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APOLOGIES



DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Members are reminded to declare and stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as an elected member and any private or other external interest they may have.

COMMITTEE REPORT



To: The Chairperson and Members of the Finance and Corporate Committee

From: Manager Governance

Subject: **Representation Review 2024 – Hearings and Deliberations Report**

Meeting Date: 25 September 2024

1 PURPOSE - TAKE

The purpose of this report is for the Committee to receive, hear, consider and deliberate on submissions received on the Representation Review 2024 Initial Proposal (Initial Proposal).

2 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – WHAKARĀPOPOTOTANGA MATUA

Council adopted an Initial Proposal for its representation review on 30 July 2024. Public Consultation was open from 5 August until 5 September 2024. There were a total of 108 submitters, with 11 submitters wishing to be heard. One late submission was received.

The Initial Proposal reduced the number of general ward councillors from 10 to seven. This reduction required the combining of the current Maungatautari and Pirongia-Kakepuku General Wards to ensure that legislative requirements were met for fair representation, where the ratio of people represented per councillor in each ward is no more than 10% greater or smaller than the ratio of population per councillor across the whole district (+/-10% rule).

A minor boundary change was also required to the Cambridge Ward, extending the boundary to include an additional area at Karāpiro to ensure compliance with the +/-10% rule. This change was also replicated in the Cambridge Subdivision.

The proposal also included an alteration to the councillor representation on each Community Board as each Community Board would no longer have a specific rural ward associated with it to draw councillor representation from.

3 RECOMMENDATION – TŪTOHU Ā-KAIMAHI

That the Finance and Corporate Committee

- a) *Receives the report of Jo Gread, Manager Governance titled Representation Review 2024 – Hearings and Deliberations Report (ECM Number 11297176);*
- b) *Agrees to (accept/not accept) the late submission included in Appendix 1 (ECM number 11301256);*
- c) *Pursuant to section 19N of the Local Electoral Act 2001 RECEIVES, HEARS, CONSIDERS and DELIBERATES on the submissions received for the Representation Review 2024;*
- d) *After considering and deliberating on submissions, request staff to prepare a Final Proposal for the 2025 Local Authority Election representation arrangements to report back to the Council for a decision on 15 October 2024 to:*
 - a. *confirm its Initial Proposal adopted on 30 July 2024 as the Final Proposal, accepting the reasons for the acceptance and rejection of submissions as detailed in this report; or*
 - b. *Amend the Initial Proposal to revert to Council’s current representation arrangements accepting the reasons for accepting and rejecting submissions as presented in this report.*

4 BACKGROUND – KŌRERO WHAIMĀRAMA

Initial Proposal

Council has proposed and consulted on an Initial Proposal for its representation arrangements to commence at the October 2025 local body elections.

Representation reviews determine the number of councillors to be elected, the basis of election of those councillors, and if this includes wards, the boundaries and names of those wards. Reviews also include whether there are to be community boards and, if so, arrangements for those boards. Representation arrangements are to be determined to provide fair and effective representation for individuals and communities.

The key changes to Council’s current elected member representation arrangements included in the Initial Proposal were:

- To reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to seven, by reducing each urban ward and the total rural wards by one, plus one Māori Ward councillor and the Mayor,
- Combining the current Maungatautari and Pirongia-Kakepuku General Wards to create the Waipā Rural General Ward with two representatives, (a reduction from three rural ward councillors to two),

- A boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and Cambridge Subdivision extending the Cambridge urban boundary to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro to meet the +/-10% rule; and
- To alter the councillor representation on each Community Board to draw from the relevant urban general ward and/or the Waipā Rural General Ward.

Public Consultation

In accordance with the requirements of section 19M of the LEA, the Initial Proposal was open for public submissions from 5 August 2024 to 5 September 2024.

A Have Your Say page was set up on Council’s engagement website for the representation review. This included the Statement of Proposal, Public Notice, online submission form, proposed details, and maps for people to use to ascertain what the changes meant for them.

A media release was sent on July 30 to inform the public and media that consultation would be opening.

The representation review was advertised in newspapers - on August 7, in the Cambridge Edition, and on August 8 in the Te Awamutu Courier. The representation review was also featured in Council’s Community Connect ad on August 15 in the Cambridge News and Te Awamutu News.

The first Facebook post on August 5 reached 1,013 people with three shares, two reactions and 34 link clicks. The second Facebook post on September 2 reached 2,788 people with 11 reactions, 19 comments, two shares and 33 link clicks.

During the consultation, the web page had 911 views with 460 unique visitors. 53 per cent of those came from social media, 24.8 per cent directly from the page URL, 11 per cent from other websites (e.g. links in online articles, ads, and media releases), and 11.2 per cent found the page from a search in Google (or other search engines). The files on the website had 150 downloads which included the Statement of Proposal, submission form and public notice.

Letters were also sent to those affected by the boundary change in Karāpiro.

Process

The Council must give reasonable opportunity for submitters on the Initial Proposal to be heard if a submitter so requests (s19M LEA 2001). The Council is required to consider any submissions it receives on its Initial Proposal, and then either confirm or amend its earlier decision and give public notice of its final decision within eight weeks of the closing date of submissions (s19(N) LEA 2001).

When the Council is considering submissions, it must determine:

- Which submissions are accepted (if any) and the corresponding amendments to the Initial Proposal,
- The reasons for the amendments,
- Which submissions have been rejected (if any),
- The reasons for rejecting any submissions.

Council must resolve the content of the Final Proposal and any further reasoning for the proposal.

Following the consideration of submissions and deliberations, staff will prepare a draft Final Proposal for the Council to resolve at the Council meeting on 15 October 2024. The Council must then give public notice of that Final Proposal and the appeal/objection process.

The Final Proposal is subject to rights of appeal and/or objections, which will be considered by the Local Government Commission (section 19R LEA 2001). The Commission may decide to hold a hearing for persons to present oral appeals and objections before the Commission decides on the representation review.

The Council must refer its Final Proposal to the Commission if:

- An appeal is made by a submitter about matters related to their original submission on the Initial Proposal (s19O LEA 2001),
- An objection is lodged by any person or organisation if a local authority's Final Proposal differs from its initial proposal (s19P LEA 2001). The objection must identify the matters to which the objection relates,
- The proposal does not comply with the requirements for achieving fair representation in s19V(2) LEA 2001, i.e. the '+/-10% rule'.

Outcome of Consultation

As part of the consultation process the community were asked the following questions, although not all submitters answered them directly:

- *Do you support all aspects of this proposal?*
- *Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to seven and combine the rural wards of Pirongia-Kakepuku and Maungatautari? (In order to make this reduction in Councillors we will need to combine the current rural wards)?*
- *Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and Subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?*
- *Do you support the proposed names for the Wards?*
- *Do you support the proposed Subdivision names?*

- *Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:*
 - *The relevant urban General Ward, and/or*
 - *Waipā Rural General Ward.*

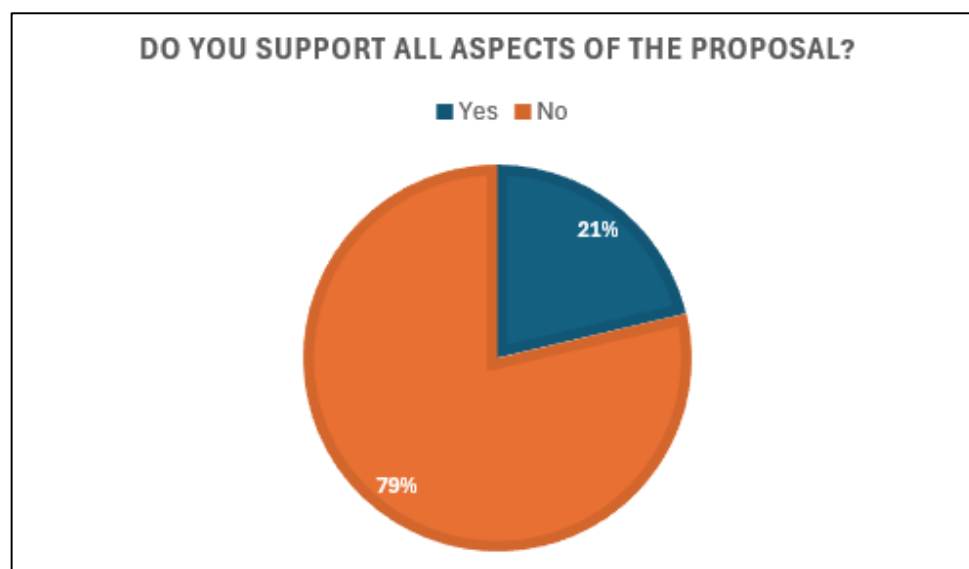
Council received a total of 108 submissions to its Initial Proposal prior to 5pm on Thursday 5th of September, with one late submission received. The late submission is included in Appendix 1 and is not included in the results but will be considered if the Committee chooses to accept it.

Submitters were asked which ward they were from:

Cambridge	59
Maungatautari	6
Te Awamutu-Kihikihi	27
Pirongia-Kakepuku	13
Waipā Māori Ward	0
Not known	3
Total	108

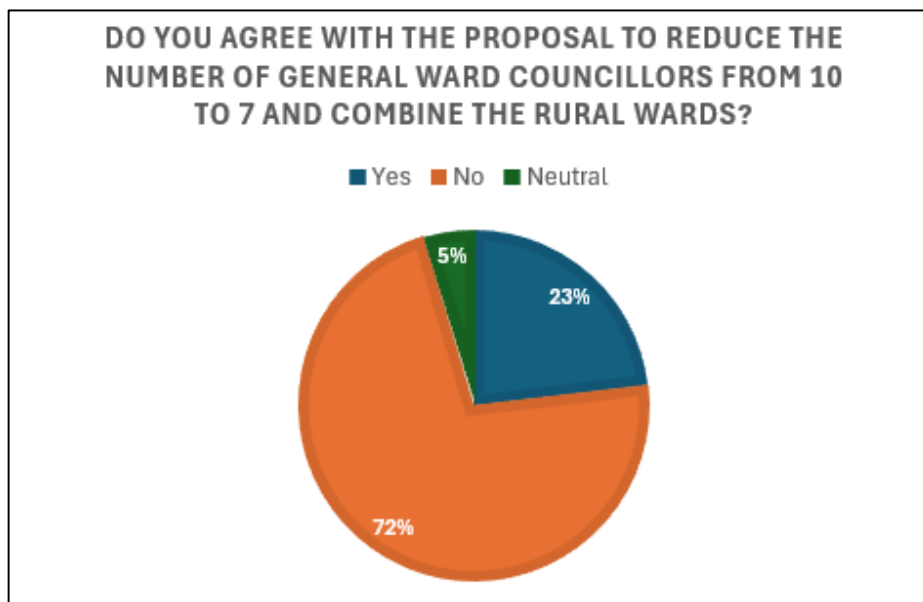
Consultation Question 1: Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

Twenty-three submitters (21%) supported all aspects of the proposal and were counted as supporting the remaining questions asked on the submission form. A total of 85 (79%) submitters did not support all aspects of the proposal.



Consultation Question 2: Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to seven and combine the rural wards of Pirongia-Kakepuku and Maungatautari? (In order to make this reduction in Councillors we will need to combine the current rural wards)?

The majority of submitters did not support the proposal to reduce the number of councillors and combine the Maungatautari and Pirongia-Kakepuku General Wards. 78 submissions (72%) were against the proposal, 25 (23%) were in support and five submitters (5%) were neutral.



There were no comments provided in support of the proposal.

Themes from the comments from those submitters who expressed a neutral position included:

- concerns what the impact of the proposal would be on rural ward representation,
- agreeance with the intent of trying to achieve a more efficient, higher functioning team, and;
- questions on legal obligations in respect of councillor numbers and representation structure in similar councils.

In respect of Council’s legal obligations for councillor numbers, we must have not fewer than six members nor more than 30 members, including the Mayor. A minimum of six general ward councillors is also required in order to retain a Māori Ward member. Below is a table of how Waipā District Council compares to similar sized councils (50,000-70,000).

District (Popn. 50-70,000)	Population	No. of Councillors – 2022-2025 Triennium
Kapiti Coast	58,430	10 (7W / 3 A-L)
Waimakariri	68,950	10
Porirua	62,390	10 (9+1MW)
Invercargill	57,900	12
Waipā	61,250	11 (10+1)
Western BOP	60,800	11
Gisborne	52,650	13
Napier	67,500	13 (2 MW to add)
Tasman	59,390	13

One submitter considered that the Waipā Rural General Ward should have three representatives, rather than the proposed two. However, with an average population per councillor across the district of 7,986, the representation for the Waipā Rural General Ward is 2 councillors, with a population per member of 8,750. This ratio complies with the +/-10% rule.

Themes from the comments from those submitters who did not support this proposal relevant to the representation review were:

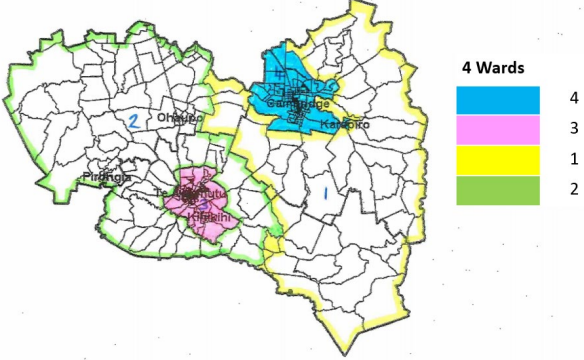
- Will not provide adequate representation for residents and will reduce attention on resident needs and access to councillors.
- District is growing so need more councillors.
- High workload for councillors already.
- Reduction will impact diversity. Need broad views and wider opinions for good decision making.
- Will reduce skills available around the table.
- Present number is better for decision making when not all agree or controversial issues.
- Concentration of decision-making power among fewer individuals.

- Concerns over how existing councillors will be able to govern better just because there are three less of them.
- Not enough information on the rationale and the impact.
- Combined rural ward does not provide adequate representation, huge geographic area to cover and people and communities with quite different needs.
- Maungatautari community has much stronger ties to Cambridge than it does to the other side of the district.
- Rural councillors will have disproportionate workload.
- Rural ward councillors might both come from one side of the district. Given the location of the population the rural candidates may more likely be from the ‘west side’ and risk no voice for Maungatautari.
- Combined rural ward is not a community of interest.

Alternative options

There were a number of alternative options recommended by submitters in the comments under this question, which are listed in the following table.

Alternative options	Staff Comment
Eight Councillors	The Initial Proposal includes eight councillors, seven general ward councillors and one Māori Ward councillor.
Nine Councillors	Nine councillors could work with an east/west split of the district if the urban and rural wards were combined. This option was considered but was not taken further as it is unlikely to meet communities of interest test.
10 Councillors	This option was suggested as part of the pre-engagement process. This option did not work with the current ward structure or the combined rural ward option and was therefore not considered further.
11 Councillors	11 Councillors is the current representation structure.
Change rural wards into two wards: Waipā Rural West (including Pirongia and Ōhaupō) with two elected councillors and Waipā Rural East with one elected councillor.	The suggestion from the submitter aligns with the alternative labelled as the following option ‘Rural Ward Split Option B’. This was considered as part of the alternative options that were considered for the rural ward as part of the 2021 representation review. This option was assessed as not meeting the communities of interest test and with the reduced number of Councillors proposed for this review, was unlikely to meet the +/- 10% requirement.

