consultation

- 23 Once Council has decided on the option for this process a communications strategy will be developed, including consultation with the community as required by the legislation.

Publicity Considerations

- 24 There is likely to be community interest in this decision and a media release will be prepared.

RECOMMENDATIONS

25 That the Council approves:

- a) the convening of a Representation Review Working Party to manage the Council's 2015 representation review, comprising Cr and Cr..... and relevant Council officers;

OR

- b) the convening of an Independent Representation Review Panel, comprising Cr....., three community representatives and an iwi representative.
- c) That the Council approves remuneration for the members of the Review Panel at the rate of \$150 per person per day;
- d) That the Council approves the Independent Representation Review Panel Draft Terms of Reference with any amendments as at Appendix 3 of report Corp-14-1419.

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ATTACHMENTS:

- Appendix 1 Statutory timeframes for the process
- Appendix 2 Approaches by other councils
- Appendix 3 Draft Terms of Reference for an Independent Review Panel

Appendix 2 – Approaches by other councils to carrying out their reviews

(a) These councils have appointed an independent review panel:

Council	Review date	No of members	Council members	Composition of Panel	Remunerated
Gore	2006	5	1	Mayor, 4 members of the public	Not paid for time.
Invercargill	2009	7	1	Councillor, 6 members of the public appointed by Council	\$1,200 flat fee per member
Queenstown Lakes	2012	4	0	4 community members	Expenses only
Timaru	2012	7	2	Mayor, Ward Councillor and 5 members of the public appointed by Council	Not paid

(b) These district councils used a variety of mechanisms (as described in the resulting LGC determinations):

Reviews carried out for the 2013 local body elections	
Council	Method
Horowhenua	Public workshop to canvass options
Gisborne	Appointed a committee of the whole (council) to workshop options
Hastings	Appointed a review subcommittee comprising councillors, the Chair of the Rural Community Board and the Chair of the Council-Māori Joint Committee
Hauraki	Held a workshop and then appointed a working party comprising the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, three Ward Chairs who produced a discussion paper. Council then also resolved to engage focus groups from each ward.
Kaipara	Two workshops held
Matamata-Piako	Preliminary consultation with the community on defining 'communities of interest'
Waikato	Held a series of workshops to identify 'communities of interest' and a range of options emerged from these
Western Bay of Plenty	Held a series of workshops resulting in a number of options

Appendix 3 – Draft Terms of Reference for an Independent Representation Review Panel for the Kapiti Coast District Council Representation Review in 2015

Purpose

- a) To develop representation options for the Kapiti Coast District Council which address the issues raised in sections 19H and 19J of the *Local Electoral Act 2001*, having regard to the factors specified in sections 19T and 19V.
- b) To present options for consideration by the Council to enable an initial proposal to be adopted for consultation with the community under section 19M of the Local Electoral Act
- c) The Council requires that the Review Panel report will allow the Council to make fully informed decisions on the options, including arguments and implications for each alternative, for the future governance structure of the District for the period 2016 – 2019. The work undertaken by the panel will comply with the requirements of the *Local Electoral Act 2001*.

Tasks

- 1) Identify and define communities of interest.
- 2) Conduct such research, enquiries or other work as considered by the advisory panel as needed to complete this brief.
- 3) Determine if early community input required and seek input as necessary.
- 4) Consider and recommend fair and effective representation arrangements throughout and for the District, including the election of councillors (at large, by ward or mixed) and community boards, if required.
- 5) Develop the reasonable alternatives available to the Council in regard to governance structures for the period 2016 - 2019 (including Community Boards if required) having regard to the legal tests.
- 6) Present and explain the panel's conclusions as necessary in front of the community, the Council and anybody charged with statutory responsibility for this function.
- 7) Report to Council on the representation options, including community boards, that were developed, the feedback and results of any community consultation, including the communities' views of the options and their desire (if any) for more or different representation.
- 8) Recommend options and a preferred structure.
- 9) Other such tasks as may be identified during the process.

Draft Process

A draft process to be followed by the panel may include the following steps:

- 1) Establishment of a work programme
- 2) Development of draft options and material for pre-consultation
- 3) Pre-consultation with community
- 4) Finalisation of option(s) and recommendation to Council
- 5) Presentation of options and recommendation to Council.

The Panel will determine the final process to be followed to achieve the tasks outlined above.

Panel Makeup

Five members, including 1 member of the Council will be appointed to the Review Panel. The panel will be assisted by Council staff. The Council will seek to appoint a mix of people with the right skills and experience, who represent a broad cross section of the community by age, gender, ethnicity, geography and any other relevant factors.

Person Specification

Some or all of the following:

- A demonstrated knowledge of local communities, their concerns and interests and how they interact with other communities in the Kapiti Coast District Territorial Authority area.
- Experience in democratic governance.
- An open and inquiring mind and the ability to accept different points of view.
- Ability to critique, probe and develop reasoned and principled argument.
- A willingness to take part in public consultation if required

Estimated Time Involvement

Meetings will be held as required. An estimated time involvement for the process is between 25-30 hours, depending on the process undertaken.

Phase 1:	Pre meeting background reading	3 hours
	Development of Options, 2 -3 meetings	6 hours
Phase 2:	Public consultation, 3 - 4 meetings each	10 hours
Phase 3:	Development of report to Council and attendance at Council meeting	6 hours



LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION
MANA KĀWANATANGA Ā ROHE

Determination

on a decision of the Kapiti Coast District Council to adopt representation arrangements for the local authority elections to be held on 8 October 2016 that do not comply with section 19V(2) of the Local Electoral Act 2001

Background

1. All territorial authorities are required under sections 19H and 19J of the Local Electoral Act 2001 (the Act) to review their representation arrangements at least every six years.
2. Representation reviews are to determine the number of councillors to be elected, the basis of election for councillors and, if this includes wards, the boundaries and names of those wards. Reviews also include whether there are to be community boards and, if so, arrangements for those boards. Representation arrangements are to be determined so as to provide fair and effective representation for individuals and communities.
3. The Kapiti Coast District Council (the council) last reviewed its representation arrangements prior to the 2010 local authority elections. Accordingly it was required to undertake a review prior to the next elections in October 2016.
4. The representation arrangements that applied for the council in 2010 and subsequent 2013 elections, comprised a mayor and 10 councillors, five of whom were elected at large and five elected from wards as follows.

Ward	Population*	Number of councillors per ward	Population per councillor	Deviation from district average population per councillor	Percentage deviation from district average population per councillor
Ōtaki	9,690	1	9,690	-528	-5.17
Waikanae	11,100	1	11,100	+882	+8.63
Paraparaumu	20,100	2	10,050	-168	-1.64
Paekākāriki-Raumati	10,200	1	10,200	-18	-0.18
TOTALS	51,090	5	10,218		

*These figures are updated 2014 population estimates.

5. In addition, Kapiti Coast District has four community boards for Ōtaki, Waikanae, Paraparaumu-Raumati and Paekākāriki, each comprising four elected members with the ward councillor(s) also appointed to each board.
6. On 18 June 2015 the council, under sections 19H and 19J of the Act, resolved its initial proposed representation arrangements to apply for the 2016 elections. The proposal was for the retention of existing arrangements i.e. for the council to continue to comprise a mayor and 10 councillors with five elected at large and five elected from the current four wards subject to a boundary alteration between the Waikanae and Ōtaki wards. The proposal was also for the retention of the existing four community boards with existing representation arrangements.
7. The initial proposal resulted in the following arrangements for the election of the five ward councillors.

