

Hastings District Council Representation Review 2021

Submissions to Initial Proposal

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Council Meeting 14 October 2021

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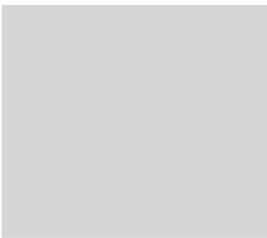


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* Name

Hayley Soanes

Address



Phone Number

(No response)

* Email



* Which electoral roll are you on?

General roll

* Do you agree with the Council's initial proposal?

No

Please provide feedback on Council's initial proposal OR attach your submission below.

Each ward should have atleast 2 representatives

Please attach your submission

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No

If you ticked yes, how can we best contact you?

* Age



Gender

*** Which ethnicity do you identify with? (You can select more than one.)**

(No response)

Which part of Hastings district do you live in? Suburbs

Flaxmere

Settlements

(No response)

*** Which ward do you live in?**

Flaxmere

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*** Name**

Barbara Grieve

Address**Phone Number***** Email***** Which electoral roll are you on?**

Māori roll

*** Do you agree with the Council's initial proposal?**

No

Please provide feedback on Council's initial proposal OR attach your submission below.

(No response)

Please attach your submission

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No

If you ticked yes, how can we best contact you?*** Age**

Gender

*** Which ethnicity do you identify with? (You can select more than one.)**

Which part of Hastings district do you live in? Suburbs

Settlements

Maraekākaho

(No response)

*** Which ward do you live in?**

Don't know

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*** Name**

Carol Ferguson

Address**Phone Number***** Email***** Which electoral roll are you on?**

Māori roll

*** Do you agree with the Council's initial proposal?**

No

Please provide feedback on Council's initial proposal OR attach your submission below.

Fifteen councillors plus a mayor is far too many for the size of our area.

If three maori councillors is a must have, then have them, but not as additional to the existing twelve we already have. Three councillors need to be made redundant, because theres no longer a job for them.

Please attach your submission

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No

If you ticked yes, how can we best contact you?

*** Age**



Gender



*** Which ethnicity do you identify with? (You can select more than one.)**



(No response)

Which part of Hastings district do you live in? Suburbs

Settlements

Clive

(No response)

*** Which ward do you live in?**

Heretaunga

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*** Name**

Kathryn Ingram

Address**Phone Number***** Email***** Which electoral roll are you on?**

General roll

*** Do you agree with the Council's initial proposal?**

No

Please provide feedback on Council's initial proposal OR attach your submission below.

1. Do not agree with increasing the number of councillors and would suggest council look at this proposal again. It is unacceptable to reduce Flaxmere representation. Look at reducing councillor numbers in Hastings or the proposed new Maori wards. Put a limit on time councillors can sit on council in order to increase diversity and age and to bring in fresh ideas.
2. Would ask that Tauroa Valley be included in the Hastings/Havelock North ward rather than Kahuranaki. We see nothing of the councillor who is supposed to represent us or any contribution she makes to council as a whole. We feel we live in Havelock North. We are not rural and have to go through Havelock in order to go anywhere.

Please attach your submission

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No

If you ticked yes, how can we best contact you?

*** Age**

Gender

*** Which ethnicity do you identify with? (You can select more than one.)**

(No response)

Which part of Hastings district do you live in? Suburbs

Havelock North

Settlements

(No response)

*** Which ward do you live in?**

Kahurānaki

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*** Name**

Michael Kinney

Address**Phone Number***** Email***** Which electoral roll are you on?**

General roll

*** Do you agree with the Council's initial proposal?**

Yes

Please provide feedback on Council's initial proposal OR attach your submission below.

I would rather have 15 or less councilors, we are becoming over represented.

Please attach your submission*** You have the opportunity to be heard by the Council in relation to your submission. The Council meeting is proposed to be held on 14 October 2021 (and preceding days if required). Would you like to speak to Council regarding your submission?**

No

If you ticked yes, how can we best contact you?

Email

*** Age**

Gender

*** Which ethnicity do you identify with? (You can select more than one.)**

Which part of Hastings district do you live in? Suburbs

Settlements

Longlands

*** Which ward do you live in?**

Heretaunga

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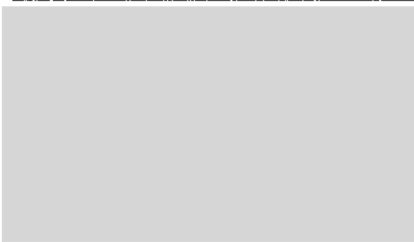
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*** Name**

Kathryn Kinney

Address**Phone Number***** Email***** Which electoral roll are you on?**

General roll

*** Do you agree with the Council's initial proposal?**

No

Please provide feedback on Council's initial proposal OR attach your submission below.

I propose we keep the number of councilors we have now and intergrate the Maori seats.

Please attach your submission

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No

If you ticked yes, how can we best contact you?

*** Age**

[Redacted]

Gender

[Redacted]

*** Which ethnicity do you identify with? (You can select more than one.)**

[Redacted]

(No response)

Which part of Hastings district do you live in? Suburbs

Settlements

Other (please state)

Longglands

*** Which ward do you live in?**

Heretaunga

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* Name

Linda Simons

Address



Phone Number



* Email



* Which electoral roll are you on?

General roll

* Do you agree with the Council's initial proposal?

No

Please provide feedback on Council's initial proposal OR attach your submission below.

It doesn't matter where they come from in the Hawkes Bay area but Hastings does not need that many councillors. If anything they need to be cut back further. Of all the councillors representing Hastings there would only be one or two that you ever hear of that are out and about engaging with the community.

Please attach your submission

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No

If you ticked yes, how can we best contact you?

* Age



Gender

[REDACTED]

*** Which ethnicity do you identify with? (You can select more than one.)**

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Which part of Hastings district do you live in? Suburbs

Saint Leonards

Settlements

(No response)

*** Which ward do you live in?**

Hastings-Havelock North

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*** Name**

Do Adams

Address**Phone Number***** Email***** Which electoral roll are you on?**

General roll

*** Do you agree with the Council's initial proposal?**

No

Please provide feedback on Council's initial proposal OR attach your submission below.

Do not reduce the number of councillors for Flaxmere.
Do not increase the number of councillors for Hastings.
Happy with the new Maori wards.

Please attach your submission

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No

If you ticked yes, how can we best contact you?

*** Age**

Gender

*** Which ethnicity do you identify with? (You can select more than one.)**

(No response)

Which part of Hastings district do you live in? Suburbs

Havelock North

Settlements

(No response)

*** Which ward do you live in?**

Hastings-Havelock North

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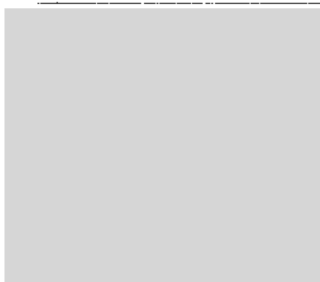


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* Name

Peter Kay

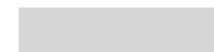
Address



Phone Number



* Email



* Which electoral roll are you on?

General roll

* Do you agree with the Council's initial proposal?

Yes

Please provide feedback on Council's initial proposal OR attach your submission below.

Whilst I think there has been some misinformation in this process, I feel that this proposal is ok for now. I feel this system needs a revamp and over the next period the public needs more information on the demographics, fairer representation and where the public votes come from. I do not agree that council will be less efficient or that elected councillors will be less engaged or that the council will be any less diversified. I also do not think this is about the remuneration of councillors either. If there is a decrease in councillors, does that mean the next councillor to get the chop will be a rural councillor? From my point of view, not a good thought and one that would be vigorously defended by such a community of interest.

This situation is not ideal, and needs more thought but to keep going forward, this option is one I favour at present.

Please attach your submission

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No

If you ticked yes, how can we best contact you?

*** Age**

Gender

*** Which ethnicity do you identify with? (You can select more than one.)**

(No response)

Which part of Hastings district do you live in? Suburbs

Settlements

Kererū

(No response)

*** Which ward do you live in?**

Kahurānaki

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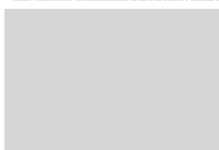
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*** Name**

Nataliya Rik

Address**Phone Number**

(No response)

*** Email***** Which electoral roll are you on?**

General roll

*** Do you agree with the Council's initial proposal?**

No

Please provide feedback on Council's initial proposal OR attach your submission below.

I disagree with the Council proposal

Secondly, 15 Councillors are just too much. There are too many already. Hastings District has a population of 81,537 (Statistics NZ, 2018 Census). Similar sized New Plymouth (80,679 population) has 14 Councillors. Wellington City Council has 14 Councillors with a population of 202,737.

Please attach your submission

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No

If you ticked yes, how can we best contact you?

*** Age**

Gender

*** Which ethnicity do you identify with? (You can select more than one.)**

(No response)

Which part of Hastings district do you live in? Suburbs

Flaxmere

Settlements

(No response)

*** Which ward do you live in?**

Flaxmere

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* Name

Matt Goodin

Address



Phone Number



* Email



* Which electoral roll are you on?

General roll

* Do you agree with the Council's initial proposal?

Yes

Please provide feedback on Council's initial proposal OR attach your submission below.

I agree in part. I would like to see one of the Maori Ward councillors dedicated to Flaxmere so Flaxmere gets better representation and 2 at large.

Please attach your submission

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No

If you ticked yes, how can we best contact you?

*** Age**

[Redacted]

Gender

[Redacted]

*** Which ethnicity do you identify with? (You can select more than one.)**

[Redacted]

(No response)

Which part of Hastings district do you live in? Suburbs

Settlements

Haumoana

(No response)

*** Which ward do you live in?**

Heretaunga

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*** Name**

Alan Dillon

Address**Phone Number**

(No response)

*** Email***** Which electoral roll are you on?**

General roll

*** Do you agree with the Council's initial proposal?**

No

Please provide feedback on Council's initial proposal OR attach your submission below.

Fewer councilors and higher pay would allow for a more diverse, better quality councilors, Flaxmere and other suburbs need more of a voice

Please attach your submission

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No

If you ticked yes, how can we best contact you?

*** Age**

Gender

*** Which ethnicity do you identify with? (You can select more than one.)**

Which part of Hastings district do you live in? Suburbs

Settlements

Maraekākaho

(No response)

*** Which ward do you live in?**

Kahurānaki

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* Name

Jim GALLOWAY

Address



Phone Number



* Email



* Which electoral roll are you on?