	<p>RURAL WARD SPLIT – (OPTION B) ALTERNATIVE – DOESN'T MEET COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST TEST</p> 
<p>Create one "Cambridge" ward by folding in the Maungatautari Ward into Cambridge and increasing the Councillor number for the new ward to five. Part of this reasoning relates to a belief that the Māori Ward has a rural bias creating further imbalance.</p>	<p>This alternative proposed by the submitter combines an urban and rural ward. As part of this review process, options which combine the rural and urban wards have not been considered further as they did not provide for separate rural representation, which has been identified as an important aspect of the district’s representation structure.</p>
<p>Keep the Pirongia-Kakepuku at two (this is growing) and bring the Maungatautari ward (Contracting) within the Cambridge Ward, (consider keeping four in expanded Cambridge ward, but possibly not required).</p>	<p>This alternative is proposed by the submitter is similar to the alternative above and combines an urban and rural ward. As part of this review process, options which combine the rural and urban wards have not been considered further as they did not provide for separate rural representation, which has been identified as an important aspect of the district’s representation structure.</p>
<p>Maungatautari and Karāpiro should be in a ward together. Not Karāpiro and Cambridge.</p>	<p>The main cluster of houses at Karāpiro to the north side of the dam have been in the Cambridge Ward since at least 2007. Under the Initial Proposal, moving Karāpiro into the same ward as Maungatautari in the Waipā Rural General Ward would result in the Waipā Rural General Ward not complying with the +/-10% rule.</p>

	<p>If the Committee decided to retain its current structure, moving the Karāpiro area into the Maungatautari Ward could be considered further if it was felt that the Karāpiro area had more alignment with the Maungatautari Ward than the Cambridge Ward.</p>
<p>There should be a readjustment in that of the current three councillors in the Kihikihi-Te Awamutu Ward be made one Kihikihi and two Te Awamutu. The current four Cambridge should be one Leamington and three Cambridge.</p>	<p>Options which divide our current urban wards were not considered further as part of the process as unlikely to meet the communities of interests test and the +/- 10% rule.</p>

Options for reducing the number of general ward councillors from 10 to seven and combining the Maungatautari and Pirongia and Kakepuku General Wards

The Committee could accept the submissions in support of this proposal and reject the submissions against the proposal on the basis that:

- Reducing the number of Councillors, may enhance efficient and focused decision making; and
- Combing the rural wards in response to growth in the current Pirongia-Kakepuku Ward is required to ensure that representation in the rural wards falls within the range of +/- 10% in compliance with section 19V(2) of the Local Electoral Act 2001 for the proposal for a reduced number of general ward councillors.

The Committee could reject the submissions in support of this proposal and accept the submissions against the proposal and request staff prepare a Final Proposal for consideration by Council that adopts its current representation structure as its Final Proposal on the basis that the current representation structure:

- Provides a greater number of Councillors to be able to provide representation to the different communities of interest in the district.
- Provides for greater representation of residents in a district that is growing.
- Provides residents more access to Councillors.
- Has more councillors which leads to the potential for greater diversity, and the potential for a range of councillors for voters to relate to.
- Avoids the creation of a combined rural ward covering a large geographic area with a variety of communities with different needs.
- Does not involve the combining of two communities of interest.

- Avoids a scenario where all rural councillors are elected from one side of the district as constituents on the other side of the district may see this as an issue when it comes to election choice and contacting their local councillor.

If the Committee decides to recommend to Council that it adopts its current representation structure as its Final Proposal this will result in a non-compliance with the +/- 10% rule as set out in the following table.

WARD	Population	Members	Population-member ratio	Difference from quota	% Difference from quota
<i>General wards</i>					
Pirongia-Kakepuku General Ward	12,350	2	6,175	585	10.47
Cambridge General Ward	22,900	4	5,725	135	2.42
Maungatautari General Ward	5,350	1	5,350	-240	-4.29
Te Awamutu-Kihikihi General Ward	15,300	3	5,100	-490	-8.77
Subtotal	55,900	10	5,590		
Waipā Māori Ward	5,350	1	5,350		
District total	61,250	11	5,568		

When a non-compliance with the +/-10% rule exists Council must consider whether one of the four grounds for not complying with the fair representation requirements of section 19V(2) (+/-10% rule) exists. These grounds are:

- to provide for effective representation of communities of interest within:
 - - island communities
 - - isolated communities
- where compliance would limit effective representation of communities of interest by:
 - dividing a community of interest
 - grouping together communities of interest with few commonalities of interest.

The Pirongia-Kakepuku Ward is not an island or isolated community and the rectification of this non-compliance would not require the dividing of a community of interest or grouping together communities of interest with few commonalities of interest.

This non-compliance has arisen due to growth in the Pirongia-Kakepuku Ward since the last representation review. A Council workshop in June considered the option of rectifying this non-compliance with a minor boundary adjustment (shifting 200 people from the Pirongia-Kakepuku Ward to the Te Awamutu-Kihikihi Ward), however this

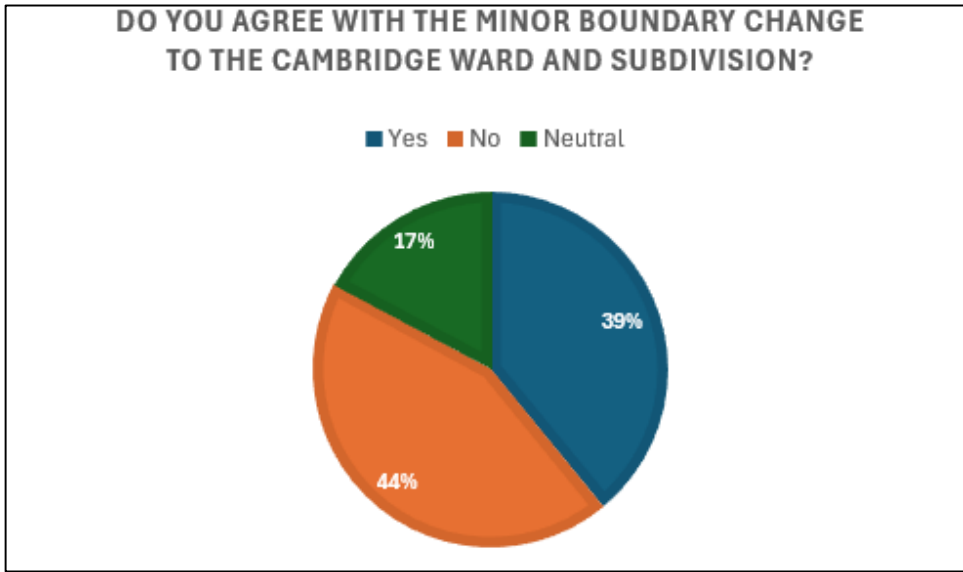
option was not progressed. There was no obligation on Council to rectify this non-compliance before it adopted its Initial Proposal as a representation review had been undertaken in 2021 and reviews are only required every six years. However, having started a representation review process by adopting an Initial Proposal, should a decision be made to retain the current representation structure, this non-compliance must be addressed.

Any amendments made to the Initial Proposal are required to be based on submissions received. No submissions were received on changing the boundaries in such a way that would rectify this non-compliance with the Pirongia-Kakepuku Ward. The consequence of this, is that the non-compliance cannot be rectified at this stage in the process. Any decision to retain the current representation structure will mean that the Final Proposal will automatically be referred to the Local Government Commission on the basis that the proposal does not comply with the requirements for achieving fair representation in s19V(2) LEA 2001, i.e. the ‘+/-10% rule’.

Consultation Question 3: Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and Subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

The majority of submitters did not agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and Subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward. 46 submissions (44%) were against the proposal, 41 (39%) were in support and 20 submitters (17%) were neutral.

A total of 57 of the 107 (53%) submitters who responded to this question identified as either from the Maungatautari Ward or the Cambridge Ward. Of those 57 submitters, 62% did not agree with the proposal, 23% supported the proposal, 10% were neutral and 5% didn’t know.



Themes from the comments in support of the proposal relevant to the boundary change were:

- Cambridge is expanding that way, so it doesn’t impact things very much at all.

- As Karāpiro gets more built up the area is becoming more urban, so it may well have more urban than rural issues.

Themes from the comments relevant to the boundary change provided by submitters who expressed a neutral opinion were:

- Boundaries need to match urban development but not to the extent that rural areas are deprived of good representation.
- Want to know what ratepayers in that area want first / Don't have enough knowledge of the area to comment.

Themes from the comments against the proposal relevant to the boundary change were:

- What is gained by changing a line on the map.
- It is not needed.
- Decision should be made by the residents concerned.
- Karāpiro is a rural area and should be represented as a rural area.
- Karāpiro has more in common with its current area than Cambridge.
- Karāpiro needs proper representation.
- Karāpiro and Maungatautari should be together as they are mostly rural.
- Must not reduce representation for rural citizens.

Other comments from those that did not indicate a preference for the boundary change were:

- Boundary changes are inevitable from time to time, due to people moving around. This should only occur when we have accurate statistics from a full census, run by Stats NZ.

Options – minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and Subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward

The proposal to undertake a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and Subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward is only required if the Committee decides to proceed with the Initial Proposal as the boundary adjustment was to ensure the Initial Proposal was compliant with the +/-10% rule.

The main cluster of houses at Karāpiro to the north side of the dam have been in the Cambridge Ward since at least 2007. The Initial Proposal involved adding an additional area at Karāpiro to the Cambridge Ward.

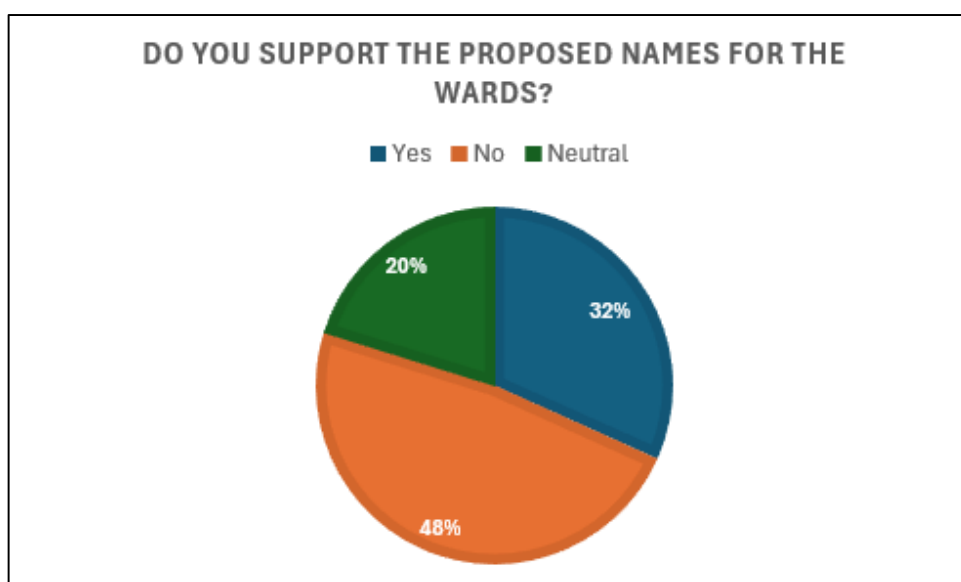
If the Committee accepts the submissions that were against this proposal to change the boundary and rejects the submissions which supported the proposal, the Waipā Rural General Ward will not be compliant with the +/-10% rule for fair representation.

Rejecting the submissions that were against the proposal for the boundary change and accepting those submissions that were in support of the change, ensures the Waipā Rural General Ward complies with the +/-10% rule for fair representation.

If the Committee decides that the Final Proposal should be prepared based on the current representation structure, moving the Karāpiro area into the Maungatautari Ward could be considered further if it was felt that the Karāpiro area had more alignment with the Maungatautari Ward than the Cambridge Ward.

Consultation Question 4: Do you support the proposed names for the Wards?

The majority of submitters did not support the proposed names for the Wards. A total of 51 submissions were against the proposal, 33 were in support and 22 submitters were neutral.



There were no comments provided in support of the proposed ward names.

Themes from the comments relevant to the proposed ward names provided by submitters who expressed a neutral opinion were:

- As all of Waipā, and the local Iwi, are within the boundaries of Waikato-Tainui, I prefer to spell Maaori words without macrons, by duplicating long vowels.
- Legislation may require them to include general/Māori as a descriptor but could do without and Māori names for all wards?
- Disagree with the name Waipā Rural Ward.

Themes from the comments relevant to the proposed ward names provided by submitters who did not support the ward names were:

- Why change the name?
- Leave the names as they are.
- Waipā Rural Ward should be Waipā West (note proposal suggests combining Cambridge and Maungatautari).

- We should keep Waipā West Ward/Waipā Rural West Ward, (or Pirongia Ward) and Waipā East Ward/Waipā Rural East Ward (or Maungatautari).
- Remove General.

Other comments from those that did not indicate a preference for the proposed ward names were:

- Would like to see the removal of "General" as do not see as necessary. Better to keep short as possible.

Options – Proposed names for the Wards

There appears to have been some confusion with submitters taking the view that all of the ward names were new. However, with the exception of the Waipā Rural General Ward, all of the ward names proposed are what we have in place currently.

The Committee could consider one or more of the following alternative names for the Final Proposal that were proposed by submitters:

- Spell Maaori words without macrons, by duplicating long vowels.
- Waipā West Ward/Waipā Rural West Ward, (or Pirongia Ward) and Waipā East Ward/Waipā Rural East Ward (or Maungatautari).
- Māori names for all wards.

Note that a number of submitters suggested removing the words ‘general’ and ‘Māori’ from the ward names. Local Government Commission advice is that the words “General” and “Māori” must form part of the ward names:

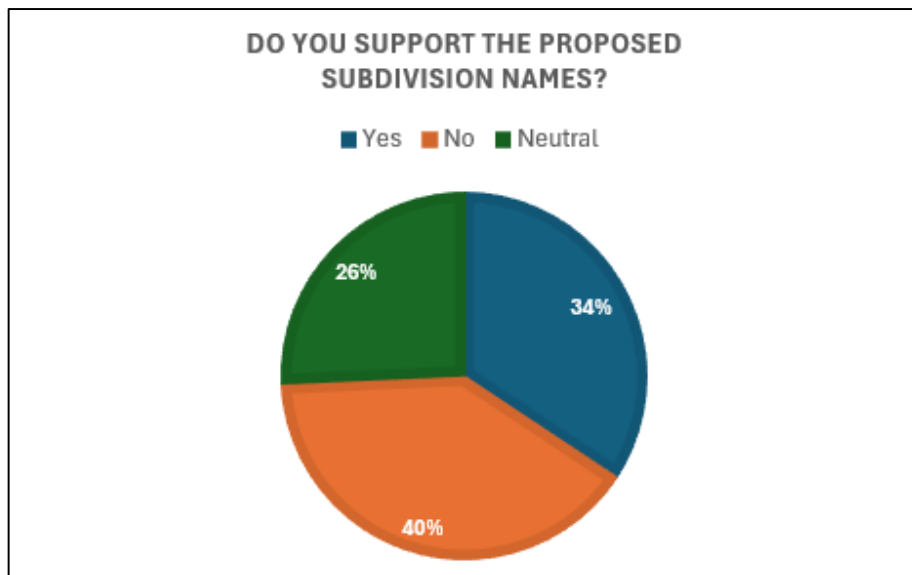
“It is our view the words Māori and General are part of the legal title of the electoral areas concerned and are to be used in the official names of wards. Accordingly the naming format is as follows:

- General ward names “XX General Ward”
- Māori ward names “XX Māori Ward”

In addition, from a practical point of view this is the naming format preferred and used by LINZ, Stats NZ, the Electoral Commission, and the Local Government Commission as a means of easily identifying the electoral population to which the ward (or regional constituency) applies.