Ward	Population	Number of councillors per ward	Population per councillor	Deviation from district average population per councillor	Percentage deviation from district average population per councillor
Ōtaki	8,470	1	8,470	-1,744	-17.07
Waikanae	12,300	1	12,300	+2,086	+20.42
Paraparaumu	20,100	2	10,050	-164	-1.61
Paekākāriki-Raumati	10,200	1	10,200	-14	-0.14
TOTALS	51,070	5	10,214		

8. The boundary alteration between the Waikanae and Ōtaki wards involved the transfer of a large mainly rural area from Ōtaki Ward to Waikanae Ward and had the effect of returning the ward boundary to its pre-2004 position. The boundary had been moved in 2004 in order to comply with the '+/-10% fair representation requirement' as set out in section 19V of the Act. With the enactment of amending legislation providing more flexibility in the application of the +/-10% requirement, the council was now proposing to return the boundary to its previous position.
9. The council notified its proposal on 25 June 2015 and at the same time noted that the Waikanae and Ōtaki wards did not comply with the fair representation requirement of section 19V of the Act. The council stated it considered that compliance "would limit effective representation of communities of interest by dividing a community of interest between wards".
10. A total of 10 submissions were received on the council's initial proposal by the closing date of 31 July 2015. Eight submissions supported the initial proposal and two sought detailed amendments. One of these sought the inclusion of a further meshblock, covering the Waikanae Downs area, in Waikanae Ward (from Paraparaumu Ward).
11. Following consideration of the submissions, the council on 27 August 2015 resolved to adopt its initial proposal as its final representation proposal subject to the inclusion of the Waikanae Downs area in Waikanae Ward and also Waikanae community board area. This involved the transfer approximately 150 additional people from Paraparaumu Ward to Waikanae Ward.
12. The Council notified its final proposal on 3 September 2015 and sought any appeals or objections by 5 October 2015.

13. No appeals or objections were received against the council's final proposal.
14. The council, however, was required to refer its proposal to the Commission, pursuant to subsection 19V(4) of the Act, as two of its proposed wards (Waikanae and Ōtaki) did not comply with the fair representation requirement of subsection (2).

Legislative requirements

15. Subsection 19V(1) of the Act sets out the requirement for local authorities, and where appropriate the Commission, in determining the number of members to be elected from any ward, to ensure electors receive fair representation. Fair representation is to be determined having regard to the population of the district and of each ward.
16. For the purposes of giving effect to subsection (1), subsection 19V(2) requires that the population of each ward divided by the number of members to be elected by that ward, produces a figure no more than 10% greater or smaller than the population of the district divided by the total number of members elected by wards (the '+/-10% fair representation requirement').
17. Subsection 19V(3) provides that, despite subsection (2), if a territorial authority or the Commission considers one or more of certain prescribed conditions apply, wards may be defined and membership distributed between them in a way that does not comply with subsection (2). The prescribed conditions are:
 - (i) non-compliance is required for effective representation of communities of interest within island or isolated communities situated within the district of the territorial authority
 - (ii) compliance would limit effective representation of communities of interest by dividing a community of interest between wards
 - (iii) compliance would limit effective representation of communities of interest by uniting within a ward two or more communities of interest with few commonalities of interest.
18. Subsection 19V(4) requires a territorial authority that decides under subsection (3) not to comply with subsection (2), to refer that decision to the Commission.
19. Subsection 19V(5) requires the Commission to treat a proposal referred to it under subsection (4), as if it were an appeal against the decision of the territorial authority for the purposes of sections 19R (other than subsection 1(b)), 19S and 19Y. Subsection 19(1)(b) provides that the Commission must determine:
 - (a) in the case of a territorial authority that has made a resolution under section 19H, the matters specified in that section (these matters relate to the basis of election for councillors and the number of councillors to be elected) and
 - (b) in the case of a territorial authority that has made a resolution under section 19J, the matters specified in that section (these matters relate to establishment/retention of community boards and the election of board members).
20. Subsection 19V(6) requires the Commission on receiving a proposal referred to it under subsection (4), to determine whether:
 - (a) to uphold the decision of the territorial authority, or
 - (b) to alter that decision.

21. The effect of the above provisions was that the Commission had only to determine whether to uphold or alter Kapiti Coast District Council's decision not to comply with subsection 19V(2) in respect of the proposed Waikanae and Ōtaki wards.

Consideration by the Commission

History of wards and community boards

22. The Waikanae and Ōtaki wards have existed since the Kapiti Coast District was constituted in 1989. Two community boards covering the same two areas as the wards were also established at that time and continue today.
23. In 2004, when the stricter +/-10% fair representation requirement first took effect, the Commission saw it had little choice but to transfer a large rural area from Waikanae Ward to Ōtaki Ward. This area included the Peka Peka area to the north of Waikanae, a rural area to the east, and the Reikorangi area and Akatarawa Road to the south-east. The area also included the northerly extension of Huia Street which began in Waikanae. The community board boundary was also altered to reflect the new ward boundary.
24. In its next review in 2010, the council proposed to alter the Waikanae community board boundary back to its previous pre-2004 position on community of interest grounds. The Commission subsequently endorsed this proposal.
25. There was also an appeal in 2010 from a resident of Huia Street against the location of the Waikanae-Ōtaki ward boundary, on community of interest grounds. Huia Street is a long dead-end road originating in Waikanae township, but which now extends into what was previously rural land north of Waikanae.
26. While the Commission had sympathy for the arguments of the appellant, it was unable to uphold the appeal given the +/-10% requirement. The Commission's determination resulted in the community board boundary and ward boundary no longer coinciding.
27. With the amendment to the Local Electoral Act in 2013 providing more flexibility in the application of the +/-10% requirement, the council was now proposing the return of the ward boundary to its pre-2004 position and so it would again coincide with the community board boundary.

Present communities of interest

28. Waikanae and Ōtaki are reasonably distinct communities of interest, with Waikanae and Ōtaki town centres approximately 15 minutes apart on state highway 1 and separated by a large rural area. The area proposed to be transferred back to Waikanae Ward comprises the areas referred to in paragraph 23. Each is clearly associated with Waikanae as follows:
- Peka Peka is now joined by road to Waikanae Beach and provides a link to state highway 1 from the beach area
 - Reikorangi area is only a few minutes from Waikanae town centre and residents have to drive through this centre to travel north to Ōtaki
 - Residents in the Huia Street extension have to drive into Waikanae town centre to join state highway 1 to travel north to Ōtaki.
29. Both Waikanae and Ōtaki have their own well-established community boards which represent and advocate for their respective communities and administer, under

delegation, specific grants funds. Both areas also have their own council service centre.

30. The council has a number of decentralised services at the ward and/or community board level with Waikanae providing similar types of local services to residents as are available in Ōtaki, such as a library, swimming pool and recycling services. Accordingly there are few reasons for Waikanae residents to regularly travel north to Ōtaki as opposed to, if necessary, travelling south to the council headquarters and also to the larger retail area in Paraparaumu which is closer for Waikanae residents than Ōtaki.
31. The Waikanae and Ōtaki communities are also quite distinct in terms of demographic, socio-economic and ethnic characteristics. For example, areas of Waikanae have markedly higher proportions of the population who are European and in the older age group, while Ōtaki has higher proportions of Māori and areas with higher social deprivation based on the 2013 social deprivation index.
32. The Commission noted the proposed further addition of the Waikanae Downs area to Waikanae Ward and community board area (meshblock 1998404) exacerbated the non-compliance with the +/-10% requirement, albeit only slightly, with approximately 150 people adding a further 1.47% non-compliance (i.e. now +21.89%). Again this appeared justified in terms of physical proximity to Waikanae town centre and in relation to access to local services.
33. This was reflected by a submitter on the council's initial representation proposal from the Waikanae Downs area, who pointed out that he had a Waikanae postal address and was "less than a 2 minute drive from the (Waikanae) village ... where we visit the doctor, cinema, supermarket, post office, plumber, vet, bank, pharmacy, library, restaurants, hardware store, and a host of other local businesses". He added: "we consider ourselves Waikanae locals" while "Paraparaumu is a 10 minute drive away and we certainly do not consider ourselves 'Paraparaumu locals'".