General roll

* Do you agree with the Council's initial proposal?

Yes

Please provide feedback on Council's initial proposal OR attach your submission below.

For representation to be effective it needs to be local. The size of the district would make having less than 2 rural ward councilors unworkable as it is several hours drive from 1 end to the other. No comparison can be made to Wellington which is less than an hours drive from 1 side to the other.

Having 1 more councilor to allow for 3 Maori councilors is a fair way to provide representation throughout the district. Rural people value democracy as they have higher turnout at elections than urban areas. This would likely be due to the very high rates paid on rural properties.

Retaining the rural community board is a good idea. I won't comment on urban wards as I do not live there.

Please attach your submission

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No

If you ticked yes, how can we best contact you?

* Age

Gender

* Which ethnicity do you identify with? (You can select more than one.)

(No response)

Which part of Hastings district do you live in? Suburbs

Settlements

Raukawa

(No response)

* Which ward do you live in?

Kahurānaki

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* Name

Wini Smiler

Address



Phone Number



* Email



* Which electoral roll are you on?

Māori roll

* Do you agree with the Council's initial proposal?

No

Please provide feedback on Council's initial proposal OR attach your submission below.

(No response)

Please attach your submission

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No

If you ticked yes, how can we best contact you?

Email

*** Age**

Gender

*** Which ethnicity do you identify with? (You can select more than one.)**

(No response)

Which part of Hastings district do you live in? Suburbs

Flaxmere

Settlements

(No response)

*** Which ward do you live in?**

Flaxmere

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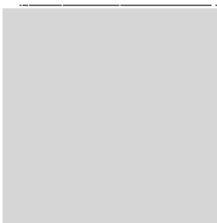
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*** Name**

Nigel Woodley

Address**Phone Number***** Email***** Which electoral roll are you on?**

General roll

*** Do you agree with the Council's initial proposal?**

No

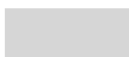
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I don't agree with Flaxmere being represented by only one ward councillor. Flaxmere's representation should remain at two.

Please attach your submission

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No

If you ticked yes, how can we best contact you?*** Age**

Gender



*** Which ethnicity do you identify with? (You can select more than one.)**



(No response)

Which part of Hastings district do you live in? Suburbs

Flaxmere

Settlements



(No response)

*** Which ward do you live in?**

Flaxmere

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* Name

Hunter Collins KELLY

Address

Phone Number

* Email

* Which electoral roll are you on?

General roll

* Do you agree with the Council's initial proposal?

No

Please provide feedback on Council's initial proposal OR attach your submission below.

I do not think electing more councillors to our city council will be in the best interests of the rate payers , as this will increase rates to pay for more wages and having more councillors will mean a lot more different ideas at the council table an a lot more in fighting an bickering amongst the councillors.

Please attach your submission

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No

If you ticked yes, how can we best contact you?

*** Age**

Gender

*** Which ethnicity do you identify with? (You can select more than one.)**

(No response)

Which part of Hastings district do you live in? Suburbs

Ākina

Settlements

(No response)

*** Which ward do you live in?**

Hastings-Havelock North

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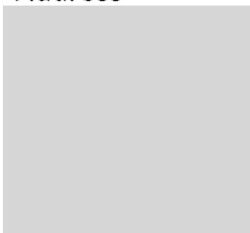


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* Name

Nick Dawson

Address



Phone Number



* Email



* Which electoral roll are you on?

General roll

* Do you agree with the Council's initial proposal?

Yes

Please provide feedback on Council's initial proposal OR attach your submission below.

We in the Hastings rural community feel we are like a protecting arm of a caring uncle or aunt wrapped around our town Whanau and friends. The osmosis of town and country in the Hastings district is what defines Hastings and makes it the special place it is. Lately the rural community are up against increasing compliance and sometimes farcical regulations. With fewer voting numbers and a huge geographic area we need our two rural councillors to get our voice heard at council and beyond. Each district in the Hastings rural community has been created by history and events for a reason, whether it be social or environmental and has evolved with the landscape for hundreds of year and the Koreo must be remembered and respected.

The two rural councillors has proven to be extremely successful.

Collectively this makes the Hastings district strong and vibrant.

Nick Dawson

H.D.C Rural Community Board Chair

Please attach your submission

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Yes

If you ticked yes, how can we best contact you?

Phone

*** Age**

Gender

*** Which ethnicity do you identify with? (You can select more than one.)**

(No response)

Which part of Hastings district do you live in? Suburbs

Settlements

Patoka

(No response)

*** Which ward do you live in?**

Mohaka

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* Name

Les Hokianga

Address



Phone Number



* Email



* Which electoral roll are you on?

Māori roll

* Do you agree with the Council's initial proposal?

No

Please provide feedback on Council's initial proposal OR attach your submission below.Growth of Flaxmere over next 5-10 years
Internal problems in Flaxmere.**Please attach your submission***** You have the opportunity to be heard by the Council in relation to your submission. The Council meeting is proposed to be held on 14 October 2021 (and preceding days if required). Would you like to speak to Council regarding your submission?**

Yes (Not Speaking)

If you ticked yes, how can we best contact you?

Email

* Age



Gender

*** Which ethnicity do you identify with? (You can select more than one.)**



(No response)

Which part of Hastings district do you live in? Suburbs

Flaxmere

Settlements

Bridge Pā

(No response)

*** Which ward do you live in?**

Flaxmere

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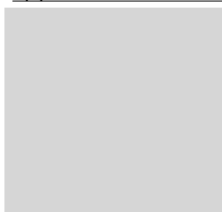


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* Name

Rachel Brown

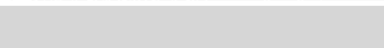
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Phone Number



* Email



* Which electoral roll are you on?

Māori roll

* Do you agree with the Council's initial proposal?

Yes

Please provide feedback on Council's initial proposal OR attach your submission below.

Kia ora I wish to make a submission to retain Flaxmere's two councillors and that one of the 3 maori wards at large be tagged for our Paharakeke.

I believe we as the people of the community deserve better and this is the way to go for the future otherwise once we give this up we will never ever get it back.

God bless you and thank you .

Please attach your submission

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No

If you ticked yes, how can we best contact you?

* Age

Gender

* Which ethnicity do you identify with? (You can select more than one.)

(No response)

Which part of Hastings district do you live in? Suburbs

Flaxmere

Settlements

(No response)

* Which ward do you live in?

Flaxmere

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*** Name**

Ella Wroe

Address**Phone Number***** Email***** Which electoral roll are you on?**

Not registered

*** Do you agree with the Council's initial proposal?**

No

Please provide feedback on Council's initial proposal OR attach your submission below.

It's really bad to see. Flaxmere underrepresented, increasing the size of council would reduce efficiency, and reducing the salary of councillors by increasing the number of them is bad for attracting young people to the job.

Please attach your submission

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No

If you ticked yes, how can we best contact you?

* Age

Gender

* Which ethnicity do you identify with? (You can select more than one.)

(No response)

Which part of Hastings district do you live in? Suburbs

Havelock North

Settlements

(No response)

* Which ward do you live in?

Hastings-Havelock North

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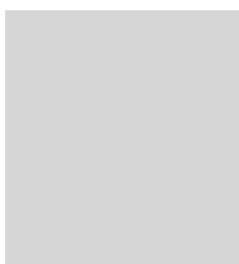


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* Name

Victor Saywell

Address



Phone Number



* Email



* Which electoral roll are you on?

General roll

* Do you agree with the Council's initial proposal?

No

Please provide feedback on Council's initial proposal OR attach your submission below.

Too many Council members in total. 10 plus Mayor would be more effective.

Suggest 2 Maori, 1 Heretaunga, combine Kahuranaki and Mohaka for 1, rest for Flaxmere, Hastings and Havelock North. Some minor adjustments to boundaries may be needed

Please attach your submission

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No

If you ticked yes, how can we best contact you?

*** Age**

Gender

*** Which ethnicity do you identify with? (You can select more than one.)**

(No response)

Which part of Hastings district do you live in? Suburbs

Settlements

(No response)

*** Which ward do you live in?**

Heretaunga

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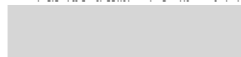
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Phone Number



* Email



* Which electoral roll are you on?

General roll

* Do you agree with the Council's initial proposal?

No

Please provide feedback on Council's initial proposal OR attach your submission below.

This council is so top heavy, i think the people of Hastings should start standing up for their rights. A march of protest could be in order, a small city of only 88000 being run by substandard counsellors, would like to know the statistics on the wages of all the counsellors and follow on departments. In other words the yearly wage bill for the Hastings city Council. Our rates go up every year, now you want more people on your books, where is this all going to stop at, personally i think the council needs to be disbanded, and all new elections held. One Mayor, four Counsellors and small committees form around them. Then we may start seeing rate payers money spent where it should be, not on more personnel.

Please attach your submission

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No

If you ticked yes, how can we best contact you?

* Age



Gender



* Which ethnicity do you identify with? (You can select more than one.)



Which part of Hastings district do you live in? Suburbs

Raureka

Settlements

(No response)

* Which ward do you live in?

Hastings-Havelock North

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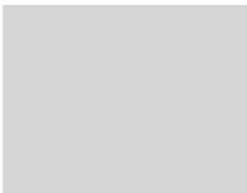


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* Name

Mike Paku

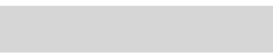
Address



Phone Number



* Email



* Which electoral roll are you on?

Māori roll

* Do you agree with the Council's initial proposal?

Yes

Please provide feedback on Council's initial proposal OR attach your submission below.

I'm supportive of the initiative recommend regarding the number of councilors the make up of the ward boundaries and the proposed names.

In regards to the proposed Māori wards I'm fully supportive, of the spite between urban and rural wards. This given recognition to Manawhenua and Tangata-whenua. Tangata-whenua being more urban versus Manawhenua rural. Their needs and support networks are different. Urban Māori do not always fully appreciated the concerns of rural Manawhenua. I believe that the Māori wards as proposed are well balanced and meet the needs of māori on the māori roll
I look forward to giving a verbal submission.

Please attach your submission

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Yes

If you ticked yes, how can we best contact you?

