
Kāpiti Coast District Council

Final proposal for representation arrangements for the 2025 local elections

Under sections 19H and 19J of the Local Electoral Act 2001, Kāpiti Coast District Council has undertaken a review of its representation arrangements for the triennial local authority elections to be held in 2025.

Submissions

On 30 July 2024, Council resolved its initial proposal regarding the representation arrangements for the Council and its constituent community boards to apply for the local elections to be held on 11 October 2025. On 6 August 2024, Council re-affirmed its decision to establish a Māori ward and formal consultation on the initial proposal was open from 8 August 2024 to 12 September 2024 (5pm) providing an opportunity for submissions.

On 24 September 2024, Kāpiti Coast District Council considered the submissions received on its initial proposal. In total, Council received 442 written and 9 oral submissions on its proposal. The submissions have been analysed and summarised in a report considered by Council on 31 October 2024 (report can be found [here](#)).

Final Proposal

Having considered all submissions, on 31 October 2024, Kāpiti Coast District Council resolved that the initial proposal be adopted, subject to the following three amendments:

- The proposed name of the Māori ward be amended to Kapiti Coast Māori Ward
- The proposed boundary between the Waikanae and Ōtaki General Wards and Community Boards remains in its current place and is not moved south past Te Hapua Road
- The membership of the Paraparaumu Community Board includes one ward councillor appointed back from either the Paraparaumu General Ward or the Kapiti Coast Māori Ward.

Council considers that the amendments are appropriate for the following reasons:

- Mana whenua submitted that they support the name of the Māori ward if the proposed macron on Kāpiti is removed. Council considered its options and considers it is appropriate for mana whenua to gift a name to the ward which Council has received and accepted.
- Analysis of the submissions received from those residents in the Te Horo area directly affected by the proposed boundary changes highlighted that the majority of the affected residents preferred to retain the status quo rather than move the boundary south to Te Hapua Road. Council considered its options and decided to accept these submissions and not change the boundary lines.
- Councillors discussed the discrepancy between councillor appointments on community boards and considered that making the appointments more equitable and consistent by only appointing once councillor to each community board is appropriate.

This removes the discrepancy between community boards and sees only one councillor of either the Paraparaumu General Ward or the Kapiti Coast Māori Ward appointed to the Paraparaumu Community Board (instead of two).

Council rejected the submissions that disagreed with the Council structure of two at-large (district-wide), seven general ward and one Māori ward councillor as the majority of the submissions disagreed with the proposed structure due of the establishment of the Māori ward. Council affirmed its decision to establish a Māori ward on 6 August 2024 and cannot disestablish the ward. The Māori ward will be in place for the 2025 local body elections and a binding poll will be held with the 2025 local body elections pursuant to the provisions of the amended Local Electoral Act 2001.

Council Representation

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

Ward	Communities of interest
Ōtaki General Ward	This ward encompasses the Ōtaki, Ōtaki Beach, Hautere, Te Horo (to School Road) and Te Horo Beach (to Te Horo Beach Road) communities and the surrounding Tararua Forest Park.
Waikanae General Ward	This ward encompasses the Peka Peka, Waikanae, Waikanae Beach, Reikorangi, Te Horo (to School Road) and Te Horo Beach (to Te Horo Beach Road) communities.
Paraparaumu General Ward	This ward encompasses the Paraparaumu, Paraparaumu Beach and Nikau Valley communities. There are slight adjustments to the south-eastern boundary with meshblocks numbered 2010100, 4013496, 4013497, 1997802 and 1997902 moving from the Paraparaumu General Ward to the Paekākāriki-Raumati General Ward.
Paekākāriki-Raumati General Ward	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.
Kapiti Coast Māori Ward	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
Kapiti Coast Māori Ward	4,930	1	4,930

The number of Māori ward councillors complies with Schedule 1A of the Local Electoral Act 2001. The Māori ward councillor will be elected by all electors enrolled on the Māori Electoral Roll.