Options for fair and effective representation

34. Given the distinct nature of the Waikanae and Ōtaki communities, the Commission considered there were few options for retaining the two separate wards, other than status quo arrangements, in a way that complied with the +/-10% fair representation requirement.
35. The Commission did have the option of retaining status quo arrangements which did comply with the +/-10% requirement. The council, however, supported by submissions received on its initial proposal, did not consider this provided effective representation for communities of interest given the distinct nature of the two communities. This argument reflected factors identified in the Commission's representation guidelines, including the ability of elected representatives to effectively represent electoral areas.
36. The Commission also noted in relation to effective representation, the requirement set out in section 19T of the Local Electoral Act, for a council, and where appropriate the Commission, to ensure that, so far as is practicable, ward boundaries coincide with community boundaries. This was not the case under status quo arrangements. The coinciding of boundaries is seen as desirable to assist residents' understanding of local government arrangements and thereby encourage their participation in local government affairs including such activities as elections.
37. Another option was to combine the Waikanae and Ōtaki wards. A combined ward with two councillors, would comply with the +/-10% fair representation requirement.

But as the Commission had noted, the two communities have well-established identities, reflected in them both having had their own ward and community board since 1989, and are quite distinct. Given their lack of commonalities, the Commission did not consider this option would provide more effective representation for communities of interest in the area than status quo arrangements.

Conclusion

38. The Commission considered that the proposed extended Waikanae Ward, mirroring the Waikanae community board area with the addition of the Waikanae Downs area, reflected a distinct community of interest warranting councillor representation. Compliance with the section 19V(2) +/-10% fair representation requirement for this ward, and Ōtaki Ward, would require a continuation of the split of the Waikanae community of interest. The Commission agreed this would “limit effective representation of communities of interest by dividing a community of interest between wards”. On this basis non-compliance with subsection 19V(2) is justified.
39. In reaching this conclusion, the Commission did note the proposed non-compliance of Waikanae Ward reflected under-representation for the local community (with Ōtaki relatively over-represented). While this was disadvantageous to Waikanae, the Waikanae Community Board supported the proposal, including the addition of the Waikanae Downs area to Waikanae Ward and community board area.

Commission’s determination

40. Under section 19R of the Local Electoral Act 2001, the Commission upholds the decision of the Kapiti Coast District Council not to comply with the subsection 19V(2) +/-10% fair representation requirement in respect of Waikanae Ward and Ōtaki Ward, as compliance would limit effective representation of communities of interest by dividing a community of interest between wards.
41. Accordingly for the triennial general election of Kapiti Coast District Council to be held on 8 October 2016, in addition to other arrangements determined by the council, there will be:
 - (a) a Waikanae Ward, comprising the area delineated on Plan LG-043-2016-W-3, covering the same area as the current Waikanae community board area with the addition of the Waikanae Downs area (meshblock 1998404), electing one councillor
 - (b) an Ōtaki Ward, comprising the area delineated on Plan LG-043-2016-W-2, covering the same area as the current Ōtaki community board area, electing one councillor.

Next representation review

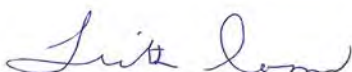
42. In its consideration of the council's proposal, the Commission noted that recent development in certain areas adjacent to the Waikanae-Ōtaki boundary, established by the Commission in 1989, did bring into question the ongoing appropriateness of sections of this boundary. It noted in particular that between state highway 1 and the coast, two roads presently in Ōtaki community (Derham Road and Paul Faith Lane) only had access south through Waikanae community, while one further road (Pukenu Road) crossed this community boundary. As surrounding areas are further developed in future, the appropriateness of this boundary will become more questionable. In addition the impact of the new expressway, now under construction, to replace the existing state highway route, will need to be taken into account.

43. Accordingly the Commission recommends to Kapiti Coast District Council that at its next representation review, it gives particular consideration to the ongoing appropriateness of certain sections of the Waikanae/Ōtaki ward/community boundary.

**REPRESENTATION REVIEWS COMMITTEE
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28 January 2016

INDEPENDENT ORGANISATIONAL REVIEW

Martin Jenkins

Kāpiti Coast District Council 29 June 2020

(Clauses 145-54)

Community Boards provide grass roots representation for the community at the governance table 146 The role of Community Boards is to provide grassroots representation for the community. Community Board Chairs can sit at Council meetings and contribute to the debate from an advocacy perspective. They also participate in standing committees, where they are able to influence the discussion. In this way the Community Board is able to provide local community insights to inform the Councillors' strategic thinking process. Community Boards also have some responsibilities for such things as distributing grants funding to achieve social outcomes. All meetings are publicly notified in the newspaper and the agendas are available on the Council website. Community Board perceptions of their role 147 When asked how they would describe their role, current KCDC Community Board members mentioned engaging with the community, advocating for community needs and bringing community concerns to the Council's attention, and managing community expectations on the Council's behalf. This showed the Community Boards' recognition of their key role of representing the interests of their community to the Council. 148 The Community Board members we spoke to indicated a strong interest in clarifying for the community (and for Councillors) their role in building an understanding of community needs and aspirations and bringing community perspectives to the Council. They saw the connection between the Community Board and the local community as an asset that could work more positively in the interests of both the Council and the community. Community Board members recognised that they can play a key role in communicating updates on current or future Council activities to their community. 149 As well as being a group to be consulted when the Council is engaging on an initiative, some members suggested that the Community Board could assist the Council more proactively in facilitating its consultation process. Some challenges and frustrations 150 Some frustrations with current arrangements were expressed, and there were perceptions that the Community Boards were not able to make the contribution they otherwise might. In particular, some Board members felt the Council did not provide enough or timely information to Community Boards when the Council was asking for their input on an initiative. 151 Some Community Board members we spoke with also said they are not always included in Council Chambers, with Board members being asked to leave sessions that excluded the public. 55 See 'Managing the Relationship between a Local Authority's Elected Members and its Chief Executive', retrieved from <https://oag.parliament.nz/2002/chief-execs/part4.htm> 47 Commercial In Confidence Under the legislation, local authorities have the right to exclude members of the public from meetings or parts of meetings if the proceedings would result in

disclosing information that there would be good reason for withholding. 56 The legislation also requires the local authority to issue a 'Resolution to exclude the public', detailing the reasons for this. 152 Those resolutions are standard procedure for the Kāpiti Coast District Council. 57 However, some Community Board members felt there was not a clear rationale for those decisions applying to them as well as the general public, and created for them a perception of a lack of trust that their role was not as valued as it should be. 153 Community Board members several times referred to the Local Government New Zealand commitment to 'localism', for strengthening self-government at the local level,⁵⁸ as signalling an opportunity for the role that Community Boards might play. 154 KCDC provides some administrative support to Community Board meetings, with a Group Manager oversight of this. The Review also heard that, in order for them to be effective, Community Board members would appreciate more technology support from the Council, to help them access information and communications. Currently, Chairs are supplied with tablets but other Board members must provide their own technology, and this can create difficulties with document and information sharing.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3671667

First name

Mike

Last name

Underhill

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

Representation Review: A fresh look at local democracy

Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?					✓	

Please tell us why?

Feels right. More challenges for cooperative action with larger councils.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?				✓		

Please tell us why?

Important to have some councillors focused on what's best for Kapiti.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?		✓				

Please tell us why?

I think they are distinctly different communities.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?					✓	

Please tell us why?

Do we need another level of bureaucracy. There must also be cost savings.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?				✓		

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

I know this does not democratic but I would like to have a mechanism that ensured that councillors were capable and have sufficient flexibility and tolerance to work for the greater good.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3672092

First name

Warwick

Last name

Vrede

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Please tell us why?

10 seems to work Ok

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Please tell us why?

Waikanae Ward should be retained & districtwide councillor number reduced to give 10 total overall

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Please tell us why?

What is the justification for removing only Waikanae area as a Ward ?

Why not have 2 Wards - Otaki /Waikanae & Paraparaumu /Raumati South / Paekakariki with 4 councillors each & 2 Districtwide Councillors

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Please tell us why?

If Waikanae Ward is removed the Waikanae Community Board should be retained so the Waikanae Community still has a voice to raise issues that relates specifically to Waikanae area

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?			✓			

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Why do we need to keep making changes & creating new problems
Is this to justify the number of Managers ? employed by KCDC



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3684541

First name

Hanna

Last name

Wagner-Nicholls

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Please tell us why?

The best representation for the community's interests - cover a variety of interests.

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Please tell us why?

No equal representation to present the diversity of the communities. One ward councillor cannot have a wide insight into the variety of community issues.