Phone

* Age

Gender

* Which ethnicity do you identify with? (You can select more than one.)

(No response)

Which part of Hastings district do you live in? Suburbs

Mahora

Settlements

Waipatū

(No response)

* Which ward do you live in?

Hastings-Havelock North

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#126

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*** Name**

Jim Stewart

Address**Phone Number***** Email***** Which electoral roll are you on?**

General roll

*** Do you agree with the Council's initial proposal?**

No

Please provide feedback on Council's initial proposal OR attach your submission below.

I do not support the size of the Council being increased above the current number.
I very strongly support the Flaxmere Ward having 2 Councillors.

Please attach your submission

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No

If you ticked yes, how can we best contact you?

*** Age**



Gender



*** Which ethnicity do you identify with? (You can select more than one.)**



(No response)

Which part of Hastings district do you live in? Suburbs

Havelock North

Settlements

(No response)

*** Which ward do you live in?**

Hastings-Havelock North

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#127

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* Name

A Pivac

Address



Phone Number

(No response)

* Email



* Which electoral roll are you on?

General roll

* Do you agree with the Council's initial proposal?

No

Please provide feedback on Council's initial proposal OR attach your submission below.

I believe there are far too many Councillors already. I can understand the theory of the +/- 10% rule, but I do feel that having 15 councillors plus the mayor, all getting paid from our rates is far too many. I'm sure the Hastings/Havelock area could do with less representation but still get a say in decision making. Our rates continue to rise all the time, and are becoming unaffordable for many people, especially those on limited incomes whether it be from paid work or retirement, particularly when you take into consideration the ridiculous amounts being paid for real estate which are going to surely affect our rates in the near future. Additionally, I have read recently that the Hastings Council has far more representatives than Wellington Council, despite the latter being much larger in population numbers and finances.

Please attach your submission

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No

If you ticked yes, how can we best contact you?

*** Age**

Gender

*** Which ethnicity do you identify with? (You can select more than one.)**

Which part of Hastings district do you live in? Suburbs

Settlements

Haumoana

(No response)

*** Which ward do you live in?**

Don't know

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#128

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Sep 30th 2021, 4:29:02 pm

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* Name

Lynda Youren

Address

Phone Number

* Email

* Which electoral roll are you on?

General roll

* Do you agree with the Council's initial proposal?

No

Please provide feedback on Council's initial proposal OR attach your submission below.

I submit that the council should remain at 15 members + Mayor or preferably less.
The addition of Maori Wards should be by replacing 3 of the existing councilors.

People on the Maori Roll can only vote for the Maori candidates. Not for who they consider most suited for the roll. (they should be able to vote for any candidate) Last election some family members did not vote because of this rule.
Voting should be open to all residents to vote for who ever they consider most suitable.

We do not need so many Council Members for our population.
It is ridiculous that we have more than Wellington for such a relatively small population.

Please attach your submission

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No

If you ticked yes, how can we best contact you?

* Age

Gender

* Which ethnicity do you identify with? (You can select more than one.)

(No response)

Which part of Hastings district do you live in? Suburbs

Settlements

Puketapu

(No response)

* Which ward do you live in?

Mohaka

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#129

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* Name

Bridget McClure

Address



Phone Number



* Email



* Which electoral roll are you on?

General roll

* Do you agree with the Council's initial proposal?

No

Please provide feedback on Council's initial proposal OR attach your submission below.

I do not see the need to increase the number of councillors given the country currently being in a pandemic. I'm sure there are more important things to focus on

Please attach your submission

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No

If you ticked yes, how can we best contact you?

* Age



Gender

*** Which ethnicity do you identify with? (You can select more than one.)**



(No response)

Which part of Hastings district do you live in? Suburbs

Parkvale

Settlements

(No response)

*** Which ward do you live in?**

Hastings-Havelock North

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* Name

Andrew Smith

Address



Phone Number

(No response)

* Email



* Which electoral roll are you on?

General roll

* Do you agree with the Council's initial proposal?

No

Please provide feedback on Council's initial proposal OR attach your submission below.

Unable to understand why the council thinks we need more councillors. Agree with the sentiment that more councillors will result in more talking and less action benefiting the community. Council time would be better spent working to achieve positive change in the community rather than inflating the size of the council.

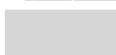
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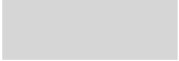
If you ticked yes, how can we best contact you?

* Age



Gender

*** Which ethnicity do you identify with? (You can select more than one.)**



(No response)

Which part of Hastings district do you live in? Suburbs

Flaxmere

Settlements

(No response)

*** Which ward do you live in?**

Flaxmere

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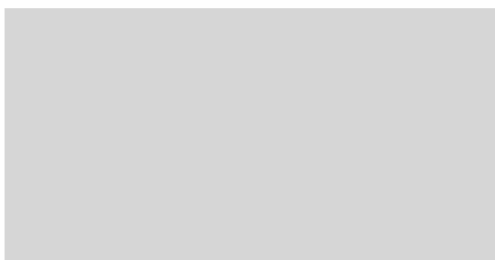


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* Name

Tim Hindmarsh Hindmarsh

Address



Phone Number



* Email



* Which electoral roll are you on?

General roll

* Do you agree with the Council's initial proposal?

~~No~~ Yes

Please provide feedback on Council's initial proposal OR attach your submission below.

The proposal reduces rural representation in the HDC District from two to one which I stroingly and vehemently oppose

Amended

Please attach your submission

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No

If you ticked yes, how can we best contact you?

* Age

Gender

* Which ethnicity do you identify with? (You can select more than one.)

(No response)

Which part of Hastings district do you live in? Suburbs

Settlements

Pukehamoamo

(No response)

* Which ward do you live in?

Mohaka

#131

Vicki Rusbatch

From: Vicki Rusbatch
Sent: Tuesday, 5 October 2021 9:54 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: HDC Representation Review Submission #131

Good morning Tim

Further to our phone conversation of this morning, this is to confirm that you wish your Submission feedback on Council's initial proposal to be amended to read:

"I strongly support the retention of the current rural representation in the HDC District, i.e. 2 rural ward councillors".

Kind regards

Vicki

VICKI RUSBATCH
SENIOR ADVISOR DEMOCRACY & GOVERNANCE SERVICES



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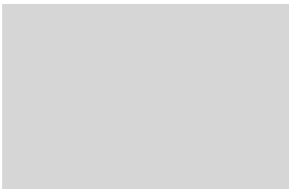


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* Name

Karyn Craft

Address



Phone Number

(No response)

* Email



* Which electoral roll are you on?

General roll

* Do you agree with the Council's initial proposal?

No

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(No response)

Please attach your submission

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No

If you ticked yes, how can we best contact you?

* Age



Gender

[Redacted]

*** Which ethnicity do you identify with? (You can select more than one.)**

[Redacted]

(No response)

Which part of Hastings district do you live in? Suburbs

Raureka

Settlements

[Redacted]

(No response)

*** Which ward do you live in?**

Heretaunga

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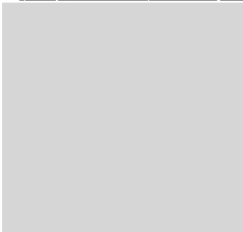


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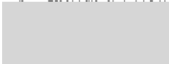
* Name

Paddy Maloney

Address



Phone Number



* Email



* Which electoral roll are you on?

General roll

* Do you agree with the Council's initial proposal?

No

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My major objection is with the reduction in the number of Councillors for the Flaxmere Ward.

I do not agree this representation for Flaxmere should be reduced to only one Councillor.

The simple arithmetic formulae that is used to calculate the number of Councillors by dividing the total population by the total number of Councillors presumes that everyone is somehow equal.

We all know this is not the case.

The Council's own report recognises Flaxmere is a community with additional deprivation not seen elsewhere in our district, and therefore this community has additional needs, and requires additional support because we are not all equal.

In addition, it is also a community that finds it more difficult to engage with these formal Council meetings than does a community such as say Havelock North.

This additional community need for support results in additional burdens being placed on the the Council representative and it would be particularly difficult for only one Councillor to properly represent this community.

I am not concerned about an increase in the overall number of Councillors.

This may well be a good thing for the district as a whole as it increases the pool of talent that is brought into this room.

Who knows where our new talent might come from.

Please attach your submission

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Yes

If you ticked yes, how can we best contact you?

Email

*** Age**

Gender

*** Which ethnicity do you identify with? (You can select more than one.)**

(No response)

Which part of Hastings district do you live in? Suburbs

Havelock North

Settlements

(No response)

*** Which ward do you live in?**

Hastings-Havelock North

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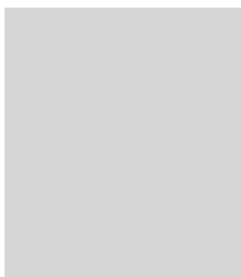


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* Name

Janette Wrigley

Address



Phone Number



* Email



* Which electoral roll are you on?

General roll

* Do you agree with the Council's initial proposal?

No

Please provide feedback on Council's initial proposal OR attach your submission below.

This change doesnt seem like it will not give fair representation from flaxmere on the Council. Having more councillors I believe will not benefit the community

Please attach your submission

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No

If you ticked yes, how can we best contact you?

* Age

[Redacted]

Gender

[Redacted]

* Which ethnicity do you identify with? (You can select more than one.)

[Redacted]

(No response)

Which part of Hastings district do you live in? Suburbs

Ākina

Settlements

[Redacted]

(No response)

* Which ward do you live in?

Hastings-Havelock North

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* Name

Shane Simons

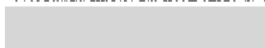
Address



Phone Number

(No response)

* Email



* Which electoral roll are you on?

General roll

* Do you agree with the Council's initial proposal?

No

Please provide feedback on Council's initial proposal OR attach your submission below.

I find the proposal to increase the number of councillors to be far from the best thing for democracy in Hastings. I believe the Hastings community would be better served and represented if there were fewer councillors, working full-time and remunerated as such so that one of the many barriers to more diverse representation can be removed - diversity in their age, ethnicity and background. At the very least, the status quo of 14 councillors should be retained.

While I commend the council on establishment Māori wards, it should not be to the detriment to the representation of a high needs area like Flaxmere.

The proposed under representation of Flaxmere is, in my opinion, appalling.