Consultation Question 5: Do you support the proposed Subdivision names?

The majority of submitters did not support the proposed names for the Subdivisions. 42 submissions (40%) were against the proposal, 36 (34%) were in support and 29 submitters (26%) were neutral.



There were no comments provided in support of the proposed subdivision names.

There was one comment relevant to the proposed subdivision names provided by a submitter who expressed a neutral opinion, which was that this was not needed until a decision is made.

Themes from the comments relevant to the proposed subdivision names provided by submitters who did not support the subdivision names were:

- Leave the names as they are.
- Don't understand use of word 'subdivision'.

Options – Proposed names for the Subdivisions

There appears to have been some confusion with submitters taking the view that all of the subdivision names were new. However, all of the subdivision names proposed are what we have in place currently.

The only alternative that was proposed was to remove the word 'subdivision' from the title as this was thought to be confusing. The word 'subdivision' is how the legislation describes these areas for electoral purposes. The term will be used on the likes of candidate nomination papers and voting papers and therefore will be used only in the 'electoral' context for a limited purpose and not on a document where it will be easily confused. Therefore, no changes are recommended to the subdivision names.

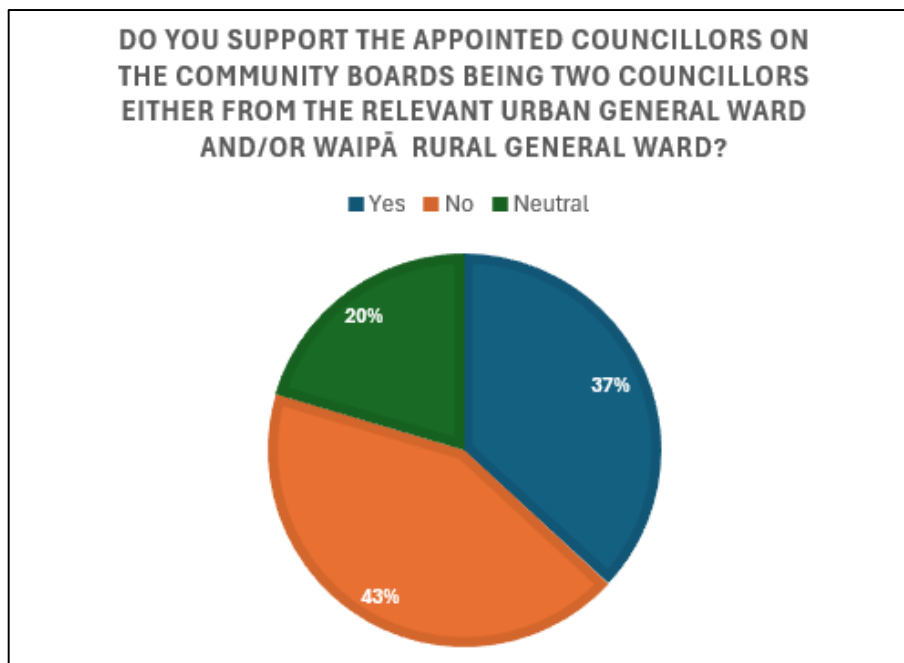
Consultation Question 6: Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

- **The relevant urban General Ward, and/or**
- **Waipā Rural General Ward.**

The majority of submitters did not support the proposal for the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

- Relevant urban General Ward, and/or
- Waipā Rural General Ward.

A total of 44 submissions (43%) were against the proposal, 38 (37%) were in support and 23 submitters (20%) were neutral.



Themes from the comments relevant to the proposal that the two councillors on the community board be appointed from either the relevant urban ward or Waipā Rural General Ward provided by submitters who supported the proposal were:

- Prefer not to have two rural ward councillors on the Community Board.
- Representation by two councillors is vital.
- Support inclusion of a Māori Ward Councillor on the Cambridge Community Board.

Themes from the comments relevant to the proposal that the two councillors on the community board be appointed from either the relevant urban ward or Waipā Rural General Ward provided by submitters who were neutral were:

- Leave as is.
- Councillors on the Community Boards should be determined by the voters at the election.

Themes from the comments relevant to the proposal that the two councillors on the community board be appointed from either the relevant urban ward or Waipā Rural General Ward provided by submitters who were against the proposal were:

- It doesn't matter where you get the elected members from for the community boards - their stance has to remain neutral.
- Keep the status quo.
- There is no point to having elected members on the Community Boards, I have seen no evidence that they have brought anything to the table.
- There is already a large disparity of voting power between urban and rural communities.
- Community Board should have both views to ensure that a wide range of views are taken into account.
- As there is currently only two community boards, the councillors should be two rural and two urban.
- Don't see that having a rural ward rep would add anything to the Community Boards. There would be more value and a greater affinity and accountability if the Councillors come from the relevant urban general ward.
- There should be Councillors from Cambridge, Leamington and Maungatautari/Karāpiro.
- Question whether Community Boards need Councillor's with voting rights. Could have guidance and advisory roles only.
- Equal amount of councillors from various areas/towns instead of one.
- Each community should choose their councillors.
- All councillors should be on the boards.

Options for Councillors on Community Boards

There was a wide variety of options put forward from submitters in response to the question on councillors on community boards. These ranged from having no councillors on community boards, or those councillors having only a guidance and advisory role to having all councillors on Community Boards.

For those submitters that were against the proposal but supported having two councillors on community boards, their argument was that it was important that there was both an urban and rural councillor representative on the community board.

The Initial Proposal could be amended so that each community board has one councillor from the relevant urban ward and one from the Waipā Rural General Ward to guarantee that each community board will have a balance of urban and rural councillor representation.

Another alternative the Committee can consider is whether it wishes to have a Māori Ward Councillor on the Community Boards. This would obviously add to the Māori Ward Councillor work load, but if this is an avenue the Committee wish to consider,

this must be done as part of the representation review, rather than under a subsequent process. The appointment of the Māori Ward Councillor to the Community Boards could be in addition to the current two councillor appointments. Alternatively, the councillor appointments could still be limited to two, with two councillors appointed from the relevant urban general ward and/or Waipā Rural General Ward and/or the Waipā Māori Ward.

Consultation General Comments

The submission form included space for submitters to provide any further comments in regard to the Initial Proposal. Themes from the general comments, which are not covered in earlier questions and are relevant to the factors that can be considered under the representation review are included below:

- We don't need community boards/ keep councillors and they should meet monthly together and make themselves available to discuss local issues/needs.
- There should be a third community board just representing the rural ward.
- Why is there no Council funded Community boards for parts of the District other than Cambridge and Te Awamutu? In the 30+ years I have lived in this district I always considered this as a better way of establishing more grass-roots opinion about things.

In response to submissions the Committee needs to consider whether it wishes to:

- Remove community boards, or
- Introduce a new rural ward community board, or / and
- Introduce a community board to cover the area not covered by the current community boards, which is currently covered by the Pirongia Ward Committee.

Remove Community Boards

Council currently has two community boards. One covering the Te Awamutu and Kihikihi Subdivisions and Kakepuku Subdivision and the other covering the Cambridge Subdivision and Maungatautari Subdivision.

There was an appeal to the Council's 2021 Representation Review specifically on whether the district should have Community Boards. The Local Government Commission supported the retention of Community Boards and their current structure when they issued their decision in March 2022. Subsequent to feedback on the last representation review, the role and function of community boards was reviewed by Dr Steven Finlay of EQUIP. His report recommended that the councillors, executive, staff and community boards work collectively to raise both the state of the community boards functioning and relevance to their respective communities.

The following recommendations from the EQUIP review were adopted at Council's 26 July 2022 meeting:

1. The state and relevance of community boards needs to increase so that Council can see the value proposition of participative democracy in action;
2. Council to reaffirm its relationship to its community boards and delegate responsibility, resourcing and oversight to the appropriate committee and Executive Leadership Team;
3. Community boards to reaffirm their relationship to Council and staff and to improve their governance maturity with professional relationships;
4. Council to renew delegations to a more narrowly defined community need; and
5. Community boards to re-engage with their communities and mana whenua, with support from Council staff enabling engagement processes.

The findings of this review are what is now known as Community Boards 2.0. The Strategic Planning and Policy Committee has been appointed as the oversight committee for community boards and an implementation plan has been developed and is being delivered to implement Community Boards 2.0.

Therefore, no changes were proposed to Community Boards in the Initial Proposal other than to replicate the changes to the Cambridge Ward boundaries in the subdivision boundaries for the Cambridge Community Board and to alter the councillor representation on each Community Board as each Board would no longer have a specific rural ward associated with it.

Advantages of retaining Community Boards

- Retains independent elected representatives at the local level as councillors are required to act in the best interests of the district, where as community board members can focus on their communities.
- Independent organisation able to hold Council accountable.
- As they represent a specific community or communities they could be seen to have a closer connection to the community and be more approachable by local individuals or community groups.
- Disseminate information into the community in an acknowledged elected role.
- Provide community feedback to Council.

Disadvantages of retaining community boards

- The urban and rural wards already have representation through councillors to advocate on their behalf.
- This creates another layer of governance, which could be seen to replicate the councillor structure in most of the district, and this could cause issues for the creation of efficient, effective and distinct roles.

- Electors in the same ward where some will be eligible to vote for a community board and others will not.

Option for a Rural Community Board

The Committee could consider the addition of a Rural Community Board. To avoid overlap of community board representation, any such proposal should be considered alongside making the current community boards urban based only.

The advantages of a Rural Community Board are:

- Retains the rural voice at a community level.
- Provides additional representation at a local level for less well represented communities in Council.
- Retains independent elected representatives at the local level in the rural wards as councillors are required to act in the best interests of the district, where as community board members can focus on their communities.
- Independent organisation able to hold Council accountable.
- As they represent a specific community or communities, could be seen to have a closer connection to the smaller rural communities and be more approachable by local individuals or community groups in those communities.
- Disseminate information into the community in an acknowledged elected role.
- Provide community feedback to Council.

The disadvantage of a Rural Community Board are:

- Already difficult to attract candidates for rural wards for community boards.
- May not be sufficient issues for the rural community board to address which could impact on their ability to function effectively.
- Amalgamation of distinct communities of interest.
- Relatively to other wards in the district, very large area for elected members to cover.
- Community board members could all be located on one side of the district unless the area was divided into subdivisions. Subdivisions in community boards must comply with the +/-10% rule. The use of subdivisions could create difficulties in ensuring balance across the rural area because there will be communities with higher growth populations which will be required to have representation within +/-10% of rural areas that are sparsely populated.

Additional Community Board covering the area currently covered by the Pirongia Ward Committee.

The Committee could consider a Community Board to cover the area which is currently outside the areas serviced by the Te Awamutu & Kihikihi and Cambridge Community Boards. This is the area which is currently covered by the Pirongia Ward Committee.

Advantages

- Provides for a community board for a distinct communities of interest.
- Retains independent elected representatives in the Pirongia area at the more local level of representation from councillors.
- Independent organisation able to hold Council accountable.
- As they represent a specific community, could be seen to have a closer connection to the community and be more approachable by local individuals or community groups.
- Disseminate information into the community in an acknowledged elected role.
- Provide community feedback to Council.

Disadvantages

- The area already has representation through councillors to advocate on their behalf.
- This area is already covered by the Pirongia Ward Committee, which is made up of representatives from Pirongia, Ōhaupō, Ngahinapouri, Koromatua, Te Pahu and Purekireki Marae. A Community Board is subject to the +-10% rule if subdivisions are used to divide the community board area. With the use of subdivisions, it may be difficult to get representation from the same smaller communities as we have currently without having a disproportionate number of members from Pirongia or dividing Pirongia. Without the use of subdivisions there is a risk that most of the members come from the more densely populated areas such as Pirongia. There would also be no marae representative on the community board, which the committee currently has.
- Already difficult to attract candidates for community boards so increasing the number of boards would just exacerbate this problem.

Staff are not recommending removing community boards or establishing additional community boards at this time.

There were also a number of alternative options recommended by submitters listed under the general comments, which are listed below if not already covered elsewhere in the report.

Alternative options	Staff Comment
Numbers should be reduced further	Options for six or seven councillors in total were suggested by the public as part of the pre-engagement process. These options did not work with the current ward structure or the combined rural ward option and were therefore not considered further.
Increase councillors for towns, Cambridge has grown and still numbers are increasing.	The ratio of people represented per Councillor in each ward, must be no more than 10% greater or smaller than the ratio of population per Councillor across the whole district (the '+/-10% rule'). Increasing councillor numbers in just the towns would not comply with the '+/-10% rule'.
One Councillor per 3000 people. Cambridge - seven Councillors, Te Awamutu / Kihikihi - five, the rural wards - six (this could be divided into three wards to reduce the distances to be travelled), Māori - two (one ward or two)	This option involves a solution with 18 general ward councillors and 1 or 2 Māori Ward councillors. A representation structure of this size is considered more appropriate for larger councils and has not been considered further. For example, Wellington City Council has 15 Councillors, Christchurch City Council has 16 councillors and Auckland City Council has 20 ward councillors.

Some issues raised in the submissions were outside the scope of the representation review and Electoral Act 2001 considerations for this stage of the process. For example:

Points raised that are outside of representation review (fair and effective representation considerations)	Staff Comment
Timing and frequency of reviews	Points regarding timing and frequency of reviews are noted, however, as the review has already commenced with the adoption of an Initial Proposal it must now be completed.
<p>Māori Wards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Retain the Māori Ward - More Māori representation on Council. - Don't agree with race-based wards. 	<p>The decision to retain or disestablish the Māori Ward is subject to a different process under the Local Electoral Act 2001.</p> <p>On 27 August 2024, the Council decided to retain its Māori Ward for the 2025 local body elections. As a result, a poll will be held with the October</p>

	<p>2025 local body elections on whether to have a Māori Ward in Waipa.</p> <p>The number of Māori Ward Councillors a Council can have is set by a formula in the Local Electoral Act 2001. The application of that formula to Waipā’s population means that our Council is only able to have one Māori Ward Councillor based on current population statistics.</p>
<p>Concern with the impact on the Community Board with a reduced number of councillors, including on workloads.</p>	<p>The impact on the workload of the Community Board would form part of a discussion between Council and Community Boards when any new delegations and responsibilities were set.</p>
<p>Community Board should have a say on the appointment of Councillors to the Community Board.</p>	<p>The legislation stipulates that the Councillors on Community Boards must be appointed by the territorial authority. As is the case now, there is nothing preventing community board members informally advising the Mayor and Councillors of any preferences.</p>
<p>Councillor role</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Should be part time not full time - Does community understand the workload - What is the expectation of councillors in today’s environment 	<p>The Remuneration Authority sets remuneration for local government members, which includes setting a governance pool for each Council which provides the total amount that must be paid in remuneration to councillors in each individual council. As part of those processes, consideration is given to how elected members are paid and whether the roles should be paid on a full time or part time basis.</p> <p>Workloads and expectations of councillors can vary between Councils depending on both external demands and internal priorities.</p>
<p>Councillors just want to give themselves a pay rise.</p>	<p>In other determinations, the Local Government Commission has stated that in their view, a representation review is not the appropriate mechanism for addressing councillor remuneration (refer 2022 Northland Regional Council determination, para. 41).</p>

Reduction won't improve quality of councillors. Cannot understand how the review will end up with different people standing for Council.	Consideration of effective and fair representation does not include the impact of changing representation arrangements so that different candidates can be elected. Who is nominated and gets elected to Council is a decision for the election process.
Only support changes that support less rates.	Impact on rates is not a consideration for determining representation review matters.
Council and elected member performance	Any comments directly un-related to the representation review are not in scope.