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Please tell us why?

Different communities and needs in the 2 wards.

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Please tell us why?

They are the ear and mouth of this community and should represent those. That means that need to be heard and not passively taking part.

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Do you agree with the new boundary lines?		✓				

Please tell us why?

They are based on your changes - so if no changes no new boundaries are needed.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

It would distribute the "power" of different communities unfairly. Experience shows that "shrinking" democracy is not helping individual communities as the power play of a few influences decisions. Communication and feeling heard by the members of the community get lost; people become disengaged, don't care, feel disempowered.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3664305

First name

James (Jim)

Last name

Walls

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Please tell us why?

It works. It's not broken. It gives reasonably wide community representation.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

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Please tell us why?

As above

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Please tell us why?

I believe it will dilute representation for the Waikanae community

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Please tell us why?

The Community Boards provide a close link between Council and the community.

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Do you agree with the new boundary lines?		✓				

Please tell us why?

Waikanae has a diverse but admittedly, older population. The district is currently under represented and the proposed boundaries will likely dilute representation for the local community even further. A less drastic boundary change whilst retaining the separate ward could be arranged to improve representation

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

My greatest objection is the loss of representation currently enjoyed by having a Community Board for each distinct community. Failing better ward representation the community boards do provide a vital link to the needs of each distinct locality.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3684567

First name

Gerard

Last name

Ward

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Please tell us why?

Community Board members are generally more visible within the community and accessible, ward councillors involvement at council level is more likely to a priority to them than community issues.

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Do you agree with the new boundary lines?			✓			

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Ward councillors in most circumstances gained experience at community board level, developing understanding of local politics and machinations. Removing this eliminates a greater opportunity for many community minded people to attempt a political local level stance within the deeper step into local council. Community boards are a vital conduit, an essential artery to the heart of Kapiti Coast. Ignore or cut out creates an unhealthy being.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3670695

First name

Mary

Last name

Wareham

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Please tell us why?

Yes, more equitable in terms of population and the merge of overwhelmingly white, wealthy Waikanae with more economically diverse Paraparaumu will make the Coast a more society and liveable for disadvantaged and vulnerable sectors of the population.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Please tell us why?

I understand the proposal recommends the disestablishment of the community boards.

Something is clearly broken when it comes to the Waikanae Community Board, representing the interests of ratepayers such as myself. But that's not to say that the boards of other communities are as dysfunctional and embarrassing as summarised below.

I understand there are currently three community board members for Waikanae: Mr. James Westbury, who owns the Westbury Pharmacy and Mahara Health in Waikanae, local real estate agent Mr. Tonchi Begovich and Mr. Richard Mansell, a businessman from the family that launched Coastlands mall.

These are respected business people but there's a distinct lack of diversity in having three older white men represent the interests of Waikanae residents. Where are the women, people of colour, youth, older people, Maori, and other key stakeholders and constituents? It doesn't seem sufficient to have "community" board stacked with private sector representatives.

This matters when it comes to the amenities and services that communities such as Waikanae need. The Waikanae Library is still closed and the Recycling Centre is now limited to Green Waste. Pedestrian and cyclists are the most vulnerable users of the transport network, and are over represented in accident statistics in the area.

I understand the Waikanae Community Board made its best efforts but it has been marred by seemingly intractable issues with the KCDC. The Board has a lot to answer for.

WCB has said that it "does not think that unelected groups can properly represent Waikanae's community of interest." I contest this claim and support the proposal to create a large Central Ward and the cancel the Waikanae Community Board as the current structure fails to adequately represent the interests of all its residents. The "voice of Waikanae" can be dispersed to many voices with one mission, to represent stakeholder and constituency interests in the ward.

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Do you agree with the new boundary lines?				✓		

Please tell us why?

Yes, more equitable in terms of population and the merge of overwhelmingly white, wealthy Waikanae with more economically diverse Paraparaumu will make the Coast a more liveable for all.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Since moving to Waikanae in March, I have been disappointed by the lack of advocacy and support for the area's pedestrians and cyclists. I want to see more robust implementation of the KCDC's 2020 Sustainable Transport Strategy, which finds that "Younger and older people make up a significant proportion of pedestrian and cyclists [who] are the most vulnerable users of the transport network, and are over represented in accident statistics. The transport network needs to better suit the needs of these age groups, particularly since older people are increasingly able to remain mobile as a result of changing technologies, such as mobility scooters, and micromobility such is increasingly attractive to younger people as a result of new transport modes including electric scooters."

The strategy identifies as a key problem the "limited connectivity between the cycleway / walkway / bridleway network and urban areas" and states that "this forces the user to think 'Now What' and either risk safety issues or abandon cycling as a viable mode." As a cyclist I wholeheartedly agree.

Pedestrians especially persons with disabilities currently seem to have limited support from the Council. The KCDC approach to footpaths is baffling in merely "requires a footpath on one side of the road only. It's fine with no footpaths in certain areas if they "tie in with the area's character." A mere 681 meters of footpath in Waikanae have been allocated funds for "renewal" in 2020/2021. That's less than a kilometers. No new footpaths are identified or budgeted for.

A planned transformation of the old State Highway has the stated aim of making it "easier and safer for

people to get around.” But that goal seems to apply more to vehicles than pedestrians and cyclists. Waikanae’s “master plan” from March 2018 talks about “intersection upgrades to better integrate with the new local road dynamic” at Waikanae’s Main Road intersections with Te Moana and with Ngaio Road. Yet that does not include pedestrian crossing at either and certainly does not include traffic lights at the dangerous Ngaio Road intersection. The plan talks about making an “upgrade of the main road crossing and improvements in paths/wayfaring to and from GWRC car park” yet this does not seem to have happened. The section of street frontage is narrow and dangerous.

Where's the Council's priority to these issues? Why is the Waikanae Community Board absent? It's time for reform.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3682048

First name

Martin

Last name

Warriner

What ward are you in now

Paraparaumu

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?						

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Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Do you agree with the removal of community boards?						

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

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Do you agree with the new boundary lines?						

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Having read through many documents presented by Kapiti Coast District Council (KCDC) Management on the proposed changes to ratepayer's Representation arrangements for the 2022 Council elections, I found that most recommendations submitted to Councillors are designed to make it easier for KCDC Management to manipulate elected representatives by removing a very important layer of public input through our Community Board representatives.

Community Boards are there to provide a layer of Local Government that has a much closer connection with ratepayers than our Mayor and Councillors currently do. Whilst elected Community Board representatives have no voting rights at Council meetings, one of their roles is to maintain an overview of services provided by the Territorial Authority within the community (S52(c)) and consider and report on ... any matter of interest or concern to the Community Board. (S52(b)).

The Community Board has a role independent of Council Management that Councillors do not have. If Council Management and/or staff does something poorly, then the Community Board has the legal authority to say so. Unfortunately, this role has frequently been confused by Council viewing it as criticism of staff and contrary to standing orders of elected members. The standing orders have to be subservient to the Local Government Act. If conflict exists it is interpretation of the standing orders that are the problem.

As already stated, Community Boards have a lesser role than the Mayor and Councillors as a check on what Council Management is doing but disestablishing them definitely weakens ratepayers input and control over whether KCDC's Chief Executive is fulfilling their duty in the best interests and wishes of the community.

My understanding is that the KCDC Chief Executive has a legal duty to fund and provide administrative services that Community Boards need which includes providing meeting agendas. However, the Chief Executive does not have any legal authority to refuse putting an item on the agenda that is of concern to a Community Board.

I am extremely disappointed and concerned that KCDC's Chief Executive did not present Council with a Representation Review option that includes Community Boards and therefore I submit that Council either seeks a total review of the Representation process that incorporates Community Board representation at the level we currently have or leaves the status quo Representation for the 2022 Local Government Elections.

My experience over many years is for Council to play lip service but ignore ratepayer submissions on important issues that affect us so I do not intend giving feedback at the proposed public hearing on Tuesday 19 October 2021.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3616727

First name

Chris

Last name

Warring

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

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Representation Review: A fresh look at local democracy

Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

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Please tell us why?