While I'm sure the rationale exists that the new Māori wards will represent Flaxmere by default, there is no guarantee that the people in those seats will come from Flaxmere as opposed to Hastings, Whakatu, Havelock North or the Rural Areas. I believe the assumption that someone's ethnicity means that they understand and will advocate for a community they do not necessarily live in is wrong. If this were accurate, ALL councillors (in both the Māori and general wards) would be at large.

Assuming that Māori wards will be responsible for Flaxmere is also undemocratic. If those in the Māori wards are under-performing for the people of Flaxmere - whether they are Māori, European, Asian or Pasifika, then what recourse do the non-Māori members of that ward have under the current proposal? If the dedicated Flaxmere councillors under perform, then they can be voted out - this is true fair representation.

The views outlined are my own.

Please attach your submission

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No

If you ticked yes, how can we best contact you?

*** Age**

Gender

*** Which ethnicity do you identify with? (You can select more than one.)**

(No response)

Which part of Hastings district do you live in? Suburbs

Frimley

Settlements

(No response)

*** Which ward do you live in?**

Hastings-Havelock North

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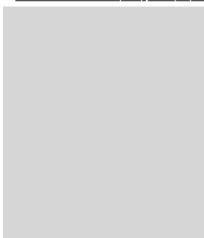


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* Name

Heather Sanders

Address



Phone Number



* Email



* Which electoral roll are you on?

General roll

* Do you agree with the Council's initial proposal?

No

Please provide feedback on Council's initial proposal OR attach your submission below.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Council structure.

I am disturbed at the reduced representation for the people of Flaxmere. This is probably the area with the greatest needs and need of investment, and I feel strongly they should have two councillors. It is much more difficult to present the needs of such a community when you are doing it alone. I would much rather see the reduction in the Hastings/Havelock ward.

It may have been thought that the Maori ward representative(s) would take over the role of the second Flaxmere rep, but I suggest the perspective of maybe marae focused groups could well be different from those in Flaxmere, and some people may well feel more represented by a Flaxmere Rep, and opt to remain in that ward.

Please attach your submission

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No

If you ticked yes, how can we best contact you?

* Age

Gender

* Which ethnicity do you identify with? (You can select more than one.)

(No response)

Which part of Hastings district do you live in? Suburbs

Havelock North

Settlements

(No response)

* Which ward do you live in?

Hastings-Havelock North

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* Name

Mra Hocking

Address



Phone Number

(No response)

* Email



* Which electoral roll are you on?

General roll

* Do you agree with the Council's initial proposal?

No

Please provide feedback on Council's initial proposal OR attach your submission below.

Too many people means nothing will ever get done. Our population isn't that big so doesn't justify the high number of seats. You won't attract great candidates with such low salaries. The allocation seems disproportionate.

Please attach your submission

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No

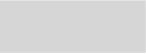
If you ticked yes, how can we best contact you?

* Age



Gender

*** Which ethnicity do you identify with? (You can select more than one.)**



(No response)

Which part of Hastings district do you live in? Suburbs

Mahora

Settlements

(No response)

*** Which ward do you live in?**

Heretaunga

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* Name

Sandra Tuilaepa

Address



Phone Number



* Email



* Which electoral roll are you on?

General roll

* Do you agree with the Council's initial proposal?

No

Please provide feedback on Council's initial proposal OR attach your submission below.

(No response)

Please attach your submission

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No

If you ticked yes, how can we best contact you?

* Age



Gender

[Redacted]

*** Which ethnicity do you identify with? (You can select more than one.)**

[Redacted]

(No response)

Which part of Hastings district do you live in? Suburbs

Flaxmere

Settlements

(No response)

*** Which ward do you live in?**

Flaxmere

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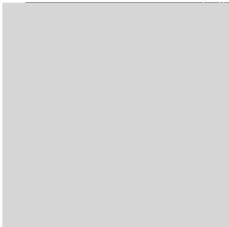


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* Name

Regan Wallis

Address



Phone Number

(No response)

* Email



* Which electoral roll are you on?

General roll

* Do you agree with the Council's initial proposal?

No

Please provide feedback on Council's initial proposal OR attach your submission below.

I don't see the need of adding more Councillors as this could affect decision making and add more cost.

Please attach your submission

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No

If you ticked yes, how can we best contact you?

* Age

[REDACTED]

Gender

[REDACTED]

* Which ethnicity do you identify with? (You can select more than one.)

[REDACTED]

(No response)

Which part of Hastings district do you live in? Suburbs

Mahora

Settlements

(No response)

* Which ward do you live in?

Hastings-Havelock North

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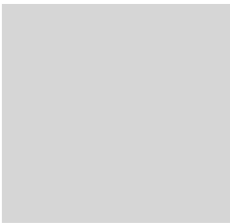


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* Name

Anne Maloney

Address



Phone Number



* Email



* Which electoral roll are you on?

General roll

* Do you agree with the Council's initial proposal?

No

Please provide feedback on Council's initial proposal OR attach your submission below.

I understand that you are in the process of determining representation.

Effective and fair representation has been numerically identified as + or - 10%. I would rather have council go in and argue for over representing Flaxmere then the current under representation of 14%.

Accessing representation is difficult for those who need additional help and assistance. Taking Flaxmere down to only 1 representative is, in my opinion, unacceptable. The cost of 1 extra councillor is negligible and therefore at the very least, Flaxmere should continue to have 2 councillors. The people of that ward/area are the people who need to be over represented if any area does.

Having an extra councillor is not a bad thing - in fact, it is a way to add talent to the table. The 3 Maori ward councillors have a very large area to cover.

If ever there was a community of interest, Flaxmere is it. We should ALL be working to bring that community up to the same level of services and infrastructure as the rest of the district. For years money had not been spent in Flaxmere the way it was elsewhere in the District.

The reality is that there needs to be over representation for a community of interest, not under representation.

Please attach your submission

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Yes

If you ticked yes, how can we best contact you?

Email

*** Age**

Gender

*** Which ethnicity do you identify with? (You can select more than one.)**

(No response)

Which part of Hastings district do you live in? Suburbs

Havelock North

Settlements

(No response)

*** Which ward do you live in?**

Hastings-Havelock North

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Lara Marshall

Address



Phone Number



* Email



* Which electoral roll are you on?

General roll

* Do you agree with the Council's initial proposal?

No

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Too many councillors
Flaxmere underrepresented

Please attach your submission

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No

If you ticked yes, how can we best contact you?

*** Age**

Gender

*** Which ethnicity do you identify with? (You can select more than one.)**

(No response)

Which part of Hastings district do you live in? Suburbs

Havelock North

Settlements

(No response)

*** Which ward do you live in?**

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Renee Allen

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Phone Number

(No response)

* Email



* Which electoral roll are you on?

General roll

* Do you agree with the Council's initial proposal?

No

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(No response)

Please attach your submission

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No

If you ticked yes, how can we best contact you?

* Age



Gender

[Redacted]

*** Which ethnicity do you identify with? (You can select more than one.)**

[Redacted]

(No response)

Which part of Hastings district do you live in? Suburbs

Frimley

Settlements

(No response)

*** Which ward do you live in?**

Heretaunga

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* Name

Rachel Bell

Address



Phone Number

(No response)

* Email



* Which electoral roll are you on?

General roll

* Do you agree with the Council's initial proposal?

No

Please provide feedback on Council's initial proposal OR attach your submission below.

I agree that we need a Maori ward.

We do not need more Councillors.

Flaxmere needs fair representation, not under representation.

Please attach your submission

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No

If you ticked yes, how can we best contact you?

* Age



Gender

*** Which ethnicity do you identify with? (You can select more than one.)**

(No response)

Which part of Hastings district do you live in? Suburbs

Settlements

(No response)

*** Which ward do you live in?**

Hastings-Havelock North

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* Name

K J BAZZARD

Address

Phone Number

* Email

* Which electoral roll are you on?

General roll

* Do you agree with the Council's initial proposal?

No

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I do not support the decision reached on the Review in its entirety. While I acknowledge the need for fair representation across the districts and the Maori wards, I have concerns about :

- a) the total number of councillors increasing (as outlined by Councillor Wendy Schollum and Youth Council Chair Keelan Heesterman),
- b) that a large council is potentially much less cohesive in their decision-making, more time-consuming and therefore less effective
- c) the remuneration will be spread more thinly across sitting councillors which may exclude the very demographic who can contribute their energy and ideas.

I very much support age diversity amongst the HDC Councillors and want the younger demographic to be encouraged to participate in the Council's decision-making process - they are the future and have the motivation to make changes necessary for a sustainable future. We need the younger demographic to participate in the democratic process.

Please attach your submission

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No

If you ticked yes, how can we best contact you?

*** Age**

Gender

*** Which ethnicity do you identify with? (You can select more than one.)**

(No response)

Which part of Hastings district do you live in? Suburbs

Havelock North

Settlements

(No response)

*** Which ward do you live in?**

Hastings-Havelock North

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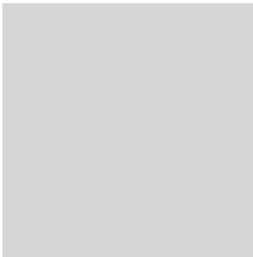


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* Name

Tania Anderson

Address



Phone Number



* Email



* Which electoral roll are you on?

General roll

* Do you agree with the Council's initial proposal?

No

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(No response)

Please attach your submission

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No

If you ticked yes, how can we best contact you?

*** Age**

[Redacted]

Gender

[Redacted]

*** Which ethnicity do you identify with? (You can select more than one.)**

[Redacted]

(No response)

Which part of Hastings district do you live in? Suburbs

Parkvale

Settlements

(No response)

*** Which ward do you live in?**

Hastings-Havelock North

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* Name

Alain Douylliez

Address

Phone Number

(No response)

* Email

* Which electoral roll are you on?

General roll

* Do you agree with the Council's initial proposal?

No

Please provide feedback on Council's initial proposal OR attach your submission below.

I wish to thank the council for consulting with us regarding the details but failing to consult with us with the major changes, e.g. the introduction of Maori wards.

Regarding the details I do find surprising that concerning Omaha you propose to reunite the community but in Bridge Pa you propose to divide the Bridge Pa settlement community in two (even three) groups.

I oppose the boundary change of the area known as the Ngatarawa Triangle.

Respectively,
Alain Douylliez

Please attach your submission

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No

If you ticked yes, how can we best contact you?