6 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS – HEI WHAIWHAKAARO

Council’s Vision and Strategic Priorities

The Council’s governance structure makes important governance decisions related to the delivery of Council’s vision and strategic priorities.

Legal and Policy Considerations – Whaiwhakaaro ā-Ture

Legal and policy considerations have been included in the detail of this report. Both the option of adopting its Initial Proposal as its Final Proposal and adopting its current representation arrangements as its Final Proposal comply with legal and policy requirements.

Financial Considerations – Whaiwhakaaro ā-Pūtea

The costs to complete this activity in the 2024/2025 financial year is approximately \$7,000. This amount can be met within the existing budget in the 2024/2025 year when the costs will be incurred.

A reduction in the number of Councillors will not create a significant cost saving to Waipā District Council. Remuneration for Councillors is paid from a governance pool set by the Remuneration Authority. The governance pool does not change depending on the number of Councillors; the same amount of funding would be allocated between fewer people. Although the governance pool is set by the Remuneration Authority it is still funded by Waipā ratepayers.

The Mayor and the Community Board members are not included in the governance pool. If it was decided not to have Community Boards there would be a reduction in costs to Council, although it is likely that an alternative structure would be put in place and that this would incur ongoing cost.

Risks - Tūraru

There are no known significant risks associated with the decisions required for this matter.

Iwi and Mana Whenua Considerations - Whaiwhakaaro ki ngā Iwi me ngā Mana Whenua

There are considered to be no direct impacts on Iwi and Mana Whenua of this Initial Proposal. As part of the submission process, alternatives such as Māori Ward Councillor representation on Community Boards, were raised. These are detailed in the body of this report, and it is anticipated that they will be further discussed during deliberations.

7 NEXT ACTIONS

Action	Responsibility	By When
Adopt Final Proposal	Governance	15 October
Appeal/Objections Period	Governance	24 October to 25 November

8 APPENDICES - ĀPITITANGA

No:	Appendix Title
1	Late Submission (ECM number 11301256)
2	Community Board Submissions (ECM number 11305297)
3	Submissions (ECM number 11305297)



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Appendix 1 – Late Submission

ECM Number: 11301256



2024 Representation Review Submission Form

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I acknowledge that I have read the privacy statement and am happy to proceed.

I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing: Yes No

Submitters who wish to present their submission verbally will be invited to a public committee meeting. These are usually held in the Waipā District Council Chamber, 101 Bank Street, Te Awamutu, or held/accessible online. Submitters will be allocated an approximate speaking time and will be asked to present their submission to the committee. Submitters are usually given a maximum length of time for speaking following which committee members may ask questions to clarify any points that have been raised.

What ward are you currently in? Te Awamutu or I don't know

¹ Current wards are: Cambridge, Maungatautari, Te Awamutu and Kihikihi, Pirongia-Kakepuku



ABOUT THE PROPOSAL

Waipā District Council is proposing to have 8 councillors in total, made up of 7 general ward councillors elected from 3 general wards. The Mayor is elected district-wide and 1 Māori Ward councillor is elected from 1 district wide Māori Ward.

The initial proposal includes reducing the number of councillors from 11 to 8 and combining the rural wards of Pirongia-Kakepuku and Maungatautari.

There are also some minor adjustments to the boundaries of the Cambridge Ward and Subdivision and a change to where the councillors appointed to Community Boards can be selected from.

In the following pages, we will ask for your feedback on the details of the 2024 Representation Review Initial Proposal.

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

Yes No

If no, or for further comment, please continue below.

If yes, and you have no further comment, please skip all further questions and submit the form

Councillors

The proposal is to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7, plus one Māori Ward councillor²

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pirongia-Kakepuku and Maungautari? (In order to make this reduction in Councillors we will need to combine the current rural wards)

Yes No Neutral

Comments:

Retain status quo

² Note that the decision to have a Māori Ward was made on 19 May 2021 and is not part of this review.



Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and Subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karapiro into the Cambridge Ward?

Yes No Neutral

Comments:

Retain Status Quo

Do you support the proposed names for the Wards?

The proposed ward names are:

- Te Awamutu and Kihikihi General Ward
- Cambridge General Ward
- Waipā Rural General Ward
- Waipā Māori Ward

Yes No Neutral

Comments:

Retain Status quo

Do you support the proposed Subdivision names?

- Te Awamutu and Kihikihi Subdivision
- Cambridge Subdivision
- Kakepuku Subdivision
- Maungatautari Subdivision

Yes No Neutral

Comments:

Retain Status quo



Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

- The relevant urban General Ward, and/or
- Waipā Rural General Ward.

Yes No Neutral

Comments:

Retain Status quo

General Comments:

Please note any further comments you have in regard to the initial proposal below:

Retain Status quo



Appendix 2 – Community Board Submissions

ECM Number: 11302597

ID:845

Organisation

Stakeholders

Full Response

Cambridge Community Board

Jo Davies-Colley

What ward are you currently in?

Cambridge

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

Yes

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

Yes

Comments on the proposed reduction:

We agree with the intent of trying to achieve a more efficient, higher functioning team.

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

Yes

Comments on the boundary change:

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Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

Yes

Comments on the proposed ward names:

-

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

Yes

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

Yes

Comments on the appointed councillors:

Would we welcome the inclusion of a Māori Ward Councilor to sit on the Cambridge community board. We would prefer not having two rural councilors. The CCB would like a say on the appointment.

General comments:

We understand the proposed Councilor numbers meet the regulations required around councilor per population however we are concerned about the potential for increased workload on the remaining councilors and their availability and ability to undertake their role. Will the extra workload flow onto the community board and how will that work? | We are concerned that CCB would have to become more public facing on decisions that Council has made, and we don't always have the information and resources to do that with our limited capacity. | If the driving purpose of combining the rural wards is to meet the representation numbers required, we feel that is a poor reason for change. We question the rational for this decision. The important things should be communities of interest and that our people feel represented, not numbers. The Maungatautari community has much stronger ties to Cambridge than it does to the other side of the district.

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

Yes

ID:921

*Stakeholders**Full Response*

Ange Holt

What ward are you currently in?

Te Awamutu-Kihikihi

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

We have a number of concerns regarding reducing the number of councillors. Our major concern being there has been no substantial rationale provided on how or why this reduction would benefit the community. [A small list of advantages were provided in the report that we felt did not actually benefit the community instead were of benefit primarily to the councillors.] We do not believe this reduction will save time or money. Further comments in general.

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

Yes

Comments on the boundary change:

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Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

-

Comments on the proposed ward names:

Would like to see the removal of "General" as do not see as necessary. Better to keep short as possible.

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

Yes

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

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Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

No

Comments on the appointed councillors:

Do not support that the Councillors can come from "either" ward. We would like to see there be representation from the Te Awamutu Ward and one from the Rural Ward. Would like to continue to have two representatives from Council under the current system.

General comments:

See additional page.

I have uploaded supporting material

https://haveyoursay.waipadc.govt.nz/download_file/301

I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

Yes

We can see the logic behind wanting the best possible candidates to represent us, that the work load and degree of difficulty in decisions has increased, that councillors should be remunerated for the work that they do, and ideally that it is enough to enable anyone to “afford” to be a councillor. On the other hand democracy is about people selecting people that they want, regardless of race, qualifications or beliefs.

Our population in Waipa is increasing so technically that would mean we need more people to represent us rather than less to have a more accurate representation. We are worried that if we reduce the numbers of councillors further still, we will be denied the opportunity to provide the wider perspectives of our communities, to provide a truly demographic representation and to have the ability to choose ourselves.

Some things to consider :

- Will reducing the number of councillors by 3 make a big enough difference to the remuneration package to attract a more qualified candidate?
- By reducing the number of rural candidates and the way the district needs to be divided to get the population ratio's correct, will we end up with the rural candidate most likely coming from the “west side” of the district, especially given that the Pirongia has a fairly sizable village and people tend to vote for who they know or someone “local” to them.
- Will having less councillors actually mean we get more qualified candidates who will make better decisions
- Councillors are already saying they have huge workloads, does reducing the number of people on council help or will it add further stresses.
- Will it make it harder for new people to get onto council
- How are existing councillors able to govern better just because there are 3 less of them?

The question isn't about how many as much as it is about how do we govern our district – what are the expectations of a councillor in today's environment? Do we as a community want to move to a different model and what does that look like.

This submission does not spell out in an obvious way that reducing the number of councillors does not save rate payers money - this could well be a reason that the community supports a reduction as they think it will be a saving.

We also have a concern that the community does not understand the workload of councillors, which will influence their perceptions around number of councillors required.

APPENDIX 3

Submissions (ECM number 11305297)

ID:625

Stakeholders

Anonymous

Full Response

What ward are you currently in?
Cambridge

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?
No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?
No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

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Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?
No

Comments on the boundary change:

-

Do you support the proposed names for the wards?
No

Comments on the proposed ward names:

-

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?
No

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:
No

Comments on the appointed councillors:

-

General comments:

You need to start listening to your ratepayers instead of just doing what you want. You're all being incredibly disrespectful and it's illegal as k what

you've been doing with our money.

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:626

Stakeholders

Full Response

David Garmonsway

What ward are you currently in?

Cambridge

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

We need more and better representation not less. also your question is ambiguous. Are we answering about the Maori ward councillor as well because if you are asking about that then my view is that we should not have separate wards for any race and therefore my view is we should not be reducing the number of councilors.

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

No

Comments on the boundary change:

We must not reduce the representation for the rural citizens.

Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

No

Comments on the proposed ward names:

-

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

No

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

No

Comments on the appointed councillors:

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General comments:

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I have uploaded supporting material

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:627

Stakeholders

Full Response

Nicola Ormsby

What ward are you currently in?

Te Awamutu-Kihikihi

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

Yes

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

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Comments on the proposed reduction:

-

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

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Comments on the boundary change:

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Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

-

Comments on the proposed ward names:

-

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

-

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

-

Comments on the appointed councillors:

-

General comments:

Only support changes that support less rates. If our rates go up due to increase in numbers and having less people but being paid more than i do not support change. You need to explain how this model services our communities.

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:628

Stakeholders

Full Response

Lisette Balsom

What ward are you currently in?

Maungatautari

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

Yes

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

-

Comments on the proposed reduction:

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Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

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Comments on the boundary change:

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Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

-

Comments on the proposed ward names:

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Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

-

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

-

Comments on the appointed councillors:

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General comments:

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I have uploaded supporting material

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:629

Stakeholders

Full Response

Julia Raupi

What ward are you currently in?

Cambridge

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

Would rather have a larger and broader range of councilors representing ratepayers.

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

Neutral

Comments on the boundary change:

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Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

Yes

Comments on the proposed ward names:

-

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

Yes

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

Yes

Comments on the appointed councillors:

-

General comments:

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I have uploaded supporting material

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:630

Stakeholders
Full Response

Carey Church

What ward are you currently in?
Cambridge

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?
No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?
No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

I understand that the proposal to reduce the number of councillors is to get 'quality' councillors and to get 'more professional and less retired and self employed people' as councillors. || Through the recent Third Bridge Consultation, I had a number of interactions with councillors and community board members. As a result of that, I do agree that it is not appropriate for someone who is working in a full-time high pressure job to also endeavour to be a councillor on Waipa District Council. My attempt to engage with one such councillor to get their input into my knowledge went unanswered - I can only presume it was because they were 'too busy with their day job'. || In contrast, I had interactions with three other councillors that were variously self employed and retired, and took time to listen, teach, ask questions and follow up. My impression is that all three councillors take their commitment to being a councillor very seriously and are 'quality' councillors. I am aware that all three of them put in more than the '1 day a week' or 20 hours a week that I have heard they are supposed to do at present. || All of the councillors (and two community board members) that I engaged in had different perspectives and backgrounds and added different things to my knowledge. They were all very aware and knowledgeable - and, I repeat 'quality'. || I can't understand how the review will end up with different people standing for council just by increasing the remuneration pool. A payment in the mid \$60,000's to carry out a more or less full time role (which will be even more full on if there are less people to share the role), does not suggest to me that the 'professional and quality' people being targetted will be enthused to put their names forward. || Even if I anticipated that the Waipa District Councillors representing Cambridge only worked 'half time' (which I imagine would still be closer to 30-40 hours a week), they have a serious responsibility to the community and governance. \$65,000 ish, doesn't at all compare with what a 5 year trained lawyer or accountant will earn (well over \$130,000 based on google searches), nor to a Member of Parliament - who earns a base salary of \$168,000 pa plus many other expenses covered. || I don't think that this change will achieve anything, apart from increasing the workload for the people who do decide to become councillors, reducing the ability of ratepayers to engage with councillors in a meaningful way when they need to and paying some of the councillors a little bit more. || Finally, I believe that retired people can add a lot of value to the role of councillor. They have a career of experience, knowledge, street smarts and time to contribute.

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?
Yes

Comments on the boundary change:

As Karapiro gets more built up the area is becoming more urban, so may well have more urban than rural issues.

Do you support the proposed names for the wards?
Yes

Comments on the proposed ward names:

-

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

Neutral

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

Yes

Comments on the appointed councillors:

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General comments:

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I have uploaded supporting material

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:631

Stakeholders

Full Response

Alice Hicks

What ward are you currently in?

Te Awamutu-Kihikihi

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

Yes

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

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Comments on the proposed reduction:

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Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

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Comments on the boundary change:

-

Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

-

Comments on the proposed ward names:

-

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

-

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

-

Comments on the appointed councillors:

-

General comments:

I agree with the proposed changes and would strongly recommend that the Māori representation is retained regardless on central government racist decisions | I am disheartened with the divisive rhetoric being engendered from central government and urge Waipa District Council to retain the status quo | Nga mihi nui

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:632

Stakeholders

Full Response

Marion Gauntlett

What ward are you currently in?

Te Awamutu-Kihikihi

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

I think we need to keep the number of councilors we have now. Ratepayers need and deserve to have their voice on local government. I would love to know why council have voted on this and then we get a voice - wrong waybaround!

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

Neutral

Comments on the boundary change:

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Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

No

Comments on the proposed ward names:

Is this is assuming we are agreeing to a reduction in councillors?

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

No

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

No

Comments on the appointed councillors:

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General comments:

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:633

*Stakeholders**Full Response*

Elaine Ruis

What ward are you currently in?

Cambridge

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

Fewer councillors being paid more does not mean we will get listened too any more than we do now - we want as many elected councillors to support all of our views as we can - not less.

