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## Kāpiti Coast District Council

### Initial proposal for representation arrangements for the 2025 local elections

Under sections 19H and 19J of the Local Electoral Act 2001, Kāpiti Coast District Council is undertaking a review of its representation arrangements for the triennial local authority elections to be held in 2025 (to be held on 11 October).

On 30 July 2024, Kāpiti Coast District Council resolved that the following initial proposal be adopted:

#### *Council Representation*

It is proposed that the Council comprise 10 councillors elected with a mixed representation model, with eight councillors elected from five wards and two councillors elected district-wide, plus the mayor. The five wards reflect the following geographical communities:

Ward	Geographical communities
<b>Ōtaki General Ward</b>	This ward encompasses the Ōtaki, Ōtaki Beach, Hautere, Te Horo and Te Horo Beach communities and the surrounding Tararua Forest Park. The southern boundary is further south than the current Ōtaki Ward boundary down to south of Te Hapua Road and includes 15 additional meshblocks numbered 1883901, 1883902, 1884001, 1884002, 1884003, 1884004, 1884006, 1884100, 1884600, 1884701, 1884702, 1884802, 4011904, 4018272 and 4018273.
<b>Waikanae General Ward</b>	This ward encompasses the Peka Peka, Waikanae, Waikanae Beach, Reikorangi communities. There are slight boundary adjustments to the northern boundary as outlined above with the listed meshblocks moving from the Waikanae Ward to the Ōtaki Ward.
<b>Paraparaumu General Ward</b>	This ward encompasses the Paraparaumu, Paraparaumu Beach and Nikau Valley communities. There are slight boundary adjustments to the south-eastern boundary as outlined below with the listed meshblocks moving from the Paraparaumu Ward to the Paekākāriki-Raumati Ward.
<b>Paekākāriki-Raumati General Ward</b>	This ward encompasses the Paekākāriki and Raumati communities and the surrounding rural area including the communities of Emerald Glen and Valley Road and includes five additional meshblocks numbered 2010100, 4013496, 4013497, 1997802 and 1997902.
<b>Kāpiti Coast Māori Ward</b>	The Māori ward boundaries align with the district's boundaries.

The population that the Māori ward councillor will represent is as follows:

Māori Ward	Population (2018 census)	Councillors	Population per councillor
<b>Kāpiti Coast Māori Ward</b>	4,930	1	4,930

The number of Māori ward councillors complies with Schedule 1A of the Local Electoral Act 2001, and it is proposed that these arrangements provide effective representation for the district's communities of interest.

The population that each general ward councillor will represent is as follows:

General Ward	Population (2018 census)	Councillors	Population per councillor	Over/Under representation Percentage
<b>Ōtaki General Ward</b>	8,510	1	8,510	11.32% (underrepresented)
<b>Waikanae General Ward</b>	13,800	2	6,900	-9.74% (overrepresented)
<b>Paraparaumu General Ward</b>	22,900	3	7,633	-0.14% (overrepresented)
<b>Paekākāriki-Raumati General Ward</b>	8,300	1	8,300	8.58% (underrepresented)
<b>Total</b>	53,510	7	7,644	

In accordance with *section 19V(2), Local Electoral Act 2001* the population that each general ward councillor represents must be within the range of 7,644 +/- 10% (6,880 to 8,408), unless community of interest considerations justify otherwise.

Only the representation of the Ōtaki General Ward falls outside the stipulated range and is non-compliant with the fair representation criteria (+/-10% rule). The Council considers that the Ōtaki General Ward warrants a single member representing 8,510 people (which is a 11.32% variation) as the proposed boundaries ensure that the Te Horo community of interest, which community feedback suggests identifies more closely with the Ōtaki General Ward, is not separated by ward boundaries. The Council considers that moving the boundary to address the non-compliance with *section 19V(2), Local Electoral Act 2001* "would limit effective representation of communities of interest by dividing a community of interest between wards" as set out in *section 19V(3)(ii), Local Electoral Act 2001*.

In addition, two councillors will be elected at-large (by all voters of the district).

#### *Community Board Representation*

The current Ōtaki, Waikanae, Paraparaumu, Raumati and Paekākāriki Community Boards will each consist of four elected members and will each have a specified number of appointed members as follows:

Ward	Number of appointment members
<b>Ōtaki Community Board</b>	One appointed member of Council from either the Ōtaki General Ward or the Kāpiti Coast Māori Ward
<b>Waikanae Community Board</b>	One appointed member of the Council from either the Waikanae General Ward or the Kāpiti Coast Māori Ward
<b>Paraparaumu Community Board</b>	Two appointed members of the Council from either the Paraparaumu General Ward or the Kāpiti Coast Māori Ward
<b>Raumati Community Board</b>	One appointed member of Council from either the Paekākāriki-Raumati General Ward or the Kāpiti Coast Māori Ward
<b>Paekākāriki Community Board</b>	One appointed member of Council from either the Paekākāriki-Raumati General Ward or the Kāpiti Coast Māori Ward

Further to this, the community board area boundaries will also be adjusted to align with the general ward boundary changes proposed above:

- The Ōtaki and Waikanae Community Board boundary will also be moved south past Te Hapua Road and align with the general ward boundary.
- The Paekākāriki and Paraparaumu Community Board boundary will also be moved south-east moving the five meshblocks encompassing the Emerald Glen and Valley Road communities into the Paekākāriki Community Board area.

#### *Further Information*

Copies of the full proposal including Council’s resolution, consultation document and maps setting out the areas of the wards may be viewed and obtained online from Council’s website and at any Council library or service centre:

- [www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/representation-review](http://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/representation-review)
- Civic Administration Building, 175 Rimu Road, Paraparaumu
- Paraparaumu Library, Iver Trask Place, Paraparaumu
- Waikanae Library and Waikanae Service Centre, Mahara Place, Waikanae
- Ōtaki Library and Service Centre, Main Street, Ōtaki
- Paekākāriki Library, 14 Wellington Road, Paekākāriki (Mondays and Wednesdays 1:30pm to 4:30pm, and Saturdays 10:00am to 2:00pm)

Any queries regarding the Council’s proposal should be directed to [democracy.services@kapiticoast.govt.nz](mailto:democracy.services@kapiticoast.govt.nz)

Relevant information is also available on the Council’s website [www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/representation-review](http://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/representation-review)

*Submissions are invited*

Residents and ratepayers with an interest in the proposed representation arrangements are invited to make written submissions on Council's representation proposal.

To make a submission online go to [www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/haveyoursay)

To make a submission in hard copy please forward this to:

- Attention – Steffi Haefeli, Manager Governance
- Physical address - Council Offices, 175 Rimu Road, Paraparaumu
- Postal address – Private Bag 60 601, Paraparaumu 5254
- Email – [democracy.services@kapiticoast.govt.nz](mailto:democracy.services@kapiticoast.govt.nz)

Consultation is open from Thursday 8 August 2024 and submissions must be received by Council by no later than 5:00pm Monday 12 September 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Darren Edwards', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Darren Edwards  
Chief Executive  
8 August 2024