

REPRESENTATION REVIEW



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What is a Representation Review?

Every three years elections are held for local authorities. This includes mayors, councillors, community board members and local board members. These are the triennial elections.

Local authorities are required to review their representation arrangements at least once every six years. As part of the representation review a local authority can take a fresh look at the structure of its membership and the way they are elected. This could affect the total number of members, whether they come from a ward or 'at large' across the wider district, the boundaries of wards and constituencies, or the names of wards and constituencies.

Hastings District Council is currently reviewing its representation arrangements for the 2019 local body elections.

The Council has already resolved to keep First Past the Post electoral system and NOT to establish Māori wards.

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ON THESE MATTERS**

Proposed Representation Arrangements

On 22 March 2017, the Council gave consideration to its representation arrangements and resolved:

- that all Councillors should continue to be elected by ward (as current),
- the number of Councillors should be retained at 14, and
- the communities of interest that make up Hastings District continue to be divided into the following wards,
(See *Appendix 1 – Map of Wards*)

› Hastings-Havelock North Ward

- Boundary: Five changes to the boundaries with Kahuranaki and Heretaunga wards are proposed. This is to include new housing developments on the outskirts of the urban areas.
- Number of councillors: eight (no change)

› Flaxmere Ward

- Boundary: no change
- Number of councillors: two (no change)

› Heretaunga Ward

- Boundary: Three changes to the boundary with Hastings-Havelock North ward are proposed. This is to adjust for new housing developments on the outskirts of the urban areas.
- Number of councillors: two (no change)

› Kahuranaki Ward

- Boundary: One change to the boundary with Hastings-Havelock North ward is proposed. This is to adjust for new housing developments on the outskirts of the urban areas.
- Number of councillors: one (no change)

› Mohaka

- Boundary: no change
- Number of councillors: one (no change)

Ward Composition

To ensure fair representation within Council, the Local Government Act sets out that the number of councillors per ward be +/-10% of the district average population per councillor.

The proposed changes to ward boundaries would result in the following representation:

WARD	POPULATION	POPULATION AFTER WARD ADJUSTMENT	NUMBER OF COUNCILLORS PER WARD	POPULATION PER COUNCILLOR	DEVIATION FROM DISTRICT AVERAGE POPULATION PER COUNCILLOR	PERCENTAGE DEVIATION FROM DISTRICT AVERAGE POPULATION PER COUNCILLOR
HASTINGS-HAVELOCK NORTH	44,230	45,990	8	5,749	45	0.79%
FLAXMERE	11,020	11,020	2	5,510	-194	-3.39%
HERETAUNGA	12,670	11,160	2	5,580	-124	-2.17%
MOHAKA	5,700	5,700	1	5,700	-4	-0.06%
KAHURANAKI	5,700	5,980	1	5,980	276	-0.06%
TOTALS	79,850	79,850	14	5,704		

(based on Statistic New Zealand 2017 population estimates by meshblock)

See Appendix 1 - Map of Wards

See Appendix 2 - Map of proposed changes to meshblocks Wards

Rural Community Board

The Council also resolved to retain the Rural Community Board, with no change to the current number of four elected representatives, representing the rural wards of Kahuranaki and Mohaka. The two rural ward councillors are also members of the rural community board.

SUBDIVISION	POPULATION	DEVIATION FROM POPULATION AVERAGE	PERCENTAGE DEVIATION
TUTIRA	2,730	-190	-6.5%
KAWEKA	2,970	50	1.7%
MARAEKAKAHO	2,870	-50	-1.7%
POUKAWA	3,110	190	6.5%
TOTALS	11,680	Average = 2920	

(based on Statistic New Zealand 2017 population estimates by meshblock)