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

No

Comments on the boundary change:

Karapiro has more in common in its current situation than with Cambridge - they would not have a voice at all if swallowed up in Cambridge it is a very small and tight knit community

Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

Neutral

Comments on the proposed ward names:

I don't care about names - just assume that since a decision hasn't been made yet (??). That this is not needed unless it becomes relevant.

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

Neutral

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

As above re ward names.

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

Neutral

Comments on the appointed councillors:

-

General comments:

I very much disagree with this proposal - it just feels like less chance to be heard - which is already a major issue , and also not a good fit for the rural areas and Karapiro - they need a local voice for democracy to work

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:634

Stakeholders

Full Response

Jason Stamp

What ward are you currently in?

Cambridge

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

There needs to be more councillors to have a fair representation of the ratepayers of Waipa

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

No

Comments on the boundary change:

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Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

No

Comments on the proposed ward names:

-

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

No

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

No

Comments on the appointed councillors:

-

General comments:

Please start listening to the community

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:635

Stakeholders

Full Response

Alison Bennett

What ward are you currently in?

Te Awamutu-Kihikihi

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

It seems unfair that less councillors overall will mean that they get a bigger share as the overall dollar amount of funding stays the same. Less representation does not equal better results for the community.

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

No

Comments on the boundary change:

See above, the councillors need to work for their money. Don't make the question biased by stating that it's 'minor' either.

Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

No

Comments on the proposed ward names:

We need to keep Māori language out of all parts of our lives. We don't need Chinese representation, Tongan representation, Italian representation etc etc. when will it ever stop?

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

No

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

It isn't a subdivision, it's a township

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

No

Comments on the appointed councillors:

We need more representation of the people.

General comments:

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:636

Stakeholders

Full Response

Ian Wilson

What ward are you currently in?

Cambridge

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

Yes

Comments on the proposed reduction:

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Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

Yes

Comments on the boundary change:

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Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

Yes

Comments on the proposed ward names:

-

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

Yes

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

Yes

Comments on the appointed councillors:

-

General comments:

Do not agree with race based representation. All representation should be based on geographical wards, not selected ethic groups. |Otherwise, divide up the entire District into ethic voting groups and vote entirely based on ethnicity.

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:637

*Stakeholders**Full Response*

Geoff Boxell

What ward are you currently in?

Te Awamutu-Kihikihi

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

Reducing the number of Councillors merely reduces ratepayer's representation. The reduction in rural representation is especially reprehensible. | There should be a readjustment in that of the current three Kihikihi-Te Awamutu Ward be made one Kihikihi and two Te Awamutu. The current four Cambridge should be one Leamington and three Cambridge. | The Maori Ward should be abolished.

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

Neutral

Comments on the boundary change:

Boundaries need to match urban development but not to the extent that rural areas are deprived of good representation.

Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

No

Comments on the proposed ward names:

See above.

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

No

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

See above.

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

Neutral

Comments on the appointed councillors:

It all depends on the quality of the Councillors: which Councillors are on the Community Board should be determined by the voters at Local Election, not the Mayor & Council.

Residents know which Councillors actually represent them and which ones don't.

General comments:

Given that the money pool remains the same the reorganisation looks like a money grab by the Mayor and her cohorts rather than anything to do with democracy.

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

Yes

ID:638

Stakeholders

Full Response

Gerda Venter

What ward are you currently in?

Cambridge

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

The reduction is based on skill, diverseness and time commitment. This was argued by Susan O'Regan who is invisible in the community, always on holiday and showing zero leadership. She is not putting in the time, passion or skills for this job. Having less people will mean even less gets done. Fix processes and leadership not numbers

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

No

Comments on the boundary change:

The whole idea is a waste of time and money

Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

No

Comments on the proposed ward names:

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Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

No

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

I do not support the changes at all

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

No

Comments on the appointed councillors:

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General comments:

Change the leadership and processes. The CEO should put all projects on hold, investigate processes and use of consultants plus do a cost to benefit study on each project, then slash and burn

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

Yes

ID:639

Stakeholders

Full Response

Ian Hayton

What ward are you currently in?

I don't know

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

Simply the Reducing of the number of Councillors merely reduces ratepayer's representation across Waipa. |The reduction in rural representation is especially reprehensible and has been reducing for years with many communities already without representation. I.e. Kihikihi and Karapiro as prime examples, but there are many more that are un hurd or seen by the council. | Regarding Councillors on the Community Board: it all depends on the quality of the Councillors. Which Councillors are on the Community Board should be determined by the voters at Local Election, not the Mayor & Council. Residents know which Councillors actually represent their views and which ones don't. |The council needs to be more open to the community as a whole and stop hiding behind bureaucracy, there should be no detail that is unavailable to ratepayers with the exception or staff HR. | Given that the money pool remains the same the reorganisation looks like a money grab by the Mayor and selected councillors rather than anything to do with democracy. The pay rates for councillors is based on 20 hours a week (so over \$60 a hour), why is WDC not reducing the workload on councillors to stay in these guidelines. Other ways of funding increases is to reduce current expenditure, reducing the employees that are of lesser value at council or bring services internal to WDC vs paying 3rd parties to provide the extra funding. WDC have some 300 staff plus an equal number of contractors/3rd parties. | It is noted that Roger Gordon's presentation was not made public or presented during the council meeting, why was this as this clearly shows many in the districts feeling on the matter.

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

No

Comments on the boundary change:

Karapiro already has no representation within council, it adds considerable rating income to WDC and has no say or input into council or what happens within the Karapiro community even though services are minimal to non existent. WDC needs to make allowance for the 1000+ property within this region and enable properer representation for the area.

Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

No

Comments on the proposed ward names:

Same reasons as Karapiro, reduction in representation is not a good outcome for the community

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

Neutral

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

No

Comments on the appointed councillors:

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General comments:

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

Yes

ID:640

Stakeholders

Full Response

Ani Cha

What ward are you currently in?

Te Awamutu-Kihikihi

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

Yes

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

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Comments on the proposed reduction:

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Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

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Comments on the boundary change:

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Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

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Comments on the proposed ward names:

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Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

-

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

-

Comments on the appointed councillors:

-

General comments:

Should be reduced further.

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:641

Stakeholders

Full Response

Marion Bennett

What ward are you currently in?

Cambridge

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

Our population in Waipa is growing therefore we need more representation on our Council not less. |We shouldn't be combining the rural wards as each have their own particular needs.

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

Neutral

Comments on the boundary change:

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Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

No

Comments on the proposed ward names:

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Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

No

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

Yes

Comments on the appointed councillors:

-

General comments:

I believe that there should not be a reduction in councillors as often Councillors have different views and see things differently to their fellow councillors This brings diversity to the discussions.

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:642

Stakeholders

Il Response

Kelvin Dunn

What ward are you currently in?

I don't know

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

Yes

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

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Comments on the proposed reduction:

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Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

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Comments on the boundary change:

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Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

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Comments on the proposed ward names:

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Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

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Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

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Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

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Comments on the appointed councillors:

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General comments:

Have been forced to say yes as there are no "I don't care" or "Its largely irrelevant" options! At the end of the day reducing numbers does not result in a commensurate reduction in costs. Fewer councillors will still end up representing themselves rather than electors and pushing their fantasy legacy projects and imposing ever increasing unjustifiable rates increases on ratepayers who are hard pressed to pay them. They will also still oversee rank bad management, waste of resources including finding problems for enforced solutions, inequity in service provision and will largely ignore representations that ratepayers make. With regard to this proposal, since it is tantamount to turkeys voting for Christmas, if going through the motions of "consultation" helps you feel better, GO FOR WHATEVER FLOATS YOUR BOAT, the rest of us will remain inconsequential and no better off irrespective of final numbers! .

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:644

Stakeholders

Full Response

Belinda Mulgrew

What ward are you currently in?

Cambridge

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

Yes

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

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Comments on the proposed reduction:

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Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

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Comments on the boundary change:

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Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

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Comments on the proposed ward names:

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Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

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Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

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Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

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Comments on the appointed councillors:

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General comments:

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:645

Stakeholders

Full Response

Nicola Timmo

What ward are you currently in?

Pirongia-Kakepuku

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pirongia-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

I would like to see general ward councillor numbers remain as is at 10

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

No

Comments on the boundary change:

I do not support the proposed changes

Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

No

Comments on the proposed ward names:

I do not support the proposed changes

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

No

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

I do not support the proposed changes

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

Yes

Comments on the appointed councillors:

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General comments:

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:646

Stakeholders

Full Response

Elizabeth Maria Jozefina Pieper

What ward are you currently in?

Te Awamutu-Kihikihi

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

Yes

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

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Comments on the proposed reduction:

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Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

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Comments on the boundary change:

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Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

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Comments on the proposed ward names:

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Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

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Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

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Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

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Comments on the appointed councillors:

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General comments:

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:647

Stakeholders

Full Response

Tim de Vletter

What ward are you currently in?

Te Awamutu-Kihikihi

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

Yes

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

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Comments on the proposed reduction:

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Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

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Comments on the boundary change:

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Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

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Comments on the proposed ward names:

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Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

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Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

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Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

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Comments on the appointed councillors:

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General comments:

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:648

Stakeholders

Full Response

Belinda Gelston

What ward are you currently in?

Cambridge

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

Yes

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

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Comments on the proposed reduction:

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Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

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Comments on the boundary change:

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Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

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Comments on the proposed ward names:

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Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

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Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

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Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

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Comments on the appointed councillors:

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General comments:

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I have uploaded supporting material

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:649

Stakeholders

Full Response

June Lambeth

What ward are you currently in?

Te Awamutu-Kihikihi

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

Yes

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

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Comments on the proposed reduction:

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Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

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Comments on the boundary change:

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Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

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Comments on the proposed ward names:

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Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

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Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

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Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

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Comments on the appointed councillors:

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General comments:

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:650

Stakeholders

Full Response

Peter Varcoe

What ward are you currently in?

Cambridge

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

Yes

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

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Comments on the proposed reduction:

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Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

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Comments on the boundary change:

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Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

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Comments on the proposed ward names:

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Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

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Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

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Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

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Comments on the appointed councillors:

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General comments:

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I have uploaded supporting material

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:651

Stakeholders

Full Response

Megan Lindsay

What ward are you currently in?

Te Awamutu-Kihikihi

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

Yes

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

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Comments on the proposed reduction:

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Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

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Comments on the boundary change:

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Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

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Comments on the proposed ward names:

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Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

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Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

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Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

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Comments on the appointed councillors:

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General comments:

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Stakeholders

Full Response

Pixie Stockman

What ward are you currently in?

Te Awamutu-Kihikihi

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

Yes

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

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Comments on the proposed reduction:

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Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

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Comments on the boundary change:

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Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

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Comments on the proposed ward names:

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Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

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Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

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Comments on the appointed councillors:

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General comments:

I would like more Māori representation on council I do not think one seat alone is fair and transparent. The Māori seat is minimum voice amongst the others. Tokenism. Not partnership.

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:753

Stakeholders

Full Response

James Williams

What ward are you currently in?

Te Awamutu-Kihikihi

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kekepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

Less people more area to look after not a good thing at all.

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

No

Comments on the boundary change:

Where is the gain in changing, a line on a map.

Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

Neutral

Comments on the proposed ward names:

A name is a name, positive action surrounding are community problems is far more worthy of time then worries over names.

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

Neutral

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

No

Comments on the appointed councillors:

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General comments:

Less hands and feet and minds with a greater land area the people loose the land loses, but eight will be happy.

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

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*Stakeholders**Full Response*

Norma Mackie

What ward are you currently in?

Cambridge

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

I am definitely against a smaller number of Councillors. I don't believe we will be as well represented or better served with less Councillors. The present number, I believe, will keep a better balance on area matters when all do not agree. Especially for those in Maungatautere, who most relate to Cambridge, rather than Te Awaumutu will not be well served with this change. I believe Maungatautere and Karapiro should be in a ward together. Not Karapiro and Cambridge. I also believe less Councillors will make a larger workload for each person, making it more difficult for good people to be able to give the time required and eliminate many who may otherwise put their names forward. Younger people who have young families and large mortgages to cover will not be able to give the time required or manage the loss of salary. Therefore it is a definite NO from me.

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

No

Comments on the boundary change:

I think Karapiro and Maungatautere should be together as they are mostly rural and mostly Maungatautere relate to Cambridge rather than Te Awaumutu.

Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

Neutral

Comments on the proposed ward names:

See above Maungatautere/Karapiro ward

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

Neutral

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

No

Comments on the appointed councillors:

I think there should be Councillors from Cambridge, Leamington and Maungatautere/Karapiro

General comments:

It is very much a NO from me. Cambridge has not been well served with Councillors living outside of Cambridge and Leamington. Both sides of town need better representation and only those living in the local Cambridge district should represent us.

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:779

Stakeholders

Full Response

Brenda Stamp

What ward are you currently in?

Cambridge

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kekepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

We do not need less councillors, we, the ratepayers, have a lot of difficulty already with getting ourselves heard and even more importantly our opinions taken note of as it is. With less councillors the situation would only be worse, or perhaps that is part of the reason for this ridiculous, time and money wasting exercise.

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

No

Comments on the boundary change:

At this time not required

Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

No

Comments on the proposed ward names:

If nothing changes this question is redundant

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

No

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

If nothing changes this question is redundant

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

No

Comments on the appointed councillors:

Councillors appointed should not have voting rights.

General comments:

There are far bigger and more urgent issues that need addressing. Please attend to what is really important to the rate payers and residents.

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:780

Stakeholders

Full Response

Susan Dromgool

What ward are you currently in?

Cambridge

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

we need numbers to keep a balance. you limit the numbers you limit the choice so please keep the numbers

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

No

Comments on the boundary change:

we made a huge mistake joining up with Te Awamutu in the first place which got Cambridge in this financial shite we are now in. What real benefit do we get from expanding?

Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

No

Comments on the proposed ward names:

-

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

No

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

Neutral

Comments on the appointed councillors:

-

General comments:

LISTEN TO YOUR RATE PAYERS DO WHAT YOU ARE PAID TO DO! NOT WHAT YOU THINK WE WANT.

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

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ID:781

Stakeholders

Full Response

Bobbie Moughan

What ward are you currently in?

Cambridge

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

I don't think it's good to combine rural wards. They have different needs.

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

No

Comments on the boundary change:

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Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

Neutral

Comments on the proposed ward names:

-

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

Neutral

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

Neutral

Comments on the appointed councillors:

-

General comments:

Don't fix what isn't broken. These are testing times and it's good to have a wide variety of thoughts at the table

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

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Stakeholders

Full Response

Julie Redder

What ward are you currently in?

Cambridge

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

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Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

No

Comments on the boundary change:

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Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

No

Comments on the proposed ward names:

Why change the name?

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

Neutral

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

No

Comments on the appointed councillors:

We don't need community boards/ keep councillors and they should meet monthly together and make themselves available to discuss local issues/needs.

General comments:

Perhaps increase councillors for towns , Cambridge has grown and still numbers are increasing. It would make elected councillors more accessible/ accountable to residents and ratepayers.

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:783

*Stakeholders**Full Response*

Jane West

What ward are you currently in?

Cambridge

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

I think it should stay the same. Reduced representation is anti democratic, we need to have the same or more. Although poorly paid we need experience from a variety of community active, professional people on council, not full time bureaucratic councillors. The loss of councillors the calibre Mike Petit due to the implementation of this is extraordinary. People with such knowledge of the community should be encouraged, not give up their jobs to do a comparatively poorly paid full time councillors job.