I think there should be more - with only half coming up for re-election each cycle to help retain experience. Also a maximum of 4 cycles for any councillor regardless of role, including mayors.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

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Please tell us why?

Too many district councillors and not enough local councillors.

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Please tell us why?

Waikanae already is under represented - especially considering the recent track record of poor decisions and obvious bias of Mayor and other councillors against Waikanae. We contribute a large proportion of total rates income and yet get very poor service eg: Library, Recycling Centre, attempted abolition of Community Board, personal attacks on local representatives whenever they stand up for Waikanae interests.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Waikanae is already under represented and has suffered significantly as a result. The council and staff are very one eyed and Have a Paraparaumu first approach to far too many matters.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3683003

First name

Shelly

Last name

Warwick

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

Yes

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Refer to SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENT ATTACHED.

[address redacted]

Otaki 5583

Ph: [phone redacted]

3/10/2021

Empathy Report / Representation review submission

Please accept this as submission from Shelly Warwick, Otaki Community Board member.

Like other Community Board members I am stunned at the current proposal by Kapiti Coast District council in their representation review, and the 2 main proposed changes to districtwide representation

- 1) Move ward boundaries and create 1 Super ward and 2 very small wards.
- 2) Remove Community boards from the 4 current wards.

I joined the Otaki Community Board in 2016 due to frustration while trying to campaign KCDC staff on important road safety issues in our community. Getting no-where I turned to the local community board for help. And help they did, as they were my local conduit to Council and Councilor's. Any member of the community can attend and speak at local community board meetings, raising issues and requesting the Community board members assistance with information and resolution. Public speaking is minuted and because Community board meetings are held in the community they are often convenient for people to attend.

This is not so at council. In the last couple of trienniums the ability of the public to have their say at council has changed. Now there is a casual Public speaking time prior to council meetings, with no requirement for Councilor's to attend, and no minuting of the public speaking, and so no requirement for follow up by the council. This is a huge barrier to people bringing issues to the council table as there is no formal follow up of issues. Public speaking is only minuted in a council meeting if it addresses items on the agenda, and agenda set by council.

In the Empathy report I am struggling to find the specific information that directs council to either remove community boards or move ward boundaries, nor can I find any information that would justify this. There seems no evidence on mass, of those interviewed, that either of these suggestions are issues in Kapiti.

The Empathy report itself is, in my humble opinion, is poorly written with a lot of referencing but no actual statistics on anything, except the amount of people with whom they engaged. An embarrassing 168, out of a population of over 40 thousand eligible voters. With embarrassing comments like in page 6 "We engaged enough people". Enough people for what? "With enough contexts to ensure a good understanding of community perspective" How did they assess the variety of context from the people interviewed.

The proposals in the consultation document are not evidenced in the report. Where in the research does anyone talk about boundary changes or an improvement in the allocation of community grants, or indeed removing community boards?

Empathy reports over 80 meaningful engagements at pop ups. These 'Meaningful engagements' were only conducted at the Paraparumu and Waikanae Markets. What then of the people in Paekakariki, Raumati, Te Horo and Otaki.

And of the 18 people in the Semi Structured interviews of persons "recruited" the report states "Sometimes family members were part of the conversation eg: a **Pepe** on a mums lap"

My question is that if a "**PEPE**" or baby is still young enough to sit on its mothers lap, what input about local government would that child have? The dictionary description of a Pepe is a baby. So what gems of knowledge were gained from the Pepe's conversation.

It is embarrassing that our Rates have gone towards such a dismal report.

On page 18 the report states "Reflecting on why they don't put their view to council one reply 'why would I put my view forward to council? They don't listen to us up here anyway'. This would indicate that this person would need another avenue to get their voice to council. In the same report it states 'Community boards can be a great tool for the community'. Contradicting the proposal to remove them.

How much of the interviewing and reporting was done by Empathy's 'Qualified staff' and how much was done by council staff, we don't get this breakdown, but it was not all done by Empathy staff. Does this create a conflict that would jeopardize the legitimacy of the report.

And what is in it for Otaki and Paekakariki? We will be tiny wards competing against a super ward of Paraparumu and Waikanae with the ability to sway a vote by sheer size. We are really going to be the poor cousins then. This will have a very negative effect on these two communities.

How many of the 168 people interviewed, (0.4% ward population) were from Otaki? Or indeed from Paekakariki?

How many from our local Iwi? How many identified as Māori? How many were women? Otaki has a higher-than-average Māori demographic, and so that should be reflected in the "recruiting" strategy. Was this a KCDC requirement for the Empathy company in light of the council's commitment to Te Tiriti O Waitangi?

What was the cost of the report and why won't KCDC disclose this?

And what of the consultation document, designed and printed by KCDC. With two major changes proposed you would suppose these ideas would be front and center of the document. But you have to flick through to page 10, second to last page for 'Reasons for the proposal'. Where there is misrepresentation of the research document. The first sentence on this page says 'Councilor's believe the proposal for three large wards with a mix of ward and district-wide councilors, strikes a balance between representatives who are close to local issues and those who take a district-wide view'. What councilors believe this? This seems like a mistruth on two fronts

- 1) This is not proposing 3 large wards as it states in the consultation document, but rather 1 large ward and 2 tiny wards, as representation is based on population not land mass.
- 2) What Councilor's believe this? I know of at least one who does not. Can KCDC stand by this statement?

And the research indicated 'community boards added a confusing layer of "bureaucracy", particularly in our more in-need communities'. Community boards are not part of the Bureaucracy, we are part of the democracy. How can council endorse a document with such obvious flaws?

There is reference to the money that might be saved by removing community boards but no reference to how much the projected costs of the replacement structure will be including,

- 1) Increased councilor hours = increased remuneration.
- 2) Secretaries for councilors.
- 3) Set up of community committees, hall hire, recruitment

In my personal experience on the community board individuals and groups have approached me as a board member for advice and support when their engagement with council has been fruitless and they are frustrated. They see the board as a way to express their concerns or aspirations for our community and an avenue for their issues to be addressed and taken to council. And as a board member this is exactly what I joined the board to do.

In my time on the board, I have experienced very little attendance from the 5 Districtwide councilors to our local meetings, and very little attendance from the Mayor. In fact some of the districtwide councilors have never attended any of our meetings. Why is there then an assumption that they will be present in our community committees if, as districtwide elected members, they currently show such disinterest in this local democracy.

My recommendations.

- Do not remove the Grass roots democracy the community board offers
- Concentrate on getting a bottom-up model of local democracy not a trickle down.
- Give more training and support to community boards.
- Return the decision on how to spend all or part of, the building development contributions generated in a ward, on that ward, as it used to be. Give the decision making around this to the Community board who know their community best.
- Support Community boards to do projects to enhance their communities, with real value and input from members of the community.

I wish to speak to my submission.

Shelly Warwick

Ph [phone number redacted]



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3684470

First name

Neville

Last name

Watkin

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

Yes

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

Representation Review: A fresh look at local democracy

Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?			✓			

Please tell us why?

The +/- 10% rule is a bureaucratic constraint on Ward boundaries and representative options.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
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Please tell us why?

Proposed distribution strongly favours the "Central" Ward.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
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Please tell us why?

The "Northern Ward" (currently "Otaki") should OBVIOUSLY be Otaki + Waikanae.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Proposed structure reduces democracy. Removal of CB's makes it worse!

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

See Q6 above. Should also extend "Southern" Ward.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Frankly, it's a disgusting ill-conceived proposal that Council should be ashamed of! (And why not wait for the LGC proposals?)



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3659581

First name

Iain

Last name

Watson

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Please tell us why?

IT is a good balance between too big and too small

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Please tell us why?

My reply is linked to the fact that I do not favour the proposed three ward structure. Indeed I favour the Small ward structure with 6 ward councillors as discussed in the presentation to Council on 29th June 2021. I believe that 6 ward councillors and 4 at large councillors would better serve the different parts of the Kapiti region without damaging the need for a whole of region view within the council.

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Please tell us why?