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
Ōtaki General Ward	7,410	1	7,410	-3.16% (overrepresented)
Waikanae General Ward	14,950	2	7,475	-2.31% (overrepresented)
Paraparaumu General Ward	22,900	3	7,633	-0.24% (overrepresented)
Paekākāriki-Raumati General Ward	8,300	1	8,300	8.48% (underrepresented)
Total	53,560	7	7,651	

In accordance with *section 19V(2), Local Electoral Act 2001* the population that each general ward councillor represents must be within the range of 7,651 +/- 10% (6,886 to 8,416), unless community of interest considerations justify otherwise. None of the above wards fall outside the stipulated range and are therefore compliant with the fair representation criteria (+/-10% rule).

In addition to the above, two councillors and the Mayor will be elected at-large (by all electors of the district).

Community Board Representation

Five community boards will be elected. The five community boards will be:

Community board	Area of community
Ōtaki Community Board	This community encompasses the Ōtaki, Ōtaki Beach, Hautere, Te Horo (to School Road) and Te Horo Beach (to Te Horo Beach Road) communities and the surrounding Tararua Forest Park, with the same boundaries as the Ōtaki General Ward.
Waikanae Community Board	This community encompasses the Peka Peka, Waikanae, Waikanae Beach, Reikorangi, Te Horo (to School Road) and Te Horo Beach (to Te Horo Beach Road) communities, with the same boundaries as the Waikanae General Ward.
Paraparaumu Community Board	This community encompasses the Paraparaumu, Paraparaumu Beach and Nikau Valley communities. There are slight adjustments to the south-eastern boundary with meshblocks numbered 2010100, 4013496, 4013497, 1997802 and 1997902 moving from the Paraparaumu General Ward to the Paekākāriki-Raumati General Ward. The boundaries are the same as the Paraparaumu General Ward except the southern boundary which extends South to Tui Road.
Raumati Community Board	This community encompasses the Raumati, Raumati Beach and Raumati South communities. The boundary in the north at Tui Road and the boundary in the south at Waterfall Road/Queen Elizabeth Park.
Paekākāriki Community Board	This community encompasses Paekākāriki 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. The boundary in the north at Waterfall Road/Queen Elizabeth Park and the boundary in the south the same as the Paekākāriki-Raumati General Ward.

The Ōtaki, Waikanae, Paraparaumu, Raumati and Paekākāriki Community Boards will each consist of four elected members and one appointed councillor.

Community board	Number of appointment members
Ōtaki Community Board	One appointed member of Council from either the Ōtaki General Ward or the Kapiti Coast Māori Ward
Waikanae Community Board	One appointed member of the Council from either the Waikanae General Ward or the Kapiti Coast Māori Ward
Paraparaumu Community Board	One appointed member of the Council from either the Paraparaumu General Ward or the Kapiti Coast Māori Ward
Raumati Community Board	One appointed member of Council from either the Paekākāriki-Raumati General Ward or the Kapiti Coast Māori Ward
Paekākāriki Community Board	One appointed member of Council from either the Paekākāriki-Raumati General Ward or the Kapiti Coast Māori Ward

Appeals and Objections

Any person or organisation may object to Council’s final proposal. If anyone wishes to lodge an objection, it must identify the matters to which the objection relates to. An objection form can be found on Council’s website [here](#).

Objections are to be sent to:

- Attention – Steffi Haefeli, Manager Governance
- Physical address - Council Offices, 175 Rimu Road, Paraparaumu
- Postal address – Private Bag 60 601, Paraparaumu 5254
- Email – governance@kapiticoast.govt.nz

Objections must be made in writing and must be received by Council no later than 5pm on 6 December 2024. Any objections received will be forwarded to the Local Government Commission for determination.

Further Information

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

- 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 governance@kapiticoast.govt.nz.

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

Darren Edwards
Chief Executive
1 November 2024