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

No

Comments on the boundary change:

We need a variety of voices around the council table. Especially as so much business is conducted behind closed doors, especially considering the ombudsman recommendations have not been implemented. Is this legal?

Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

No

Comments on the proposed ward names:

Should remain the same

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

No

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

Should remain the same

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

No

Comments on the appointed councillors:

Happy for maori ward councillor to remain.

General comments:

This proposal seems to be being forced though on the desire of the mayor with time lines very tight.

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:784

Stakeholders

Full Response

Tania Oxton

What ward are you currently in?

Cambridge

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

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Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

Yes

Comments on the boundary change:

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Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

No

Comments on the proposed ward names:

-

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

Yes

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

Neutral

Comments on the appointed councillors:

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General comments:

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:785

*Stakeholders**Full Response*

Brian Winter

What ward are you currently in?

Te Awamutu-Kihikihi

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

There is concern given the high population growth that Waipa will be under represented in the future. The Council is currently undergoing work to cater to the diverse changes the district is facing. It does not make sense that we are then looking at reducing the representation Waipa receives when councillors will already face high workloads.

|| Regarding the amalgamation of the two rural wards, this will dilute the rural representation that people need. The needs of the people in Pirongia is different to those living on the other side of Cambridge for example. This is also a lot of ground to cover for two councillors who still have a higher proportion of the population to cater to and risks two people from the same area being elected and reducing the representation another area makes.

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

Neutral

Comments on the boundary change:

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Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

Neutral

Comments on the proposed ward names:

Disagree with the name Waipa Rural Ward. Status quo should remain as per comments above.

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

Yes

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

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Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

No

Comments on the appointed councillors:

Even though the Mayor appoints and would I assume be practical, in this instance, what would happen if both Boards appointed both the Waipa Rural Ward Councillors as set out above? There is a risk for lack of rural or urban representation on this plan given the change in structure to the rural seats. Community Board should have both views to ensure that a wide range of views are taken into account.

General comments:

Normally, I would be in favour of reducing the number of councillors to Council. However, I feel that this proposal is not suitable to the needs of the community and to the district at large. Efficiency is a good thing to have, however we must remember that our councillors have a duty to consult and reflect the views of the communities that they represent. There is a danger that this aspect is being watered down in order to speed up decisions and share a wider pool of remuneration. To me, being a councillor is not about making decisions quickly for the sake of it or doing it for the money, but it is about doing good for the community. Council must keep this at the core of their thinking when considering the representation review.

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

Yes

ID:786

Stakeholders

Full Response

Michael Cullen

What ward are you currently in?

Pirongia-Kakepuku

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pirongia-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

We live in a rural community. We need the present representation maintained. Reducing the local representation will achieve nothing, it will only reduce the contact that we need locally to deal with local issues. | Why is this being done? it is a complete waste of time and money

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

Neutral

Comments on the boundary change:

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Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

No

Comments on the proposed ward names:

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Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

No

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

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Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

Neutral

Comments on the appointed councillors:

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General comments:

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:787

Stakeholders

Full Response

Helen Martens

What ward are you currently in?

Cambridge

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

More representation is critical to democracy...as a growing community we need more not less

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

No

Comments on the boundary change:

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Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

Neutral

Comments on the proposed ward names:

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Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

Neutral

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

No

Comments on the appointed councillors:

Each community should choose their councillors

General comments:

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:788

*Stakeholders**Full Response*

Angela Frost

What ward are you currently in?

Cambridge

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

We need more voices representing the vastly different areas of Waipa - not less. | Whether WDC wants to acknowledge it or not, we are a rural district, with needs that should be taken into account for every single decision that council staff make (lets face it, it's not elected members doing the decision making. They just apply the rubber stamp). | Regardless of the submissions made on this unnecessary issue, you can't escape the elephant in the room forever. Make a decision about the maori ward now. It's not exempt from the democratic process.

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

No

Comments on the boundary change:

Karapiro is a rural ward in direct contrast to Cambridge, which is urban. | Both wards deserve proper and full representation to ensure that residents are given an independent voice.

Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

No

Comments on the proposed ward names:

Pointless exercise in futility.

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

No

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

See above about the ward names

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

No

Comments on the appointed councillors:

Your question is leading. Use the official name of the wards or scrap the question. | At the end of the day it doesn't matter where you get the elected members from for the community boards - their stance has to remain neutral. And the community board in Cambridge works for the council instead of the community anyway so changing anything will have no affect on how we are represented.

General comments:

You are asking us to have an opinion on something that is unnecessary until 2027. It comes on the back of some of the worst criticism WDC have faced from ratepayers in more than a decade. Instead of tinkering with the already reduced amount of councillors Waipa has, how

about you spend the time wisely and address the reasons why residents are fed up?|Also noted, it doesn't make one bit of difference how many people sit around the council table if all they are doing is jumping on whatever bandwagon is popular at the moment. |Start being the voice for the majority of the district (which means going against your staff) or resign.

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:789

Stakeholders

Full Response

Hayden Woods

What ward are you currently in?

Te Awamutu-Kihikihi

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

Have no confidence in councils ability or capacity to perform its duties (refer to WDC Audit & Risk Report; Page 25; 12th June 2023).....nor have the confidence in the elected 'vetting' or hand picking future candidates - this is for the people, and you are only their because of the people!

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

No

Comments on the boundary change:

No confidence in council!

Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

No

Comments on the proposed ward names:

Do not agree to, and take offence to their being a race based Ward, especially when the ministry has mandated you get rid of it. || Like everyone else, there is a general ward for EVERYONE to stand, or is a certain group not considered, or to good, to be included in with everyone else as EQUALS? Or is that considered racist being equal?

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

No

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

No comment

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

No

Comments on the appointed councillors:

There is NO POINT to having elected members on the Community Boards.....I have seen no evidence that they have brought anything to the table - for the most part they appear to just be muted statues in my opinion, wasting ratepayers money and time.

General comments:

I have NO CONFIDENCE in councils ability or capacity to perform its duties to the people in accordance with the LGA and WDC code of conduct that the elected breach with such regularity it's now just common practice.....that I recommend COMMISSIONERS be appointed!!!! | On record this has to be the WORST council and elected body that Waipa has had.....and the Audit & Risk Reports, and Annual Residents Survey, Rates Increases and Debt levels support this.

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

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Stakeholders

Full Response

Kirsty Foote

What ward are you currently in?

Cambridge

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

As is, there isn't enough voices for the community. Or councillors that actually listen to the community. I recommend ALL current councillors are fired!!! We need a whole new panel of actual community listening councillors.

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

No

Comments on the boundary change:

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Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

No

Comments on the proposed ward names:

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Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

No

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

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Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

No

Comments on the appointed councillors:

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General comments:

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:791

Stakeholders

Full Response

KATHIE SEMMENS

What ward are you currently in?

Cambridge

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

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Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

No

Comments on the boundary change:

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Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

Yes

Comments on the proposed ward names:

-

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

Yes

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

Yes

Comments on the appointed councillors:

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General comments:

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:792

*Stakeholders**Full Response*

Philip Kempthorne

What ward are you currently in?

Cambridge

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

As a resident in Cambridge the representation is too westward leaning and will leave Cambridge under represented. | Council representation should include a wide range of views and reducing the number of voices goes against that concept. | My understanding is that the representative has to be available full time and in so doing we will end up with career politicians and retired people able to commit time because they are not working. What we need is as wide a representation as possible. | This is an attempt to gain control and is not democracy as I understand it. We should have a participatory democracy.

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

No

Comments on the boundary change:

There should be a split between urban and rural

Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

Neutral

Comments on the proposed ward names:

-

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

Neutral

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

Neutral

Comments on the appointed councillors:

All Councilors should be elected

General comments:

Please see my comments above

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

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ID:793

Stakeholders

Full Response

Sarah Dudfield

What ward are you currently in?

Cambridge

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

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Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

Yes

Comments on the boundary change:

-

Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

Neutral

Comments on the proposed ward names:

-

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

Neutral

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

Neutral

Comments on the appointed councillors:

-

General comments:

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:794

Stakeholders

Full Response

Rob Shirley

What ward are you currently in?

Pirongia-Kakepuku

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pirongia-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

I have not been anywhere on line the changes to the numbers of voters to support this idea. In general, the reduction in the number of councillors is a move towards a board approach that further distances those who are representing the voters and those who are more about money. The proportional diminishment of the voices that speak largely for the rural part of Waipa (and that makes this area such a wonderful place to live) and the urban dwellers is not one that I support. Why is there no Council funded Community boards for parts of the District other than Cambridge and Te Awamutu? In the 30+ years I have lived in this district I always considered this as a better way of establishing more grass-roots opinion about things. By the way I do think that the district has been well run for years before I shifted here, and it was a factor in the decision to move here over the other Districts that surround Hamilton.

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

Neutral

Comments on the boundary change:

-

Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

No

Comments on the proposed ward names:

-

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

No

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

They are logical labels.

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

Yes

Comments on the appointed councillors:

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General comments:

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I have uploaded supporting material

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:
No

ID:795

Stakeholders

Full Response

Stuart McKenzie

What ward are you currently in?

Cambridge

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

Reducing the numbers of Councillors, reduces representation, and also the level of democracy that the rate payers experience

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

Yes

Comments on the boundary change:

-

Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

Neutral

Comments on the proposed ward names:

-

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

Neutral

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

No

Comments on the appointed councillors:

All councillors should be on the boards. Rural wards also should have community boards.

General comments:

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I have uploaded supporting material

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:825

Stakeholders

Full Response

John Barns-Graham

What ward are you currently in?

Cambridge

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

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Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

Neutral

Comments on the boundary change:

-

Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

No

Comments on the proposed ward names:

-

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

No

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

Neutral

Comments on the appointed councillors:

-

General comments:

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I have uploaded supporting material

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:826

Stakeholders

Full Response

Camille Guzzwell

What ward are you currently in?

Cambridge

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

Yes

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

-

Comments on the proposed reduction:

-

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

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Comments on the boundary change:

-

Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

-

Comments on the proposed ward names:

-

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

-

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

-

Comments on the appointed councillors:

-

General comments:

We do not need more councilors to represent us! We just need them to do the job!

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:827

Stakeholders

Full Response

Darryl Nix

What ward are you currently in?

Te Awamutu-Kihikihi

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

Very vague reasons given for the need of these changes | Agree that some Councillors are more inclined to be followers and need to represent their wards better than they do but current wards need to remain the same in order for the people in those wards to feel they are being properly represented at Council. | It has not been mentioned that with less Councillors, remaining Councillors can be paid more from the pool of money allocated for Councillors remuneration. One would think this is the main reason for the proposal.

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

No

Comments on the boundary change:

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Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

No

Comments on the proposed ward names:

-

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

No

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

No

Comments on the appointed councillors:

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General comments:

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I have uploaded supporting material

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:836

Stakeholders

Full Response

Stephen Hutt

What ward are you currently in?

Te Awamutu-Kihikihi

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

I'd like to keep the rural wards as they are.

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

Yes

Comments on the boundary change:

I support the reduction of 1 Cambridge ward councilor for fiscal reasons. I also believe Cambridge has ample representation.

Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

Yes

Comments on the proposed ward names:

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Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

Yes

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

Yes

Comments on the appointed councillors:

-

General comments:

Leave the Maori ward and honor the Treaty, from a Tangata Tiriti.

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:837

Stakeholders

Full Response

Tammy Tauroa

What ward are you currently in?

Maungatautari

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

Yes

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

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Comments on the proposed reduction:

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Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

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Comments on the boundary change:

-

Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

-

Comments on the proposed ward names:

-

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

-

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

-

Comments on the appointed councillors:

-

General comments:

I agree with reducing the overall council numbers from 4 to 3. I also would like to express the importance of retaining the Maori Ward as 1 and keeping Maori ward representation.

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:838

Stakeholders

Full Response

Brian Izzard

What ward are you currently in?
Cambridge

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?
No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?
No

Comments on the proposed reduction:
Providing there is some form of certainty that having fewer Councilors won't further distance councilors from the people that elect them then the number of Councilors is almost moot. I do think there is a concern that reducing the number of Councilors will result in less focus on residence needs and reduced access to councilors and an increase in the demands on fewer councilors from residence. ||As for the reported "desire" to get "more qualified" people involved - just because there may be fewer councilors doesn't mean that those who might be elected will be any better or worse than those currently in place. And what does "more qualified" mean anyway?? ||The rural ward geographically becomes very big which by default means there is a very diverse range of needs, issues and challenges to be dealt with. What matters to someone close to Hamilton will be very different to someone who lives at the south end of the district. |It would appear as though the two rural ward councilors would end up with a disproportionate workload trying to satisfy the needs of a way more diverse range of issues than say the Cambridge Ward councilors would.

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?
Yes

Comments on the boundary change:
I don't see that it makes too much difference. Cambridge is expanding that way (as well as many other directions) so I don't see that it impacts things very much at all.

Do you support the proposed names for the wards?
Neutral

Comments on the proposed ward names:
-

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?
Neutral

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:
-

Do you support the appointed councilors on the Community Boards being two councilors appointed either from:
No

Comments on the appointed councilors:
It can't be Yes, No or Neutral. That doesn't make sense!!! It should be option 1, option 2 or 1 from each. Equally where else would the two councilors come from??|That aside I don't see that having a rural ward rep would add anything to the Community Boards. They are

potentially covering such a big and diverse area if they are covering the whole rural ward (assuming the changes go through) that they have more than enough to do anyway. There would be more value and a greater affinity and accountability if the councilors come from the relevant urban general ward.

General comments:

Less is not necessarily better or more efficient - in fact it could well have the opposite effect and result in a less diverse range of views being put forward and a diluting of representation. This whole concept comes back to what is the role of councillors?? ||Are they there to represent their constituents or are they there to run the council?? ||At the moment it appears as though the representation part is sadly lacking as many residents feel ignored and frustrated with the way things work. Equally when residents see councillors "told off" for expressing an opinion (Phillip Coles with the "blue blob fiasco" and more recently Liz Stolwyk for speaking out about the changes to the Shakespeare St roundabout) it creates the impression that not toeing the party line is not tolerated. Having fewer councillors will likely exacerbate this. ||Personally I think it is healthy to know what our elected representatives feel about things and surely they are entitled to have an opinion and express it publicly. Isn't that what a democracy is all about??

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:839

*Stakeholders**Full Response*

Bren Farrell

What ward are you currently in?

Cambridge

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

I don't think the people of Waipa are adequately represented now so I believe a reduction in representation is not a good idea.

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

No

Comments on the boundary change:

I don't support any idea that results in less representation

Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

No

Comments on the proposed ward names:

I don't support reducing our representation

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

No

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

A waste of time and resources focusing on a pet project rather than a real issue in our community

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

No

Comments on the appointed councillors:

I don't support reducing representation or spending time on new ideas that are superficial and not real improvement in our community

General comments:

The changes proposed will result in less representation for the people of Waipa with no benefit. Costs are not reduced. Time and resources are used on a frivolous distraction. This is ratepayers money that needs to be used for real issues.

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:840

Stakeholders

Full Response

Bernard Westerbaan

What ward are you currently in?