*** Age**

Gender

*** Which ethnicity do you identify with? (You can select more than one.)**

(No response)

Which part of Hastings district do you live in? Suburbs

Settlements

Bridge Pā

(No response)

*** Which ward do you live in?**

Kahurānaki

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* Name

Matilda Ellis

Address



Phone Number



* Email



* Which electoral roll are you on?

Not registered

* Do you agree with the Council's initial proposal?

No

Please provide feedback on Council's initial proposal OR attach your submission below.

(No response)

Please attach your submission

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No

If you ticked yes, how can we best contact you?

* Age



Gender

* Which ethnicity do you identify with? (You can select more than one.)

(No response)

Which part of Hastings district do you live in? Suburbs

Settlements

Bridge Pā

(No response)

* Which ward do you live in?

Don't know

I support and commend the adoption of Maori wards.

However, I strongly disagree with the Council's representation proposal.

My reasons for doing so are as follows:

- We need fewer councillors who spend more time dedicated to our district. I understand that the current and proposed Council structure means that councillors only work (and are paid for) part time. I would prefer that we have fewer elected individuals who spend more time governing and being accountable to rate payers, as opposed to working on businesses, other boards, etc. to make ends meet. Less councillors who are paid well removes barriers for those who may not be able to afford to stand. This should lead to a greater selection of candidates to give fair and effective representation to the people of Hastings.
- If I wanted to run for local council in the next 10 years and did not have another income to support me would mean I wouldn't be able to be a councillor. The proposed changes significantly disadvantages the youth in particular which is evident in the current council which has very few younger councillors
- Flaxmere will be disadvantaged.
Providing 14% less representation for Flaxmere when compared to other proposed wards does not provide for fair representation and should not be adopted.

I strongly oppose the current proposal

Thank you
Matilda Ellis

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* Name

Rhea Dasent

Address

Phone Number

(No response)

* Email

* Which electoral roll are you on?

I'd rather not say

* Do you agree with the Council's initial proposal?

No

Please provide feedback on Council's initial proposal OR attach your submission below.

Please see the attached document which is Federated Farmers' submission.

Please attach your submission

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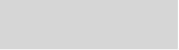
Yes

If you ticked yes, how can we best contact you?

Email

* Age

Gender

*** Which ethnicity do you identify with? (You can select more than one.)**



(No response)

Which part of Hastings district do you live in? Suburbs

Settlements

Other (please state)

(No response)

*** Which ward do you live in?**

Don't know

Submission

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To: Hastings District Council

Comments on: Representation Review

Date: 1 October 2021

Comments by: Federated Farmers

JIM GALLOWAY
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Federated Farmers of New Zealand

Address for service: **RHEA DASENT**
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Federated Farmers of New Zealand
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Summary of Submission:

1. Rural people value local democracy, and elected representation on the Hastings District Council is vital.
2. Federated Farmers is not opposed to the increase of total councillor numbers from 14 to 15.
3. Federated Farmers submits in strong support of the retention of the rural Kahuranaki and Mohaka wards, with one councillor from each.
4. Federated Farmers submits in support of retaining a ward-basis for electing councillors.
5. Federated Farmers supports the population per elected member, and we agree with the Council that the slight over-representation for Kahuranaki and Heretaunga wards is acceptable.
6. Federated Farmers supports the retirement villages going into the Hastings Havelock North ward.
7. Federated Farmers supports the Ngatarawa Triangle going into the Heretaunga ward.
8. The Omahu Road industrial area should go into the urban Hastings-Havelock North ward instead of the Heretaunga ward.
9. The Council should investigate the possibility of Omahu Village going into the Flaxmere ward, due to their shared residential village aspects.
10. Federated Farmers supports the retention of the Rural Community Board.
11. We also support the election of board members and the adjustments to the four electoral subdivisions.
12. Federated Farmers is concerned about the potential that the third appointed councillor member (from the Takitimu ward) of the board may be an urban person, rather than rural.

Introduction

Federated Farmers thanks the Hastings District Council for the opportunity to submit on the Representation Review. We support comments made by individual members of Federated Farmers.

Federated Farmers feedback represents the views of over a hundred and eighty local Hastings farming members and rate payers. We gently remind the Council of this so that their representation views, expressed here, are weighed appropriately.

Federated Farmers appreciates that the Local Electoral Act 2001 requires the Council to review representation arrangements every six years. We understand that the Council's decision to establish Māori wards has precipitated this representation review.

Federated Farmers considers that more democracy is better than less, so we do not oppose the establishment of Maori wards on the condition that there is no decrease in rural ward representation.

Rural People Value Democracy

Our members and other rural people value democracy. Local government issues are of particular importance to the farming community. Numerically speaking, farmers would be a minority in almost every local authority, yet the reliance of a property value-based rating system for funding local authorities means that farmers are significant contributors to local authority revenue. Farmers are also subject to considerable regulation by local authorities for the use of land and other resources that occur in rural areas (e.g. biodiversity).

Therefore local government representation is very important to the Federation and we advocate to both central and local government to ensure fair representation for farmers.

This is evidenced in the nation-wide trend of high rural voter turn-out for local government elections, compared to urban electors. The rural Mohaka and Kahuranaki wards enjoyed 42.60% and 46.08% voter turn-out respectively, for the 2019 local government election.

These nation-wide statistics were presented by LGNZ on the 2019 election comparing voter turn-out, Hastings is classified as a Provincial council:

Nation-wide voter turnout %	2010	2013	2016	2019	% Change
Metro	45.0	38.0	39.3	38.2	-1.2
Provincial	50.0	47.0	45.7	46.7	+1.0
Rural	54.0	50.0	49.8	56.9	+7.1
Regional	47.0	43.0	44.0	47.0	+3.0

Submission:

1. Rural people value local democracy, and elected representation on the Hastings District Council is vital.

Number of Councillors

Federated Farmers is pleased that the proposal has not increased the total number of councillors dramatically.



We support provision being made for the 3 new Maori ward councillors by removing one councillor from each of the urban wards for Flaxmere, Hastings-Havelock North and Heretaunga. It is likely that the Maori ward candidates will come from these areas anyway, however we remain optimistic that candidates may have a rural background. We would oppose any proposal to reduce our rural councillors in order to reduce total councillor numbers, or to provide for the Takitimu councillors.

We are very pleased that the rural wards of Kahurangi and Mohaka will retain one councillor each and will not be combined or councillor numbers reduced. We supported these two rural wards in the previous representation review, when the 2014 rural ward was split into the two current wards.

The change from 9 councillors in 2014 to 14 in 2019 increased the Hastings and Havelock North had some good aspects, and some not so good aspects as far as rural representation is concerned. Total councillor numbers increased from 4 councillors out of a total of 9, to 8 councillors out of a total of 12, massively increasing the influence of urban Hastings/Havelock from 44% then to 66% in 2019.

A diverse skillset and knowledge base is essential to good governance. Rural ward councillors bring different skills and insights to the table, which benefits the entire district. Being a food bowl of the nation and providing so much export income, there must be some councillors that can adequately represent rural and primary production populations of Hastings District.

Submission:

2. Federated Farmers is not opposed to the increase of total councillor numbers from 14 to 15.
3. Federated Farmers submits in strong support of the retention of the Kahurangi and Mohaka wards, with one councillor from each.

Ward-Based Councillors

We support the retention of wards as a basis for electing councillors.

Wards:	2014	2019	2021
Mōhaka	1 councillor	1 councillor	1 councillor
Kahurangi		1 councillor	1 councillor
Hastings	1 councillor	8 councillors	7 councillors
Havelock North	3 councillors		

Flaxmere	1 councillor	2 councillors	1 councillor
Heretaunga	1 councillor	3 councillors	2 councillors
At large	2 councillors	-	-
Takitimu	-	-	3 councillors

In many other councils, rural wards have been removed or combined or their representation reduced, despite occupying significant geographical areas and representing significant rateable value of the district.

The importance of ensuring that there is adequate rural representation on Council cannot be understated. The rural sector has service priorities different from urban centres proving difficult to represent effectively without the additional complications of complying with population equity requirements.

These two rural councillors for the Mohaka and Kahuranaki wards provide representation for a massive geographical with a diverse and dispersed population, and provide the rural representation to balance the 10 councillors from the urban-based wards of Hastings/Havelock North, Flaxmere, and Heretaunga.

Rural councillors are visible, accessible, and accountable to the rural people they represent at the Council table. They drive on the same roads, struggle with the same rural connectivity issues, attend local meetings, have or had land-based occupations, use local services and are on the ground to help their community when needed.

Ward Boundaries:

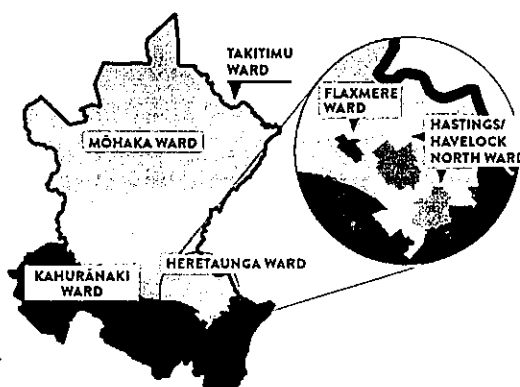
1. 5 General Wards:

- Flaxmere (1 councillor)
- Hastings-Havelock North (7 councillors)
- Heretaunga (2 councillors)
- Kahurānaki (1 councillor)
- Mohaka (1 councillor)

2. 1 Māori Ward:

- Takitimu comprising the area of the whole of the Hastings District (3 councillors)

Council considers the boundary adjustments will improve the effective representation of communities of interest and assist with fair representation. Boundaries of the wards and communities coincide with the current statistical areas set by Statistics New Zealand and used for Parliamentary electoral purposes.



Ward	Electoral Population (2018 Census)	Members	Population per Member
General Ward	General Electoral Population		
Flaxmere Ward	6,830	1	6,830
Hastings-Havelock North Ward	43,200	7	6,171
Heretaunga Ward	10,600	2	5,300
Kahurānaki Ward	5,250	1	5,250
Mohaka Ward	5,780	1	5,780
Māori Ward	Māori Electoral Population		
Takitimu Ward	16,400	3	5,467
Total*	88,000	15	

The Local Electoral Act 2001 requires local authorities to provide for 'the 'fair representation of electors' by ensuring there's a reasonably equal ratio of people per councillor (the "+/- 10% rule"). Exceptions can be made where:

- non-compliance is required for effective representation of communities of interest within island communities or isolated communities
- compliance would limit effective representation of communities of interest by dividing a community of interest
- compliance would limit effective representation of communities of interest by uniting two or more communities of interest with few commonalities.

