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Secretariat  
Governance and Administration Committee  
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WELLINGTON 6160

Dear Governance and Administration Committee

**Kāpiti Coast District Council: Submission on the Local Government Electoral Legislation Bill**

Kāpiti Coast District Council (Council) appreciates the opportunity to submit on the Local Government Electoral Legislation Bill. Council supports the broad policy proposals and purpose of the Bill.

Council wishes to express its support for the submission made by Taituarā — Local Government Professionals Aotearoa, particularly in relation to the recommendation that the wording adopted in section 19GA(5) allow sufficient flexibility for local authorities to tailor their engagement with Māori and other communities in a way that gives effect to section 82 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Council, in principle, supports the policy proposal on Māori representation in the Bill. However, our overall position will be guided by any position taken by Council's iwi partners and mana whenua of the Kāpiti Coast District, Ngāti Toa Rangātira, Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki and Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai Charitable Trust.

We thank the Committee for its time in considering our submission.

Yours sincerely



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