Te Awamutu-Kihikihi

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

With more people living in our council area I feel that we need more, not less. We also need people who are listening to the ratepayers. Currently there is perhaps ONE only who listens? |Having less councillors does not improve the quality but will create less input from ratepayers. A review is not needed until 2027 so why now? Is this a diversion tactic trying to make ratepayers ignore other issues like rates increases? |Currently there seems to be a lack of communication between council and ratepayers. Examples are the stuff ups in Kihikihi and Cambridge roading issues. Also the Cambridge water tower issue is a big one. Council seems to want to increase debt as they want to build white elephants like a museum, a new library in Cambridge etc. |Although not part of the proposal I also feel that we do not need a maori ward. Anyone can stand for council, do the work, door knocking etc. and if elected, good, if not? It's called democracy.

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

Neutral

Comments on the boundary change:

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Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

No

Comments on the proposed ward names:

The current names do not need changing at all as the wards need to stay the same |Who is actually wanting the change? Council? the mayor? Certainly not the ratepayers.

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

No

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

The current names do not need changing at all as the wards need to stay the same |Who is actually wanting the change? Council? the mayor? Certainly not the ratepayers.

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

No

Comments on the appointed councillors:

Having been on the community board I feel that the appointed councillors are "useless", |I've noticed they do not vote on issues on community board level as they are councillors. Why are they even there? Any motion etc. can be relayed via email or presented at council meetings

General comments:

Stop trying diverting issues by wanting to do this. There are more urgent issues at stake like reducing debt, reduce staff levels, communicating better with ratepayers and LISTEN to them. | Submissions are important but council is NOT listening!!! | Councillors are out of touch as they are even asking "some" ratepayers for information what might be issues in their town?

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

Yes

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Stakeholders

Full Response

Bernard Frost

What ward are you currently in?

Cambridge

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

To reduce the number would open the door to dictatorship. A minority could push through unwanted agendas.

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

No

Comments on the boundary change:

Cambridge/Leamington have the highest number of population and only one councillor resident in the area.

Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

No

Comments on the proposed ward names:

Where's Leamington population says it should have a ward or be named with Cambridge.

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

No

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

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Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

No

Comments on the appointed councillors:

Absolutely not, this is an election not a picnic.

General comments:

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:843

Stakeholders

Full Response

Kylie MacDonald

What ward are you currently in?

Cambridge

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

I don't agree with less voices at the table. That means less community input.

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

No

Comments on the boundary change:

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Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

Neutral

Comments on the proposed ward names:

-

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

Neutral

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

Neutral

Comments on the appointed councillors:

-

General comments:

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:844

Organisation

Stakeholders

Full Response

Te Pahu Ratepayers and Residents Association

Teresa Bowe

What ward are you currently in?

Pirongia-Kakepuku

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pirongia-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

As a committee representing the Te Pahu community, we are strongly opposed to the combining of the rural wards into one, as we feel that we will not be adequately represented. We believe it would be too difficult for two councillors to adequately and fairly represent us, as the Pirongia Ward already covers several quite distinctive and individual communities with a wide range of differing needs.

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

Neutral

Comments on the boundary change:

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Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

No

Comments on the proposed ward names:

Too confusing - leave them as they are.

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

Neutral

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

Neutral

Comments on the appointed councillors:

-

General comments:

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:847

*Stakeholders**Full Response*

Carl Eden

What ward are you currently in?

Pirongia-Kakepuku

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pirongia-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

The proposed rural representation is geographically dispersed and on a per capita basis has the least councillors per resident. In addition, the proposed Cambridge ward does not lend itself to being sympathetic to a balanced view between rural and town opinion. | A far more equitable solution, (based on councillors per capita and the current trends), would be to keep the Pirongia-Kakepuku at 2 (this is growing) and bring the Maungatautari ward (Contracting) within the Cambridge Ward, (consider keeping 4 in expanded Cambridge ward, but possibly not required). Without an additional Cambridge councillor, the net effect is still the same number of councillors total. (If that is the budgetary requirement)

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

No

Comments on the boundary change:

Boundary change should be expanded to include Maungatauteri as detailed above.

Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

No

Comments on the proposed ward names:

Waipa Rural Ward should be Waipa West.

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

Neutral

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

Neutral

Comments on the appointed councillors:

-

General comments:

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:848

Stakeholders

Full Response

Kirsten Mcnamara

What ward are you currently in?

Te Awamutu-Kihikihi

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

Yes

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

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Comments on the proposed reduction:

-

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

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Comments on the boundary change:

-

Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

-

Comments on the proposed ward names:

-

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

-

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

-

Comments on the appointed councillors:

-

General comments:

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:849

*Organisation**Stakeholders**Full Response*

Te Pahu Ratepayers and Residents Association

Teresa Bowe

What ward are you currently in?

Pirongia-Kakepuku

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

Te Pahu Ratepayers and Residents are vehemently opposed to the merging of the rural wards. We believe we will become less visible and have less of a voice if there are only two councilors to represent the entire rural area of Waipa. We feel that funds and resources will not be spread evenly in proportion to our populations of the various villages in the rural area, with significant populations and needs on the western side of Waipa.

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

Neutral

Comments on the boundary change:

Does not affect us, don't have enough knowledge of the area to comment.

Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

No

Comments on the proposed ward names:

Too confusing, and totally unnecessary. We should keep Waipa West Ward, (or Pirongia Ward) and Waipa East Ward (or Maungatautari).

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

Neutral

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

Neutral

Comments on the appointed councillors:

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General comments:

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I have uploaded supporting material

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:851

Stakeholders

Full Response

Terry Donovan

What ward are you currently in?

Te Awamutu-Kihikihi

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

It's pretty disgusting to me that your Council is grounded in racism. I'm happy that there be 8 Councillors in total, but based on the best of the best. I have no problem choosing a suitable person from any race, and if 8 folks of Maori descent proved to be the best, I would vote for all of them! Having a race locked in is so demeaning to that race, and my disappointment is deep.

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

Neutral

Comments on the boundary change:

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Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

Neutral

Comments on the proposed ward names:

-

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

Neutral

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

Neutral

Comments on the appointed councillors:

-

General comments:

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I have uploaded supporting material

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:855

Stakeholders

Full Response

Tom Davies

What ward are you currently in?

Te Awamutu-Kihikihi

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

Neutral

Comments on the proposed reduction:

I need more information before I can answer the two immediately previous questions and most subsequent questions. |What evidence do we have that a Council of 8 (7) representatives will be more effective and efficient than the current 11 (10)?|These and subsequent questions unreasonably assume the proposal as stated will proceed.|The first question is do I agree with the proposal to reduce the WD Council representation from 11 to 8? I want more information and so far I can't find it.|How do the population numbers per Councillor compare with other similar District authorities? Compare with Waikato DC, Manawatu DC, Hawkes Bay (Hastings DC Napier DC) all excluding the cities? What are our government / legal obligations?

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

Neutral

Comments on the boundary change:

The immediately previous question. What evidence do we have that a Council of 8 (7) representatives will be more effective and efficient than the current 11 (10)?

Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

Neutral

Comments on the proposed ward names:

I await more information on my queries before commenting.

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

Neutral

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

I await more information on my queries before commenting.

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

Neutral

Comments on the appointed councillors:

I await more information on my queries before commenting.

General comments:

What evidence do we have that a Council of 8 (7) representatives will be more effective and efficient than the current 11 (10)?|These and subsequent questions unreasonably assume the proposal as stated is acceptable and will proceed.|The first question is do I agree with the proposal to reduce the WD Council representation from 11 to 8? I want more information and so far I can't find it.|How do the population numbers per Councillor

compare with other similar District authorities? Compare with Waikato DC, Manawatu DC, Hawkes Bay? What are our government / legal obligations? | I am still looking for more information so I reserve the right to present my submission - below.

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

Yes

ID:859

Stakeholders

Full Response

Pauline Walters

What ward are you currently in?

Cambridge

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

Yes

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

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Comments on the proposed reduction:

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Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

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Comments on the boundary change:

-

Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

-

Comments on the proposed ward names:

-

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

-

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

-

Comments on the appointed councillors:

-

General comments:

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:860

Stakeholders

Full Response

Tim Walters

What ward are you currently in?

Cambridge

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

Yes

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

-

Comments on the proposed reduction:

-

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

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Comments on the boundary change:

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Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

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Comments on the proposed ward names:

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Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

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Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

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Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

-

Comments on the appointed councillors:

-

General comments:

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:862

Stakeholders
Full Response

Nkick Cantlon

What ward are you currently in?
Te Awamutu-Kihikihi

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?
No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?
No

Comments on the proposed reduction:
The latest residents survey results may be a slight improvement on previous results but are still abysmal. I fail to see how reducing the number of Councillors will improve matters. 2 heads are better than 1 and thus 11 are better than 8 when it comes to representing a wide range of views. We need all the diversity we can get.

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?
Neutral

Comments on the boundary change:
If the decision is to reduce the number of councillors then Yes , else No

Do you support the proposed names for the wards?
No

Comments on the proposed ward names:
Question assumes that the 2 existing rural wards will be combined. I do not support reducing the rural ward to 1

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?
No

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:
No idea what a subdivision is in this context. I could not find any reference to subdivisions in the Statement of Proposal

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:
No

Comments on the appointed councillors:
As before the question assumes that the 2 current rural wards will be combined. I do not support reducing the number of rural wards to 1. However the Community Boards represent their urban communities. I do not see any value in having a rural Councillor on either of them. If the rural wards are to be combined there will be only 1 councillor available for 2 community boards. This type of question that leads submitters to a predetermined outcome is WRONG and puts the results of the whole survey into question

General comments:
I support the Status Quo. The current Council structure has been in place for less than 2 years. There were reviews and changes prior to both the 2019 and 2022 elections and now Council is proposing another change. Let's have some stability. The desire for more changes suggests that the decision making at the last 2 reviews was unsound. Why is there

any expectation that the result of this review will be any better?? | Several of the questions in the form presuppose that the proposed structure will be adopted. There are no questions that give submitters scope to answer if the status quo is preferred. This type of question that leads submitters to a predetermined outcome is WRONG and puts the results of the whole survey into question. Unfortunately (I sincerely hope not deliberately) several recent Council consultation surveys are similarly biased and thus of dubious value.

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Yes

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*Stakeholders**Full Response*

Murray Reid

What ward are you currently in?

Cambridge

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

Since inception Waipa has evolved into 2 halves. East and West. Population and Industrial growth is growing faster in the East, but there is a well formed perception that too many decisions have a West bias. Creation of only one Rural Ward will likely increase that bias.

|My solution would be to create one "Cambridge" ward by folding in the Maungatautari Ward into Cambridge and increasing the Councilor number for the new ward to 5. |Part of my reasoning relates to a belief that the Maori Ward has a rural bias creating further imbalance.

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

Yes

Comments on the boundary change:

None

Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

Neutral

Comments on the proposed ward names:

As all of Waipa, and the local Iwi, are within the boundaries of Waikato-Tainui I prefer to spell Maaori words without macrons, by duplicating long vowels.

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

Yes

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

None

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

No

Comments on the appointed councillors:

I question whether Community Boards, "need Councilor's with voting rights." |My preference would be for any appointed Councilor's to have guidance and advisory roles only.

General comments:

As stated I believe Waipa DC has evolved into a region fairly neatly split into an East and West. If the proposed number of 8 Councilor's is adopted there will then be a split of only 3 in the East and 5 in the West, with a mayor holding a general and casting vote. |My proposed solution would be to elevate Councilor numbers to 10. |I also suggest that population numbers to be used for the 2025 election are likely to be well

outdated. | Financially my proposals will be neutral.

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Yes

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*Stakeholders**Full Response*

Brent Murdoch

What ward are you currently in?

Cambridge

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

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Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

No

Comments on the boundary change:

-

Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

No

Comments on the proposed ward names:

-

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

No

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

No

Comments on the appointed councillors:

-

General comments:

I strongly disagree with this. For the size of the area covered by Waipa, it is important to have sufficient Councillors to provide the necessary expertise, experience, knowledge, interest and consideration of matters on behalf of the RATEPAYERS. | I think it is an inappropriate time to be considering any change in the number of councillors - it is something that should be considered when the local body elections are due early next year. | The only apparent reason for wanting to undertake this change, seems to be to increase the financial return to those on the council by sharing the same amount available between fewer people. This is not what local body politics is about. | Councillors are elected to provide the best possible service to ratepayers. | They are not elected for any other reason.

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

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Stakeholders

Full Response

Patricia Murdoch

What ward are you currently in?

Cambridge

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

-

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

No

Comments on the boundary change:

-

Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

No

Comments on the proposed ward names:

-

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

No

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

No

Comments on the appointed councillors:

-

General comments:

I strongly disagree with this. For the size of the area covered by Waipa, it is important to have sufficient Councillors to provide the necessary expertise, experience, knowledge, interest and consideration of matters on behalf of the RATEPAYERS. || I think it is an inappropriate time to be considering any change in the number of councillors - it is something that should be considered when the local body elections are due early next year. || The only apparent reason for wanting to undertake this change, seems to be to increase the financial return to those on the council by sharing the same amount available between fewer people. This is not what local body politics is about. || Councillors are elected to provide the best possible service to ratepayers. || They are not elected for any other reason.

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:868

Stakeholders

Full Response

Judy Bannon

What ward are you currently in?

Cambridge

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

With a growing population we need a broad cross section of our population to ensure we get a good representation of what the people as a whole wish, especially as they are paying for it through their rates.

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

No

Comments on the boundary change:

The decision should go to the residents concerned and through a consultation process.

Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

No

Comments on the proposed ward names:

-

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

Neutral

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

Yes

Comments on the appointed councillors:

The Community Boards are the one place the community can know what is happening within the council and can present their opinion without having to appear before a full council in Te Awamutu which can be unnerving for many people and therefore the representation by 2 councillors is vital.

General comments:

Being a councillor is a community service and as such should not be based on higher wages which has not always proved to create the best people for the job. | Many of our people are volunteers who, for the most part, are not paid at all and council, while some payment is fine, the role is part time not full time. | Many younger people are on Boards today so finding the time isn't always a factor and those on Boards have much more legal responsibility for the money they received which Councillors NO NOT have.

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No

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Stakeholders

Full Response

Ben Tyson

What ward are you currently in?

Cambridge

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

I agree with the consolidation of the rural wards though disagree with the reduction in Councillors. | The key message in the proposal is that the reduction "may" enhance efficient and focused decision making. The risk here is that the Councillor's have more residents to cover in hearing their voices for a fair and equal contribution to their district. | With the remuneration bucket remaining the same, it appears this is not a reasonable spend of money and time for the Council in these times.

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

Neutral

Comments on the boundary change:

-

Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

Neutral

Comments on the proposed ward names:

-

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

Neutral

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

Neutral

Comments on the appointed councillors:

-

General comments:

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:871

Stakeholders

Full Response

Karina Fox

What ward are you currently in?

Cambridge

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

-

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

Yes

Comments on the boundary change:

-

Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

Neutral

Comments on the proposed ward names:

-

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

Neutral

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

-

Comments on the appointed councillors:

-

General comments:

This council needs a complete do over. No one listens to anything the public have to say or concerns. It's like they are a rogue entity that does whatever the hell they like. And the answer they have to the public unhappy is to switch off comments online so it all looks like happy families. I think everyone including the mayor are doing a disservice to the local community. Ask us what we want and follow through with the promises you make.

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:872

Stakeholders

Full Response

Joshua Doolan

What ward are you currently in?

Cambridge

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

-

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

No

Comments on the boundary change:

-

Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

Yes

Comments on the proposed ward names:

-

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

Yes

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

Yes

Comments on the appointed councillors:

-

General comments:

-

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:873

Stakeholders

Full Response

Gillian Marttin

What ward are you currently in?