We support the population per elected member. We agree with the Council that the slight over-representation for Kahurānaki (at -11.61%) and Heretaunga (at -11.28%) is acceptable. We agree with the Council that the predominant rural and horticultural land uses provides a community of interest for each ward, and boundary adjustments would mean bringing in citizens that have different interests and priorities, reducing effective representation.

Submission:

4. Federated Farmers submits in support of retaining a ward-basis for electing councillors.
5. Federated Farmers supports the population per elected member, and we agree with the Council that the slight over-representation for Kahuranaki and Heretaunga wards is acceptable.

Ward boundary changes.

Retirement villages: We agree with the Council that the three retirement villages be shifted out of the Heretaunga ward and into the Hastings-Havelock North wards, due to their urban residential land use.

Ngatarawa Triangle: We agree with the Ngatarawa triangle shift from Kahuranaki ward and into the Heretaunga ward due to its viticulture/horticulture land use.

Omahu Road Industrial: We are not sure about the proposed boundary change for Omahu Road industrial area be shifted from the urban Flaxmere Ward into the horticultural Heretaunga Ward. We agree that the whole road (both sides) should be in the same ward. The rezoning of Omahu Road to industrial in Variation 1 to the District Plan since the previous representation review does necessitate a change. But perhaps the industrial properties along Omahu Road would share more values with the urban Hastings-Havelock North ward (which includes other industrial commercial land uses and ratepayers) than with the horticultural Heretaunga ward.

Omahu Village: We agree that Omahu village no longer shares the same values as the rural Mohaka ward, and should go into the same ward as the rest of the village on the other side of the river. Going into the Heretunga ward is the most logical conclusion, due to being on the boundary anyway. However we are not sure if the village residents have much in common with the horticultural-primary production values of the Heretaunga ward, given that they don't have these same primary production values with the Mohaka ward. Perhaps have more commonalities with the next nearest ward, being

Flaxmere which also has a residential village land use. We would like to know how many Maori Roll voters and General Roll voters will be affected by the ward boundary change.

Submission:

6. Federated Farmers supports the retirement villages going into the Hastings Havelock North ward.
7. Federated Farmers supports the Ngatarawa Triangle going into the Heretaunga ward.
8. The Omahu Road industrial area should go into the urban Hastings-Havelock North ward instead of the Heretaunga ward.
9. The Council should investigate the possibility of Omahu Village going into the Flaxmere ward, due to their shared residential village aspects.

Rural Community Board

Federated Farmers supports the retention of the rural community board, and we support the election of board members. We are pleased that the four electoral subdivisions remain with some adjustments, with one board member to be elected from each.

Federated Farmers appreciates that when undertaking a Representation Review, s 19J of the LEA requires the Council to consider whether community boards are appropriate to provide fair and effective representation. Hastings District farmers value their rural community board and enjoy the accessibility of their rural board members. A rural community board should not be viewed as a proxy for rural councillors. The rural community board and rural ward councillors are *both* needed in the Hastings District.

Community boards are not the same as councillors. Community boards “...*help represent and advise councils on community views. They sometimes carry out delegated council service delivery or regulatory responsibilities.*”¹ In contrast, councillors are “...*representatives and leaders of their communities, their role involves setting policies, making regulatory decisions and reviewing council performance...*” In other words, a community board reports to the council, they do not sit on it and make decisions like a Councillor does. This demonstrates why both are needed, and rural Councillors need to remain as well as a Rural Community Board.

However we are not sure about the appointment of three councillors, which is an increase from two. The third appointee from the Takitimu ward may not be a rural person, which is contrary to the purpose of the rural community board. The other two appointees are from the rural wards, so have been elected by their rural constituents and are likely to have rural backgrounds or occupations themselves.

The Council website describes the purpose of the rural community board: *As the voice of the rural community, the Board looks after rural matters for which the council is responsible; such as rural roads, berms and culverts, bridge repairs and maintenance and rural halls.*

The potential for an urban appointee on the board could undermine the purpose of the board as being a rural voice for rural people.

Submission:

10. Federated Farmers supports the retention of the Rural Community Board.
11. We also support the election of board members and the adjustments to the four electoral subdivisions.
12. Federated Farmers is concerned about the potential that the third appointed councillor member (from the Takitimu ward) of the board may be an urban person, rather than rural.



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* Name

Ngaio Tiuka

Address



Phone Number



* Email



* Which electoral roll are you on?

Māori roll

* Do you agree with the Council's initial proposal?

Yes

Please provide feedback on Council's initial proposal OR attach your submission below.

I support the number of councillors proposed and the number of Maori seats and one Maori ward. The total number of Councillors mirrors the current number of Councillors at Council currently. 3 Maori seats is somewhat a biproduct of this, 3 seats also provides the opportunity for wider spread or representation within Maori i.e. greater than what 1 or 2 would provide. Also given the new nature of the role, any less than 3 would prove very difficult and isolating for Maori representative.

One ward is also logical and provides for the best 3 candidates across Hastings to assume the position.

Please attach your submission

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No

If you ticked yes, how can we best contact you?

* Age

Gender

* Which ethnicity do you identify with? (You can select more than one.)

(No response)

Which part of Hastings district do you live in? Suburbs

Ākina

Settlements

(No response)

* Which ward do you live in?

Hastings-Havelock North

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* Name

Pauline Elliott

Address



Phone Number



* Email



* Which electoral roll are you on?

General roll

* Do you agree with the Council's initial proposal?

No

Please provide feedback on Council's initial proposal OR attach your submission below.

- I do not support the current proposal to increase the number of councillors
- I do not support the reduced representation for Flaxmere
- I support and agree with recent comments made in local media by Cr. Wendy Schollum and by Keelan Heesterman, Chair, Hastings Youth Council
- To quote Mr Heesterman: "This option (C) would increase councillor accountability to their constituents, facilitate more efficient decision-making; and foster greater diversity by enabling those who are not retired or wealthy to consider standing" .. no under or overs representation either.. What happened to Option C???
-
- The current proposal is a 'paint by numbers' and misses a once in 6 year opportunity to be a game changer.

Please attach your submission

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No

If you ticked yes, how can we best contact you?

Email

*** Age**

Gender

*** Which ethnicity do you identify with? (You can select more than one.)**

(No response)

Which part of Hastings district do you live in? Suburbs

Havelock North

Settlements

(No response)

*** Which ward do you live in?**

Heretaunga

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* Name

Heather Gregory

Address



Phone Number



* Email



* Which electoral roll are you on?

General roll

* Do you agree with the Council's initial proposal?

No

Please provide feedback on Council's initial proposal OR attach your submission below.

Very happy for the 3 extra Māori Wards but not if its at the expense of representation for Flaxmere -can we not come up with a proposal that does both? Fair Māori reinterpretation of 3 wards and Flaxmere -if this means extra councilors then so be it.

Please attach your submission

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No

If you ticked yes, how can we best contact you?

*** Age**

Gender

*** Which ethnicity do you identify with? (You can select more than one.)**

(No response)

Which part of Hastings district do you live in? Suburbs

Frimley

Settlements

(No response)

*** Which ward do you live in?**

Heretaunga

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* Name

Aloysius Melchers

Address



Phone Number



* Email



* Which electoral roll are you on?

General roll

* Do you agree with the Council's initial proposal?

No

Please provide feedback on Council's initial proposal OR attach your submission below.

Don't agree with increasing the number of Councillors to 15 - in fact - given the choice I would vote for less

1/- Less Councillors - better paid - better cross section of public able to commit to the role

2/- In my experience - the bigger the 'committee' the slower to respond to issues & challenges

I initially thought with 40% of the Flaxmere Vote on the Maori Electoral Role that Flaxmere would not be under represented at Council

or -secondly - given a choice - drop the Maori Ward number to 2 & retain 2 councillors for Flaxmere

However - the number of Maori Wards is determined by a stipulated formula

In conclusion - I would prefer to see other model options

Please attach your submission

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No

If you ticked yes, how can we best contact you?

* Age

Gender

* Which ethnicity do you identify with? (You can select more than one.)

Which part of Hastings district do you live in? Suburbs

Frimley

Settlements

(No response)

* Which ward do you live in?

Hastings-Havelock North

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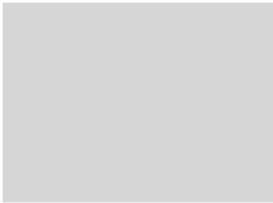


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* Name

Cecile Hurford

Address



Phone Number



* Email



* Which electoral roll are you on?

General roll

* Do you agree with the Council's initial proposal?

No

Please provide feedback on Council's initial proposal OR attach your submission below.

The Hastings-Havelock North Ward and the Flaxmere Ward are insufficiently represented under the new proposal. Since Covid there have been many more people coming to Hawke's Bay from overseas and New Zealand and the village has expanded around Arataki subdivision and the new settlements around Brookvale and Iona Roads to come. With the three Retirement Complexes (Graceland, Summerset in the Orchard and Sir James Wattie) now also included in this Ward, reducing it from 8 to 7 makes no sense. The Flaxmere Ward tops the representation per capita and exceeds your +/-10% rule by quite a bit. Looking at the 2018 Census the number of people in urban areas will have increased significantly and as a Council you would have more accurate numbers I would have thought.

I believe therefore that the status quo of 8 for Hastings-Havelock and 2 for Flaxmere should be retained and the Takitimu Ward be reduced to 1 councillor as s/he would work alongside all Ward Councillors already in the Wards. If that is not an option, perhaps the Heretaunga Ward can be reduced by one. I have also been made aware that Wellington has the same amount of councillors as the proposed HDC one which has almost double the amount of people living there. On top of the Councillors you also have 7 members on the Rural Community Board, whose positions are unknown to me, but seem to make it all top-heavy.

Please attach your submission

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No

If you ticked yes, how can we best contact you?

*** Age**

Gender

*** Which ethnicity do you identify with? (You can select more than one.)**

(No response)

Which part of Hastings district do you live in? Suburbs

Havelock North

Settlements

(No response)

*** Which ward do you live in?**

Hastings-Havelock North

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* Name

Daniel Haddock

Address

Phone Number

* Email

* Which electoral roll are you on?