This idea mingles two quite different communities and results in a huge ward that will clearly dominate the region and potentially be able to ride roughshod over the other two. It would be far more sensible to at least retain the Waikanae area as a separate ward or go to the 6 small ward option.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

I believe the community boards are a vital conduit from residents to the council to ensure that local issues are dealt with effectively by the council. They are also control on the behaviour and effectiveness of councillors in their respective wards.

The Mayor pointed out in his letter to Otaki Today some 5 ways that Community Boards could improve their effectiveness and I agree with these but scrapping the boards altogether is a bridge too far. Combined with a reduction in ward numbers removing Community Boards does not fit well with your mantra of a model that brings residents closer to their elected representatives.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

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Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

I don't agree with the three ward model or anything connected with it. In terms of boundaries alone the status quo is a better arrangement.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

The Empathy presentation to the Council made a number of "perceptions" that do not fit well with the structure you are recommending namely

1) Small wards suit regions with differing areas of geographic and social structures. They particularly noted the differences in the

Paekakariki and Otaki areas which are now to be swallowed up in the Northern and southern wards respectively.

2) They suggest that we don't spread councillors too thin. It seems to me that this is exactly what you are proposing.

3) Small wards enable reaching out to the community within each ward. Again your plan does not fit well with this concept.

Finally I am bemused by the fact that the proposed Northern Ward is in breach of the +/- 10% rule in your own brochure



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3650517

First name

Paul

Last name

Webb

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

Representation Review: A fresh look at local democracy

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Please tell us why?

The current level of councilor representation is a minimum for a community of 50,000 people but any more would make in too cumbersome to achieve change.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

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Please tell us why?

In order to identify priorities for local communities, be that geographic or otherwise, it is imperative that they are heard and feel supported. This has never been effectively achieved by sitting in a room and ignoring what the community wants.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Please tell us why?

Paraparaumu and Waikanae are very different areas that meet the needs of different people. Denying them representation is very undemocratic and will lead to mistrust and continual distraction for the current council.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Please tell us why?

KCDC should promote understanding the needs of their constituents. The feelings of individual communities are what make our district special. There is no evidence to support current community boards work is unnecessary. If boards are removed or consolidated the "promoted financial savings" will need to be spent elsewhere and therefore to deliver the same service as today new funding will be needed.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

What is the evidence to say this is needed? Tinkering is dangerous, causes confusion and mistrust.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

Please remember that we that live here are passionate about living here. When the community starts to engage it is normally because we are becoming alarmed by decisions that do not support the views of the communities you serve.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3677018

First name

Sandra

Last name

Webb

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Please tell us why?

this provides the community with a fairer representation

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Please tell us why?

The proposal identifies that Waikanae will be combined with Paraparaumu, which I strongly disagree with. Waikanae is a growing community and we need to ensure that we have our say in what happens within our community. We pay some of the highest rates on the Coast yet we have to keep supporting projects that do not benefit our community, for example the debacle with our library which is far more important than providing a pretty place for visitors to Kapiti Island.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Please tell us why?

As above we need to ensure we have representation for our community who we decide on and not someone the council will choose - how can we trust this council to ensure that person represents our views and concerns.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

As above: we cannot trust this council or CE. We need independent representation who can have a say. Understanding that we have already lost community board members since the last election due to the nature of this current council it is extremely important that we stop this dictatorship.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

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Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

There was no explanation as to why you need to change these boundary lines - why change something that is not already broken or perhaps that it will provide certain persons on Council with a stronger voice

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

It is obvious that the community of Kapiti are unhappy with the council, Mayor and CE, proved in the latest poll and if you have the time talk to the community you will understand what the feeling really is. The CE have proven how devious he is with the closure of our recycling and green waste, yes it is still open for a year trial but what a joke being closed in the weekend when it is greatly needed. The excuse for full closure will be that revenue is now down - are we that stupid that we don't know that there is probably a deal done with Summerset for access. What about this whole process being pushed through in lockdown in the hope that the community would not know. Come on Council and Mayor we pay your salaries perhaps you should have more respect for us as ratepayers



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3684914

First name

Allison

Last name

Webber

What ward are you in now

Paekākāriki-Raumati

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

Yes

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Please tell us why?

These communities have little in common, have very different identities and would not have each other's best interests at heart. Money needs to be allocated to building capacity and leadership in both areas.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

The board's provide an important link to community democracy, issues and viewpoints. In Paekakariki successive boards have made a big impact, both locally and at a districtwide level.

Refer to SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENT ATTACHED.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

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Please tell us why?

Because I strongly disagree with your fundamental premise for reform.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

This review is completely inappropriate:

- (a) because it's been done during Covid
- (b) because it should not be undertaken until the 3-waters debate is complete and decided
- (c) it should wait until the results of the current Govt. review of Local Govt
- (d) it is being driven by council staff NOT by councillors
- (e) the research on which it's based is shonky; and
- (f) there has been inadequate consultation

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Additional notes to (No 4)

My apologies for handwritten notes - my system is down ☹️

One of the biggest issues facing our district is the lack of community engagement + consultations. In light of this, Community boards are more important than ever ☹️
We need to build more leadership + capability in the boards not do away with them ☹️

In my ~~five~~^{30 years} living in Paetakariki the community board has played a significant role and punched well above its ~~weight~~^{weight} ☹️

- * We had the debate on building Transmission Gully in the district.
- * We had a previous debate on abolishing Community Boards.
- * We had debate + community action on saving Whareva Farm + keeping it in community ownership.
- * The Board took a strong leadership position in recovery from the 2003 Paetakariki floods.
- * The current + previous boards have been instrumental in the refurbishment of St Peter's Hall.
- * The current Board is contributing to strong debate on environmental issues, and is also lifting the lid on systemic racism impacting tangata whenua families.

It has also lead some very important local discussion on housing + energy issues.

Once the 3 waters are removed from the mandate of District Councils + other reforms have been mooted for the reshaping of ~~communi~~ local government we need to look for a new system where community boards are at the heart of local democracy.

Our Current Council is running a dangerously corporatist model where decisions are being driven by the executive - this is not leading to a healthy outcomes and intelligent 21st Century governance.



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mai **Have**
your say

Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3681229

First name

Janet

Last name

Weber

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

Yes

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?				✓		

Please tell us why?

i accept the view of current councillors who suggest it is appropriate

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?				✓		

Please tell us why?

a good mix

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

this risks losing community identity. it is unlikely to meet the needs of either current ward effectively. I understand that the Waikanae ward is currently under represented, and as the population grows (which it is) the current allocation of councillors will need to be addressed. But merging wards is not the appropriate approach.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

identify of the communities which make up the Kapiti coast is vital. local community wards are much more capable of responding to local needs.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

i disagree with the merging of wards. I agree that new boundaries are needed around areas of recent high population, e.g. Te Horo.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

This consultation has not been widely publicised, and so is in danger of being a consultation by name only. I have mentioned it to several people recently and none of them had heard of it, or had a vague feeling that had heard of it but nothing concrete. A response from several was that the council is trying to make changes under cover of Covid. Making such major changes under this situation is likely to reduce confidence in the council, which from my unscientific canvassing of acquaintances, is already fairly low.



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Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3625836

First name

Alec

Last name

Webster

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?				✓		

Please tell us why?

Seems a reasonable number v population and representation on other councils of similar size

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?				✓		

Please tell us why?

Fair balance

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

The waikane area is sufficiently large to warrant its own representation. 50 % larger than Otaki. This does not clarify representation it reduces it

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

These boards allow for local views to be taken into account. Coupled with the proposal to remove the Waikane Ward local representation is significantly reduced. This is a backward step

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?			✓			

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

I am

Unclear what is driving these changes but it certainly does seem to be better representation of rate payers



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3673545

First name

Nick and Cathie

Last name

Weldon

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?						

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Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?						

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Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?						

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?						

Please tell us why?

We wish to object to the representation review which rules out local Waikanae community board representation at council. It is undemocratic to remove key representation, particularly in a fast-growing area such as Waikanae.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

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Do you agree with the new boundary lines?						

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

We would also like to object to the fact that we must register in order to make an objection. I am 70 years old, and I do not wish to get embroiled in red tape over such a matter. It seems to be a devious technique to ensure the minimum of feedback by making it too difficult.