General roll

* Do you agree with the Council's initial proposal?

No

Please provide feedback on Council's initial proposal OR attach your submission below.

To Whom It May Concern

I am opposed to dropping the number of councillors in Flaxmere. The change to Maori Ward Councillors will possible leave the large Pasifika population in that area with little or no representation. During the current term, each group has been represented at the table albeit it is the first time there has been a Pasifika councillor. By your figures, Flaxmere is under-represented. Allowing two councillors in that area would make it more likely that a Pasifika representative to be elected.

Regards
Daniel Haddock

Please attach your submission

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Yes (Not Speaking)

If you ticked yes, how can we best contact you?

Email

*** Age**

Gender

*** Which ethnicity do you identify with? (You can select more than one.)**

(No response)

Which part of Hastings district do you live in? Suburbs

Havelock North

Settlements

(No response)

*** Which ward do you live in?**

Hastings-Havelock North


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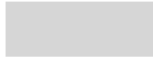
* Name

Kelly Nolan

Address



Phone Number



* Email



* Which electoral roll are you on?

General roll

* Do you agree with the Council's initial proposal?

No

Please provide feedback on Council's initial proposal OR attach your submission below.

I oppose the Council's representation proposal.

I am seriously concerned that Flaxmere will be under represented.

Flaxmere is a community that is low socio-economic while also being an area of housing growth.

This is an area that need more voices at the table, not less. These are some of our most vulnerable communities and to shut out their voices is disgraceful. Providing 14% less representation for Flaxmere, when compared to other proposed wards, does not provide for fair representation.

Havelock North and Hastings should be separate wards. Each area is well serviced with their own shopping, dining schools and services. There is only one councilor (to my knowledge) actually living in Hastings City and surrounding suburbs, the rest of the council members for the Hastings-Havelock North ward all live in Havelock North, how exactly is this representing Hastings? They even have their own business associations. How can councilors who live, eat, shop and send their kids to school in Havelock North adequately represent the needs of Hastings City. Just as Flaxmere needs it's own voice at the table, Hastings and Havelock North need the same consideration. We need engaged councilors who actually live in the area they represent and understand at a granular level the issues their unique communities are facing.

Lastly, for the love of god we do not need more councilors. For a start how is any young (not on the pension, looking at you most of the sitting councilors) person able to run for council, a 'part time' role while still being able to earn a reasonable wage. Fewer councilors means higher wages and a more representative council table. Not one that is run by the old, male and pale.

According to the provided documents, Council has other representation options it can consider. I oppose the current proposal.

Please attach your submission

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No

If you ticked yes, how can we best contact you?

*** Age**

Gender

*** Which ethnicity do you identify with? (You can select more than one.)**

(No response)

Which part of Hastings district do you live in? Suburbs

Ākina

Settlements

(No response)

*** Which ward do you live in?**

Hastings-Havelock North

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* Name

Jerf Van beek

Address



Phone Number



* Email



* Which electoral roll are you on?

General roll

* Do you agree with the Council's initial proposal?

No

Please provide feedback on Council's initial proposal OR attach your submission below.

Disagree with the concerted effort to reduce the number of rural councillors.

(Increasing councillor numbers dilutes the rural voice)

Please attach your submission

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No

If you ticked yes, how can we best contact you?

* Age



Gender

*** Which ethnicity do you identify with? (You can select more than one.)**



(No response)

Which part of Hastings district do you live in? Suburbs

Twyford

Settlements



(No response)

*** Which ward do you live in?**

Heretaunga



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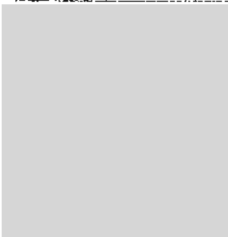
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*** Name**

Chloe Leete

Address**Phone Number**

(No response)

*** Email***** Which electoral roll are you on?**

General roll

*** Do you agree with the Council's initial proposal?**

No

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Councillor numbers are disproportionately unfair, based on population of each area. Flaxmere specifically.

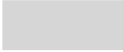
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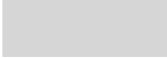
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No

If you ticked yes, how can we best contact you?*** Age**

Gender

*** Which ethnicity do you identify with? (You can select more than one.)**



(No response)

Which part of Hastings district do you live in? Suburbs

Havelock North

Settlements

(No response)

*** Which ward do you live in?**

Hastings-Havelock North

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* Name

Hilary Heesterman

Address



Phone Number



* Email



* Which electoral roll are you on?

General roll

* Do you agree with the Council's initial proposal?

No

Please provide feedback on Council's initial proposal OR attach your submission below.

Agree with the introduction of the Maori wards, but do not agree with the under representation of Flaxmere. Flaxmere is a low socio economic suburb, and even though some of the Maori wards maybe represented by those from Flaxmere, there is no guarantee of this. The increased population in Flaxmere due to the new housing subdivision will further add to the discrepancies in representation.

We do not need more councillors, but less councillors who can contribute more time to their role, in representing the population. Increasing the number of councillors reduces the salary of each councillor, which may provide a barrier to the representation by those on lower incomes who would otherwise wish to be on council. I believe those who take on a role of councillor do so not for the money, but it needs to be recognised that those on council who have lower incomes still need to be able to pay their bills. Increased councillor numbers reduces that income to each councillor.

Please attach your submission

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No

If you ticked yes, how can we best contact you?

*** Age**

Gender

*** Which ethnicity do you identify with? (You can select more than one.)**

(No response)

Which part of Hastings district do you live in? Suburbs

Mahora

Settlements

(No response)

*** Which ward do you live in?**

Hastings-Havelock North

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* Name

Desmond Green

Address



Phone Number



* Email



* Which electoral roll are you on?

General roll

* Do you agree with the Council's initial proposal?

No

Please provide feedback on Council's initial proposal OR attach your submission below.

We do not need any more Councillors as we are over represented for the size of our district.

Please attach your submission

* You have the opportunity to be heard by the Council in relation to your submission. The Council meeting is proposed to be held on 14 October 2021 (and preceding days if required). Would you like to speak to Council regarding your submission?

No

If you ticked yes, how can we best contact you?

Email

* Age



Gender

* Which ethnicity do you identify with? (You can select more than one.)

(No response)

Which part of Hastings district do you live in? Suburbs

Ākina

Settlements

(No response)

* Which ward do you live in?

Heretaunga

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* Name

Pamela Rawle

Address



Phone Number



* Email



* Which electoral roll are you on?

General roll

* Do you agree with the Council's initial proposal?

No

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My main area of concern is the non-compliance of the proposed representation model of the 3 Wards that deviate from the legal requirements within the Local Government Act.

Flaxmere ward would be under-represented at + 14.02% while Heretaunga and Kahuranaki wards would both be over-represented by more than 11% each by councillor to population ratio. If 40% of voters on the now-Flaxmere Ward roll are transferred to the Takitimu Ward, there is no robust reasoning, only an assumption, that that 40% would vote in favour, or even support, the concerns or problems of Maori living in Flaxmere.

I think the proportionality of those 3 wards, and even others if required, need to be addressed to meet the +/- 10% requirement of the fair representation set out in the act.

Please attach your submission

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No

If you ticked yes, how can we best contact you?

*** Age**

Gender

*** Which ethnicity do you identify with? (You can select more than one.)**

(No response)

Which part of Hastings district do you live in? Suburbs

Raureka

Settlements

(No response)

*** Which ward do you live in?**

Hastings-Havelock North

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* Name

Hastings District Youth Council Hastings District Youth Council

Address

Phone Number

(No response)

* Email

* Which electoral roll are you on?

I'd rather not say

* Do you agree with the Council's initial proposal?

No

Please provide feedback on Council's initial proposal OR attach your submission below.

(No response)

Please attach your submission

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Yes

If you ticked yes, how can we best contact you?

Email

* Age

Gender

*** Which ethnicity do you identify with? (You can select more than one.)**

(No response)

Which part of Hastings district do you live in? Suburbs

Settlements

(No response)

*** Which ward do you live in?**

Don't know

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To the Hastings District Council,

The Hastings Youth Council's Submission on Representation Review

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the initial Representation Review Proposal.

While the Hastings Youth Council supports Council's decision to introduce Māori wards, we **oppose** the Initial Proposal. The following outlines our concerns.

1. Equity in representation - Running for Council is inaccessible to many people in our community, particularly youth and those in full time work

Youth and working aged people will be further underrepresented if this proposal is adopted.

Currently, during this council's term, each councillor receives a base salary of \$43,332 per year, and up to \$65,146 before becoming the Deputy Mayor or Mayor ('Local Government Members (2020/21) Determination 2020'). Furthermore, the role is only classified as a part time job of 20 hours per week, however it is well-known that councillors regularly exceed these hours.

Practically, this means young and working-aged people often cannot afford to run for council, as they would be required to forgo their full-time employment to allow time for their role as a councillor (as flexible work hours are not feasible for many employers). Consequently, youth and working age people are reluctant to, and infrequently run for council. Only the independently wealthy, pensioners, or business owners (who can choose their hours) have the finances and time to take on the role. As such, the Hastings District Youth Council desires the opposite happen, with less councillors, more working hours per-councillor and therefore greater salary for each councillor.

The Hastings District Youth Council opposes this initial proposal because it does the opposite of what we desire, proposing an increase in the number of councillors from 14 to 15 (excluding the Mayor). Because the remuneration pool for council is limited, councillor salary will decrease with this proposal, further making the role inaccessible to youth and working aged people. This is contrary to '*fair and effective representation for individuals and communities*' (Local electoral Act 2001).

We believe this is an important matter of representation because youth and under 40 year olds are a significant group in our community and the future of our community. At present over 50% of Hastings councillors are over the age of 65, whilst only 16.75% of the Hastings community are aged 65yrs or over. Yet 29.35% of our Hastings population are between the ages of 14 and 40. Only one councillor, or 7.14% of councillors, are within this age band (based on 2018 census statistics). Even more disappointingly, no councillors are under the age of 35. These statistics clearly indicate that youth and working age populations are significantly Māori underrepresented, partly due to salary and the quantity and regularity of councillor work hours.

Flaxmere community is underrepresented

The proposal by council under-represents Flaxmere's community by a unacceptable margin of 14%. We oppose this outcome as it is unfair and irresponsible for a number of reasons.