I therefore asked that the council takes my view into account when considering consultation feedback. I will monitor whether my submission is being taken into account.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3676740

First name

Ken

Last name

Wells

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?				✓		

Please tell us why?

It seems to be about the right number as compared with other areas of similar size.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?				✓		

Please tell us why?

I fell the need to change the status quo.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?						✓

Please tell us why?

Don't live in either of those areas

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

They are the main means of interacting with the Council. Community Boards get less involved in the

politicking of the Council at large. They meet in their respective areas and are people we know as being from our area. They give submissions and concerns a fair hearing and make prompt decisions.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

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Do you agree with the new boundary lines?				✓		

Please tell us why?

They are only adjustments to reflect population.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

The change that has been proposed looks more like an attempt to stifle democracy and simplify the job of the Councillors.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3685928

First name

Jane

Last name

Western

What ward are you in now

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Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?						

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Do you agree with the removal of community boards?						

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

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Do you agree with the new boundary lines?						

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

I feel there needs to be a representation of Waikanae in council permanently ongoing.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3684212

First name

Richard

Last name

Wheeler

What ward are you in now

Ōtaki

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?				✓		

Please tell us why?

Refer to SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENT ATTACHED.

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Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Prefer all councillors elected as ward reps. Refer SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENT ATTACHED.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Please tell us why?

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Please tell us why?

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Do you agree with the new boundary lines?	✓					

Please tell us why?

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Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

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The Mayor and Councillors

Kapiti Coast District Council.

A FRESH LOOK AT LOCAL DEMOCRACY

"Council has a duty to ensure fair and effective representation of our communities..."

Since I moved to Otaki 26 years ago, there have been different reviews similar to the present one. Consistently it has seemed to me, the Council has sought to reduce the representation on the District Council of the smaller communities. I remember one proposal was to do away with the Paekakariki Ward.

In his letter to this week's Kapiti News, Chris Turver neatly sums up the impression I have that "for the Council life would be much easier without local input or questioning about Council decisions from communities of interest."

1. The Ward system of councillor selection is a sensible way of ensuring significant communities of interest are represented and I am of the opinion that the present four wards (Paekakariki, Paraparaumu, Waikanae and Otaki) should be retained.
2. The issue of a Maori Ward has been addressed. I believe we are fortunate in this district to have had Councillors with Maori heritage elected from one of the existing wards or at large.
3. Council's position that councillors elected from wards do not have the ability to see issues from a district wide perspective and that this comes only from those councillors elected at large, is facile.

All councillors have parochial interests. Having five councillors elected "at large" ensures (as past elections have shown) that most of council have and address within the largest populated ward. That ward becomes over represented, Council's life is made easier and decisions favour the centre of population.

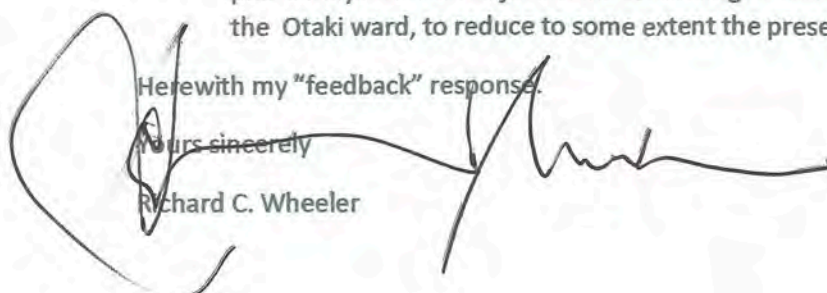
My preference is that all councillors be elected from ward candidates in rough proportion to the ward population.

4. The community boards, as they have been established, have been ineffective. Improving the ability of people to contact Ward Councillors, (under a system whereby Councillors are elected as representatives of Wards only) might be improved by the provision of a secretary and office in each ward.
5. I prefer the retention of the existing four wards: the retention of their existing names (Otaki, Waikanae, Paraparaumu, and Paekakariki) ; two councillors elected to each of the Paekakariki, Waikanae and Otaki wards and three or four councillors elected from the Paraparaumu ward; plus a Mayor. Minor adjustments to existing boundaries, similar to the changes proposed for the Otaki ward, to reduce to some extent the present variances with the 10% rule (?guideline) .

Herewith my "feedback" response.

Yours sincerely

Richard C. Wheeler





Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3657823

First name

Susan

Last name

Williams

What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?				✓		

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	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?				✓		

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?				✓		

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?				✓		

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?				✓		



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3679092

First name

Asher

Last name

Wilson-Goldman

What ward are you in now

Paekākāriki-Raumati

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

Yes

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					

Please tell us why?

With ten councillors, KCDC is at the low end of the comparator councils used - from other districts of similar population. Of those comparator councils, three: Porirua, Nelson, Invercargill are much smaller geographically and therefore have fewer populated communities than Kāpiti does.

Given the distinct communities, and the relative populations of these, within the Kāpiti Coast District, I believe that in order to cater for geographic representation while still retaining the benefits of districtwide councillors, we should increase the total number of councillors to 13 - three more than present, but the same as Gisborne, Tasman and Waipa, all of which are councils that, like Kāpiti, have several population centres within their districts.

The makeup of a 13-strong council should be: two in Paekākāriki-Raumati, Ōtaki and Waikanae, three in Paraparaumu, and four districtwide.

I believe that this will ensure councillors are better able to be connected and engaged with their local communities and community boards. With the rate of pay for a councillor role generally not enabling that to be done as a fulltime job, having only one councillor in any given ward means that residents will struggle to access their elected officials - particularly given the high number of Kāpiti residents who spend their weekdays working in Wellington, and are only in the district and available on weekends. Increasing the minimum ward size to two councillors will help ensure that all residents voices are heard around the council table.

If Council decides to disestablish community boards, I believe the total number of councillors should increase to fifteen - one in Paekākāriki, two each in Raumati, Waikanae and Ōtaki, and three in Paraparaumu, together with five districtwide councillors. This would ensure that all of our districts population centres have fair access to their elected officials.

As an example of the failure of the current structure, across both the ward and districtwide councillors, there are currently zero residents of Raumati (South or Beach) on the council. Combined with Raumati sitting in a different ward (joined with Paekākāriki) and community board (joined with Paraparaumu), it means there is no cohesive voice arguing for Raumati's needs around the council table. The current term of council is not unique in this respect - the same issue existed previously and has done on many occasions, given Paekākāriki residents' domination of the ward seat.

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					

Please tell us why?

I strongly agree with a mix of ward and districtwide councillors, however I believe the number of ward councillors should increase, as per my answer to the previous question.

With community boards, there should be 13 councillors in total: two in Paekākāriki-Raumati, Ōtaki and Waikanae, three in Paraparaumu, and four districtwide.

Without community boards, there should be 15 councillors in total: one in Paekākāriki, two each in Raumati, Waikanae and Ōtaki, and three in Paraparaumu, together with five districtwide councillors

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

This would run counter to providing better and more closely connected elected official - community engagement. Larger wards are the opposite of where we should be going.

The proposal as it stands would also mean more ward councillors in the large ward than outside of it, which would mean their interests would significantly dominate council debates. With districtwide councillors also disproportionately likely to come from Paraparaumu or Waikanae (given voters propensity to vote for candidates near them, where they don't have sufficient information about the candidates overall) this would likely result in less attention being paid to the north and south of our district than is currently the case.

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

It is clear that some of our community boards are not currently functioning well. It is equally clear, however, that this is not universal, nor is it intrinsic to the nature of community boards. The highly functioning and well supported Paekākāriki Community Board is a key example of this.

When functioning well, Community Boards can and should play a critical role in our local government ecosystem. Their areas of work include:

- Being Council's eyes and ears on the ground, identifying issues while they are still young and easily fixable, and bringing them to the attention of Council (whether staff or elected officials).
- Acting as a conduit to funnel strongly / widely held community views into a Council decision making process.
- Putting a local lens on current issues being discussed by Council, so residents can better understand and engage with these.
- Providing a supportive and accessible environment for residents to raise new issues and ideas.
- Managing a low-cost, low-risk fund for local community projects.
- Driving (in partnership with Council staff) processes of rejuvenation for their town centre(s).
- Providing an opportunity for residents who are interested in local government to get involved, whether

formally (as elected community board members) or informally (leading or being involved in projects driven by the community board), thereby strengthening the overall skills in our population.