Firstly, some councillors believe that despite breaching the + or - 10% rule, the Flaxmere community will be sufficiently represented because this proposal would introduce three Māori Ward Councillors with the rationale being that 40% of Flaxmere's population are Māori. Councillor Redstone expressed this view in a comment on a Hawke's Bay Today Facebook post saying

"Although concern has been voiced over the Flaxmere representation decreasing there will be 3 Maori Ward councillors and half of Flaxmere's population is Maori so in fact there will be one dedicated councillor and 3 others representing the community."

We oppose this view and see it as inappropriate for several reasons:

a) it assumes that one or all of the Māori Ward councillors will be from Flaxmere (which, despite claims from the Mayor that Māori candidates from Flaxmere intending to run, cannot be guaranteed) and;

b) it assumes a Māori Ward councillor from outside Flaxmere can represent the **whole** of Flaxmere simply by virtue of being Māori. Such a proposal views all Māori as part of one monolithic cohort without acknowledging differing views, whakapapa, tūrangawaewae, and tikanga between Iwi and Hapū. This makes clear the rationale of this premise is flawed, undemocratic and somewhat naive.

Elected members of the past have found it offensive to suggest that because they are Māori, they can speak for all Māori. The same principle applies here, wherein it is unfair to suggest a Māori ward councillor has to **also** represent Flaxmere because council decided it was a good idea to remove a Flaxmere seat. Councillors should not be forced to speak for extra communities other than their designated ward just because Council made the irresponsible decision to underrepresent Flaxmere.

Secondly, we view this as unfair and irresponsible as Flaxmere's population and developments are expected to grow significantly between now and the next representation review, after which two Local Government Elections will have occurred. This will see Flaxmere's population and needs further under-represented as time progresses. It is right and fair that the Flaxmere community have a strong voice at the council table.

More councillors mean less efficiency when decision making

Whilst a diversity of backgrounds is important, increasing the number of councillors will come at the cost of efficient decision making. The Youth Council believes our current number of councillors, let alone more councillors, inhibits timely decision making.

Increased councillor accountability

The Youth Council believes an increase in the number of councillors will dilute each councillor's accountability to council decisions, and vice versa. The Youth Council believes this proposal exacerbates this issue.

The Hastings District Youth Council asks the Hastings District Council to seriously consider how best to achieve *'fair and effective representation for individuals and communities'* as outlined in the Local Electoral Act 2001.

Is 7.14% of Councillors representing 29.14% of our population fair and effective representation?

Is the 14% under-representation of the Flaxmere Ward fair and effective representation?

Is telling Maori Ward Councillors they must represent the Flaxmere community fair and effective representation?

In summary

The Hastings District Youth Council opposes the initial proposal for representation because it does not achieve *'fair and effective representation for individuals and communities'* as required by the Local Electoral Act 2001. We seek reconsideration of this initial proposal for

an alternative representation option, one that does not increase, and preferably reduces the number of elected councillors.

Thank you,

Hastings District Youth Council
1 October 2021

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* Name

Ralph Heesterman

Address



Phone Number



* Email



* Which electoral roll are you on?

General roll

* Do you agree with the Council's initial proposal?

No

Please provide feedback on Council's initial proposal OR attach your submission below.

I applaud the adoption of Maori wards. However, I OPPOSE Council's representation proposal.

My reasons for doing so are as follows:

- Flaxmere will be disadvantaged.

Flaxmere is a low socio-economic area with high deprivation and complex needs. Thanks to the housing crisis, it is also an area of housing growth which is why I struggle to understand the justification for this proposed under representation.

Council's proposal appears to target a vulnerable community who have historically low voter and consultation turnout with a representation shortfall that would not stand in any other ward.

Providing 14% less representation for Flaxmere when compared to other proposed wards does not provide for fair representation and should not be adopted.

- The rural community is unfairly advantaged.

I could support this over representation if Flaxmere were not being so significantly under represented as a consequence. I hope that council will reconsider its proposal and ensure Flaxmere has a greater voice at Council.

- We need more dedicated councillors, not more of them.

Increasing the number of councillors decreases accountability and increases barriers to Council diversity.

A fair Council is one that looks more like its community. This means more ethnic diversity and fewer retirees.

Reducing the number of councillors will make the role a close to full time one which will remove the barriers to younger and more diverse candidates standing.

Please attach your submission

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No

If you ticked yes, how can we best contact you?

*** Age**

Gender

*** Which ethnicity do you identify with? (You can select more than one.)**

(No response)

Which part of Hastings district do you live in? Suburbs

Mahora

Settlements

(No response)

*** Which ward do you live in?**

Hastings-Havelock North

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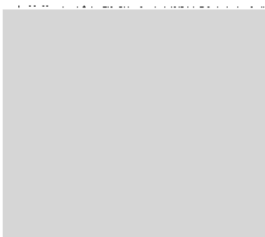
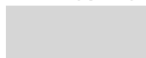
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*** Name**

Keelan Heesterman

Address**Phone Number***** Email***** Which electoral roll are you on?**

General roll

*** Do you agree with the Council's initial proposal?**

No

Please provide feedback on Council's initial proposal OR attach your submission below.

(No response)

Please attach your submission

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Yes

If you ticked yes, how can we best contact you?

Email

*** Age**

Gender

*** Which ethnicity do you identify with? (You can select more than one.)**

(No response)

Which part of Hastings district do you live in? Suburbs

Mahora

Settlements

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*** Which ward do you live in?**

Hastings-Havelock North

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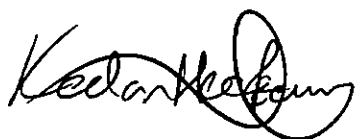
Kia ora Hastings Council,

I support the decision to introduce Māori wards, however, I do not support the current proposal put forward by Council. My reasons are as follows:

1. **Flaxmere:** Flaxmere is underrepresented by a huge margin of 14% in this proposal. It is irresponsible to take away one of Flaxmere's seats knowing that it is a low-socioeconomic area, and seeing a lot of growth occurring over the next few years (ie. The new housing developments)
 - a. For some councillors to suggest that this underrepresentation will be accounted for by the fact that 40% of Flaxmere is Māori is utterly ridiculous. It is unfair to impose this added burden of representation onto the Māori councillors when this same burden is not imposed on other wards. This would not stand for any other ward, nor should it for Flaxmere
2. **Remuneration:** Council should consider remuneration as part of the review, as the number of councillors directly affects salary and affects the case they would have in applying for a higher remuneration allocation. Increasing council size will **decrease** the amount councillors are paid. This makes the role best fitted to those who are independently wealthy or receiving superannuation. This is a step backwards to making the role accessible to those who can't have full time jobs alongside being a councillor, and are young and having to pay high rent or raise a family. The current council does **not** represent the age diversity of Hastings, and reducing council size which increases the salary would make it easier for more people (including young people) to run for council.
3. **Efficiency:** Increasing the size of council means there are too many voices at the table, and forming consensus will be harder. We don't need more councillors, but less – and councillors who are paid more and can dedicate more time to the role.
4. **Rural Community:** The Rural Community sees over-representation – and with Flaxmere being underrepresented in the same proposal, this is unacceptable. If anything, Flaxmere should be the group being over-representation as it has a larger population to cater for. Fair representation for **both** the Rural Community as well as Flaxmere is important. The current proposal does not do this.

I urge council to not pass this proposal as it is highly flawed, and does not provide fair and effective representation as the legislation mandates.

Kind regards,



Keelan Heesterman

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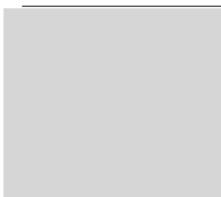


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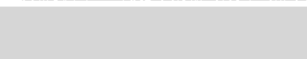
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No

Please provide feedback on Council's initial proposal OR attach your submission below.

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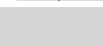
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* Age



Gender

* Which ethnicity do you identify with? (You can select more than one.)

(No response)

Which part of Hastings district do you live in? Suburbs

Havelock North

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To the Hastings District Council

I am writing to express my concern for the initial proposal of the current Representation Review.

Council has the obligation under the Local Electoral Act 2001 to provide *'fair and effective representation for individuals and communities'*, not 'some' communities. I do not believe this initial proposal achieves this requirement because:

- a) It does not seek to address the current under-representation of youth and young working age people,
- b) It under-represents the Flaxmere Community by a margin of 14%.

Under-representation of youth and young working age people

Currently, only one councillor, 7.14% of councillors, are under the age of 40, whilst a large 29.35% of our Hastings population is between the ages of 14 and 40. This is a failure of the current model and is not addressed in the proposal. I believe it is important that an equal to population proportion of councilors are within this age bracket as many people of these ages share many significant concerns and issues, which need to be represented equitably. For example, the housing crisis and climate change.

I believe irregular councilor working hours and low salary are the main barriers to youth and young full-time working age people, as most don't have the financial means to forgo their fulltime job in order to become a councilor, and because it is unrealistic for many employers to provide flexible working hours. Only the independently wealthy, superannuants, and business owner (who chose their hours) have the finances and time to take on the role.

As such I believe the Council should explore another proposal which sees the number of councilors decrease, in order to increase councillor salary, to make the position more financially palatable for youth and young fulltime working age people (as councillor salary is divided evenly from the remuneration funds)

The Flaxmere Community is Under-Represented

Firstly, some councillors believe that despite breaching the + or - 10% rule, the Flaxmere community will be sufficiently represented because this proposal would introduce three Māori Ward Councillors with the rationale being that 40% of Flaxmere's population are Māori.

I oppose this view and see it as inappropriate for several reasons:

- a) it assumes that one or all of the Māori Ward councillors will be from Flaxmere (which, despite claims from the Mayor that Māori candidates from Flaxmere intending to run, cannot be guaranteed) and;
- b) it assumes a Māori Ward councillor from outside Flaxmere can represent the whole of Flaxmere simply by virtue of being Māori. Such a proposal views all Māori as part of one monolithic cohort without acknowledging differing views, whakapapa, tūrangawaewae, and tikanga between Iwi and Hapū. This makes clear the rationale of this premise is flawed, undemocratic and somewhat naive.

From,

Louis Gaffaney

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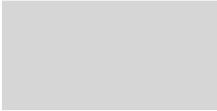


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It would appear that Flaxmere is unjustly represented unless one of the current councillors stand in a Maori ward . They have done a good job for their suburb and should fell hard done to.

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