- Engaging with other agencies and organisations (e.g. Waka Kotahi, Kāpiti Coast Chamber of Commerce) on matters of interest and importance to the community, that don't rise to a level requiring Council involvement.

If some community boards are not functioning well, the answer is not to disestablish them all. The answer is to support them better to fulfil the above areas of work, and to resource them appropriately so they can do so.

I have spent many years working at a senior level engaging with councils right across the country - including mayors, councillors, community board members and staff at all levels. The most successful councils are those that embrace their communities and actively resource and support engagement with them. Councils that retrench and look inside themselves are setting themselves up to fail.

Community boards can and should be at the heart of a truly functioning local democracy, and I urge you to not only retain them, but to help them grow so better support community engagement with local government across our district.

As part of this, I also urge you to create a Raumati Community Board, in addition to the existing boards. This will ensure that the voices of Raumati residents - who have not had any representation on council for some years now - are better heard by council as a whole, and end the current messy situation where Raumati residents look south for their ward councillor but north for their community board.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?				✓		

Please tell us why?

I am supportive of the changes proposed in Map 2 to the Raumati / Paraparaumu boundary.

I have no opinion on the changes proposed in Map 1 and Map 3.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3678926

First name

Mike

Last name

Woods

What ward are you in now

Paraparaumu

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

Yes

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?						

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?						

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?						

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Do you agree with the removal of community boards?						

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?						

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

I support Otaki Community Board chairwoman Christine Papps. Get rid of the current Ward councillors and replace with stronger community boards. I believe this would improve local democracy.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3641824

First name

Renwick

Last name

Wright

What ward are you in now

Paekākāriki-Raumati

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

No

If you are providing feedback as an individual. Do you want your name published with your feedback?

Yes

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor? (as is currently the case)

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Do you agree with retaining 10 councillors and a Mayor?				✓		

Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

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Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?			✓			

Please tell us why?

On the matter of introducing five district councillors, I struggle to see how this is a good use of rate payers' money and equate it to the minimal value provided by List MPs. Like communism, district councillors are a good idea in theory but in practice it doesn't work. The problem is that they're not accountable to any particular community and so it's easy for them to slip beneath the radar and either not do much at all or else cherry pick favoured issues. Dilettantes.

Who is going to make sure that they spread their time and effort evenly and wisely across the district? What are the rules around stepping on the toes of the district councillor or even undermining them? I would rather see perhaps eight ward councillors and therefore a much better councillor/resident representation ratio, especially if CBs are to go. There could also be two district councillors who truly focussed on district wide issues and whose work would need to be transparent and well communicated regularly to the community across traditional and social media.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

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Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

I'm appalled at KCDC's proposal to disestablish community boards. I have lived in Paekakariki for over twenty years and stood for the board twice during that time. Our board has always done a sterling job of interacting with, and supporting the local community and it would be a huge loss if it were to disappear.

KCDC regularly attempts to remove CBs and I've never understood why, other than that they're effective and work hard to keep the council honest and therefore have been perceived by council as an irritant they would rather do without. That may be so but it's the price we should all be prepared to pay for more open, involved, and accountable democracy.

You say "We need to ... remove barriers... and to know and understand our communities better" and "Our communities told us you want a democratic model that brings you closer to your elected representatives and decision-makers, while reflecting the diversity of the district and communities of interest." First, the best way to meet these objectives is to retain Community Boards and to not reduce the number of wards - your proposals take us further away from achieving these goals. And second, CBs are elected representatives and an important conduit between the local community and council.

I totally disagree with the claim that "community boards added a confusing layer of bureaucracy, particularly for our more in-need and currently disenfranchised and marginalised communities". I do not see how CBs could possibly be confusing – it's not rocket science, and the people I've seen at, and participating in CB meetings were as much salt of the earth as the academics, lawyers and doctors who may also have been present. The disenfranchised and marginalised are far more likely to engage with their local CB, whom they probably know personally, than with council. If the above claim is true then help CBs to meet that need rather than throw out the baby with the bathwater, which is the 'alternative view' and one I support.

The "new, creative, and contemporary ways to help our communities engage more directly with Council" that you outline are essentially a summary of what CBs already do now – I fail to see how this proposal improves things, rather it lets Council directly control the entire community consultation and community grant processes at arm's length, thus centralising local government in our district even more, and subtly removing grassroots input. Your proposed actions mean the disenfranchised and marginalised will find it even harder to be heard by council, while council will find it easier to sweep these people under the carpet and out of sight. So much for practical and local democracy.

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The further removed our council gets from the community the less accountable they'll be, but perhaps that's the point. Call me cynical but all this blah about efficiencies and synergies simply doesn't wash. It's a subtle slide towards removing council further away from the community whilst corporatising it even further.

Paekakariki CB is easily accessible and certainly less daunting for people to approach than council ever will be. I've appeared before council to make a submission and am confident in my ability to do so but despite that the intimidation, subtle or otherwise, was daunting. One size doesn't fit all in our disparate district and the CBs are therefore valuable at the grassroots level. I've also talked at several CB meetings in the past and felt very comfortable doing so. So I speak from experience - and council should be supporting local input not doing its damndest to suppress it by removing CBs.

Anecdotally, a lot of people either don't trust or are cynical of council, whereas in Paekakariki at least the PCB is generally seen as an integral part of the community, accessible, and a body that has the community's best interests at heart and knows the village far better than KCDC talking heads ever will. Again, I speak from personal experience here but will spare you the details.

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I agree with all the points the PCB is making in its submission and email to the Paekakariki community; PCB members have obviously put a lot of thought and work into the points made and I endorse them all.

Bottom line – I want our CBs to remain!

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You're bundling together communities that are completely separate from each other with different wants, needs and objectives. They should remain distinct.



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First name

Trevor

Last name

Wylie

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Ōtaki

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Yes

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Seems reasonable.

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Ward representation with the ward elected member conducting regular scheduled opportunity for constituents and groups to express views or concerns can do all that community boards currently do.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3682841

First name

Elizabeth

Last name

Yager

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Waikanae

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KAPITI REPRESENTATION REVIEW

SUBMISSION – ELIZABETH YAGER

3/10/2021

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Last name

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Waikanae

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your say

Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3641676

First name

Sarah & Francisco

Last name

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What ward are you in now

Waikanae

Would you like to speak to your submission in person on 19 October 2021?

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Joining of Paraparaumu with Waikanae not ideal but other changes make sense.



Representation Review

Your details

Response ID

3652294

First name

Bob

Last name

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Paekākāriki-Raumati

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Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors? (as is currently the case)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with having five ward councillors and five districtwide councillors?				✓		

Please tell us why?

Important to have local representation.

Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with combining most of the current Paraparaumu and Waikanae Wards?			✓			

Do you agree with the removal of community boards? (see p10 of the consultation document for the reason this is proposed)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the removal of community boards?	✓					

Please tell us why?

Very strongly opposed to this. I disagree with the conclusions of the "research" and disappointed in the methodology (e.g. limited sample size and selection) as far as they apply to Paekakariki. Paekakariki has an excellent Community Board that has the confidence of most (if not all) of the village. Board members are respected as individuals within our community. The Board is able to represent the views of a

somewhat isolated community (at the southern end of the district, and located between the coast, the road and Queen Elizabeth Park) in Council policy and deliberations. The Board is also able to bring Council proposals to the community and receive honest feedback. The Board is also an efficient and effective distributor of Council grants.

Do you agree with the new boundary lines? (see the maps on p6 of the consultation document for the changes)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Do you agree with the new boundary lines?				✓		

Please tell us why?

Adjustments to the southern ward make sense as Raumati South and Paekakariki have many community similarities.

Is there anything else you'd like to say to guide councillors' thinking on the representation review?

I reiterate my opposition to abolishing the Paekakariki Community Board.