Cambridge

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

1.Population growth brings diversity to the region and hopefully business growth resulting in improved economic environment. |2. Decreasing number of councillors leads to less awareness of community engagement. There is an increased risk of less genuine ability to speak out on more controversial aspects of development in the region. |3. Risk of cliques with in the elected council is increased. |4. One rural ward does not give adequate representation to the large area in terms of size and with quite different views. |5. There was a reduction in councillors previously and it certainly hasn't improved the outcomes for Waipa.

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

No

Comments on the boundary change:

Karapiro is essentially a rural area and has a need to be represented as a rural area. |Just as Cambridge is an urban area with totally urban requirements.

Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

No

Comments on the proposed ward names:

One rural ward is ridiculous and gives no sense of area/ location.

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

No

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

-

Comments on the appointed councillors:

At the moment the Cambridge community Board simply appears to go along with the council and has minimal desire to listen to the community. The board chair responds to questions with an apparent disdain and arrogance and has little regard for the differing needs of the community , in particular the Disabled and elderly.

General comments:

I think the council need to get a more genuine approach to the community which it is elected to serve. |At the moment there is a great sense of discontent about many of the projects it has approved. |It is important to build for the future but not by disadvantaging

the present. People are willing to put up with disruption but not discrimination. |Also there is a need to ensure that the privacy statement is correctly upheld by the council

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

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Stakeholders

Full Response

Kaycee Message

What ward are you currently in?

Cambridge

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

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Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

Yes

Comments on the boundary change:

-

Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

No

Comments on the proposed ward names:

-

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

No

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

No

Comments on the appointed councillors:

-

General comments:

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:875

Stakeholders

Full Response

Joanne Todd

What ward are you currently in?

Cambridge

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

Waipa is growing at an amazing rate & the population increasing to match. If any changes were made, I would have thought more would be required instead of less. We just need a Council that listens to the rate payers & citizens of the area.

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

No

Comments on the boundary change:

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Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

No

Comments on the proposed ward names:

-

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

No

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

Neutral

Comments on the appointed councillors:

-

General comments:

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:876

Stakeholders

Full Response

Lyn Hunt

What ward are you currently in?

Maungatautari

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

Keep number of councillors at 10. Leave the rural wards as they are.

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

No

Comments on the boundary change:

-

Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

No

Comments on the proposed ward names:

-

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

No

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

No

Comments on the appointed councillors:

-

General comments:

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:877

Stakeholders

Full Response

Bob Russell

What ward are you currently in?

Cambridge

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

At a time when our area is growing in numbers this is not the time to cut councillors

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

No

Comments on the boundary change:

Nothing wrong as they stand

Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

No

Comments on the proposed ward names:

Leave as is

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

Neutral

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

Neutral

Comments on the appointed councillors:

Leave as is

General comments:

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:878

Stakeholders

Full Response

Russell Best

What ward are you currently in?

Pirongia-Kakepuku

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

Yes

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pirongia-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

-

Comments on the proposed reduction:

-

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

-

Comments on the boundary change:

-

Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

-

Comments on the proposed ward names:

-

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

-

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

-

Comments on the appointed councillors:

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General comments:

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:879

Stakeholders

Full Response

Harmandip Sandhu

What ward are you currently in?

Cambridge

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

Yes

Comments on the proposed reduction:

-

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

Yes

Comments on the boundary change:

-

Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

Yes

Comments on the proposed ward names:

-

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

No

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

Neutral

Comments on the appointed councillors:

-

General comments:

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:880

Stakeholders

Full Response

Pam Downey

What ward are you currently in?

Te Awamutu-Kihikihi

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

Community representation should be by a cross section of the community. Reducing the numbers to try and gain elite representation is counter-productive for the majority of residents that are not represented by the elite. What is worse than a table of "highly efficient" business people, is the fact you could get a bunch of radical thinking conspiracy theorists that are not balanced out by the extra numbers at the table.

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

Neutral

Comments on the boundary change:

-

Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

Neutral

Comments on the proposed ward names:

-

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

Neutral

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

Yes

Comments on the appointed councillors:

From watching the livestream of the 30 July 2024 meeting, it seems there is a hidden agenda being pushed on the councilors by a select few.... Or maybe a not so hidden agenda - it seems that some of the councilors think there is some "dead wood" sitting at the table, and they want to get rid of them and get bigger pay cheque's for themselves, to do their more important invisible work! Doesn't sound like democracy to me!

General comments:

You all voted to see what the public wanted in this horrendous waste of rate payer money... so now the public has spoken, let's see your next move of deceit

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

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Stakeholders

Full Response

Rawiri Keenan

What ward are you currently in?

I don't know

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

Neutral

Comments on the proposed reduction:

-

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

Yes

Comments on the boundary change:

-

Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

Neutral

Comments on the proposed ward names:

legislation may require them to include general/māori as a descriptor but could do without and Māori names for all wards?

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

Neutral

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

Neutral

Comments on the appointed councillors:

I think there needs to be consideration given for rural councillors|they will have a larger area too cover both for constituency but all electioneering|rural issues are rural issues but equally rural issues of Te Miro *for example) probably have more to do with Cambridge than Pirongia or Te Awamutu - was consideration given to larger local wards combining rural and urban areas - ie 3-4 general wards +1Māori with say current Maungatautari joining Cambridge ward

General comments:

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

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Stakeholders

Full Response

Ray Milner

What ward are you currently in?

Cambridge

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

-

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

-

Comments on the boundary change:

-

Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

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Comments on the proposed ward names:

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Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

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Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

-

Comments on the appointed councillors:

-

General comments:

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No



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What ward are you currently in¹? CAMBRIDGE or I don't know

¹ Current wards are: Cambridge, Maungatautari, Te Awamutu and Kihikihi, Pirongia-Kakepuku



Council Representation

Governance

The purpose of a District Council is to govern the large business enterprise which the community operates for its own welfare. This enterprise provides a complex interconnected set of services and infrastructure for the community and levies charges to pay for them. Councillors therefore need excellent financial and governance skills if they are to be effective in their role as governors.

1. I agree with the intention of the proposal to make councillors time more effective and efficient.
 - a. Merely reducing the number of councillors will not achieve this.
 - b. The quality and number of agenda papers and sub committees will have a far greater influence on councillor efficiency.
 - c. Less time debating issues will not necessarily increase the quality of the decisions made, nor will reducing the number of opinions or points of view available at the table.
2. Unlike a commercial enterprise council shareholders (rate payers) have diverse measures of success. While commercial shareholders are primarily concerned with growing their wealth through capital gains and dividends, rate payers are also the Council's customers and measure success by the quality of the services provided and want value for money. It is important that these diverse customer needs are represented and debated at the council table. Councils are social and cultural enterprises.
3. Reducing the number of councillors will effectively increase the remuneration paid to each councillor (on average) by 37.5%. The total remuneration pool remaining unchanged but shared by fewer councillors. This is expected to attract higher quality candidates.
 - a. There is no guarantee this will occur.
 - b. Councils are unattractive places for businesspeople with the skills to govern large enterprises due to:
 - i. Their inverted hierarchy – councillors are managed by the bureaucracy rather than the other way round.
 - ii. Lack of management accountability.
 - iii. Excessive workload.
 - iv. If this were not the case, we would see many more commercially astute councillors serving their communities just as they serve on the boards of many Trusts and Charities often for little or no remuneration.
4. A commercial board of directors is ideally selected based on the skills required to competently govern the business, for a district or city council this would ideally include:
 - a. Fiscal responsibility demonstrated by all members of the council.
 - b. Members of an audit committee.
 - c. Engineering and infrastructure/asset management skills and experience.
 - d. Strategic vision.
 - e. Innovative thinking and change management skills.
 - f. Community leadership skills.
 - g. Health and Safety experience.
 - h. PR and Communications experience.
 - i. Among others.

5. Merely reducing the number of councillors will reduce the skills available round the council table as popular candidates in each ward, those most likely to be elected, may have few of the required skills. They are also likely to shy away from difficult or unpopular decisions meaning these decisions are often delayed.
 - a. For example, a second bridge for Cambridge. The high level, Victoria Street bridge is not fit for purpose being unable to carry emergency service or large commercial vehicles. It has been known for a number of years that such a bridge will be required in the future and designating a likely corridor would have helped manage the process today.
6. A smaller number of councillors will also increase the likelihood of single focus lobby groups capturing the council. For example:
 - a. Lower rates lobby group, or
 - b. Green lobby group.
7. A weaker council will only increase the power and influence of the executive exacerbating the current power imbalance.

Improving the governance of local authorities is extremely important and has been identified as such by many sections of society especially given the constrained times we find ours in at the moment. I can see no improvements in the governance of Waipa DC evidenced by the proposal to reduce the number of councillors, indeed the reverse would appear to be the case.

Democracy

Democracy is best served when a community feels itself to be well represented and where minorities can have a voice.

8. Reducing representation, in my view, weakens a democracy and increases the chance of disruptive dissension by those who feel left out or unrepresented.
 - a. Consider the bridge meeting in Cambridge and the waste to power proposal for Te Awamutu.
 - i. Yes, it can happen here.
 - b. Consider the current turmoil among Māori seeing their position in society under threat by the current coalition government.
9. Even after 30 years of amalgamation there are still significant tensions and jealousies between the two former council areas, how will amalgamating the rural wards be viewed in the future?
 - a. With the weight of numbers in the west dominating the new proposed rural ward how will the 'minority' concerns of those further east be addressed?
 - b. Te Awamutu and Cambridge at least have ward representation which ensures their views are heard and considered.

There is no evidence offered that reducing the number of councillors will improve our local government democracy and removing rural wards is likely to reduce it for some more than others.

A Need for Change

Nothing in the consultation document argues or demonstrates a need for change.

10. There is no analysis of the pros and cons, no SWOT or other analysis showing the benefits of the changes proposed.
11. The community is left to wonder:
 - a. Is this a subversive pay rise?
 - b. Do the executive or Mayor have problems managing too many diverse opinions?
 - c. Why now when the community has been consulted before each of the last two elections and the current review is not mandatory?

It is difficult to support change when there is no reason or explanation given for it.

Conclusion

While the representation we have now is not perfect and lacks many of the specific skills ideally required to govern the largest single enterprise in our district, I believe reducing the number of councillors without ensuring candidates have the business and financial skills to competently govern such an enterprise will potentially exacerbate the current situation.

I DO NOT SUPPORT REDUCING COUNCILLOR NUMBERS.

Oral Submission

Unfortunately, I am overseas when Council plans to hear oral submissions as I would otherwise have attended to make the following remarks and answer questions.

Thank for opportunity

Take written submission as read

1. Difficulty in attracting the skill set required
 - a. In absence of expertise the next best thing is a number of intelligent questions from a number of different perspectives which a smaller council by definition will lack.
 - b. Such questioning of managers is essential for any well-run organisation.
 - c. Etc.
2. I understand that at least one current long-standing councillor is questioning whether or not they will have the time necessary to devote to meet the new workload if numbers are reduced.
 - a. This does not speak of increasing council efficiency.
 - b. How will this help attract other new professional people to this table?
 - c. Are these new fewer councillors more or less likely to be captured by the executive when they are spending more time being 'educated', 'managed', 'directed' by them?

3. Is looking for councillor efficiency putting the cart before the horse? Surely Council efficiency comes from a lean and efficient organisation?
 - a. The organisation is kept lean and efficient by being accountable to councillors who are in turn accountable to their electors.
 - b. Etc.

Thank you for your attention ladies and gentlemen.

Ray Misher

1/9/2024

ID:883

Stakeholders

Full Response

Sheila Margaret Cox

What ward are you currently in?

Cambridge

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

-

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

Neutral

Comments on the boundary change:

-

Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

Neutral

Comments on the proposed ward names:

-

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

Neutral

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

No

Comments on the appointed councillors:

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General comments:

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I have uploaded supporting material

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:884

Stakeholders

Full Response

Allan Crouch

What ward are you currently in?

Cambridge

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

I want see all 10 kept for better representation

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

No

Comments on the boundary change:

It's not needed

Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

No

Comments on the proposed ward names:

We don't need a maori ward, what about a Chinese ward and an Indian ward.

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

No

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

Leave them as they are and stop fiddling with non important things

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

No

Comments on the appointed councillors:

Should be independent to have better community engagement to stop reckless spending on the stupid projects going on now

General comments:

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:886

Stakeholders

Full Response

Dorothy Gaunt

What ward are you currently in?

Cambridge

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

Neutral

Comments on the proposed reduction:

-

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

Yes

Comments on the boundary change:

-

Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

Yes

Comments on the proposed ward names:

-

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

Yes

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

Yes

Comments on the appointed councillors:

-

General comments:

-

I have uploaded supporting material

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:887

*Stakeholders**Full Response*

don sanders

What ward are you currently in?

Cambridge

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

We need more representation not less. It appears as if councillors just want to get themselves a pay rise from the limited pool of funds. Cambridge used to have five and you want us to drop to three. If you think this is a good idea, then you should ask the community. Any changes to the way we elect our representatives should be decided by our community, and not by people with a conflict of interest.

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

No

Comments on the boundary change:

No, this appears to be to allow the Deputy Mayor to get more votes.

Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

No

Comments on the proposed ward names:

Why do you have proposed names when the decision has not been made.

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

No

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

We should keep the status quo

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

No

Comments on the appointed councillors:

We should keep the status quo

General comments:

We should keep the status quo

I have uploaded supporting material

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:888

Stakeholders

Full Response

Hank Larson

What ward are you currently in?

Cambridge

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

This should not be allowed.

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

No

Comments on the boundary change:

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Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

No

Comments on the proposed ward names:

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Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

No

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

No

Comments on the appointed councillors:

-

General comments:

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I have uploaded supporting material

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:889

Stakeholders

Full Response

james Watson

What ward are you currently in?

Maungatautari

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

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Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

No

Comments on the boundary change:

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Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

No

Comments on the proposed ward names:

-

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

No

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

No

Comments on the appointed councillors:

-

General comments:

-

I have uploaded supporting material

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:890

Stakeholders

Full Response

Tom Davies

What ward are you currently in?

Te Awamutu-Kihikihi

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

Neutral

Comments on the proposed reduction:

According to the below criteria from the WDC website (quote below) the Rural Ward does not meet this criteria and should be 3;|"With a proposal to reduce the Councillors in the urban wards by one, the urban Councillors are representing approximately 7,675 electors each. A solution for the rural wards was therefore required where rural councillors were representing within +/-10% of the urban ward Councillors representation of 7,675. The combined rural ward was the solution for the rural wards which met that criteria."|| $7675 \times 100\% = 8442.5$ However the Rural Ward is 8750! Please explain?

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

Yes

Comments on the boundary change:

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Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

Yes

Comments on the proposed ward names:

-

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

Yes

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

Yes

Comments on the appointed councillors:

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General comments:

According to the below criteria from the WDC website (quote below) the Rural Ward does not meet this criteria and should be 3;|"With a proposal to reduce the Councillors in the urban wards by one, the urban Councillors are representing approximately 7,675 electors each. A solution for the rural wards was therefore required where rural councillors were representing within +/-10% of the urban ward Councillors representation of 7,675. The combined rural ward was the solution for the rural wards which met that criteria."| $7675 \times 100 \div 10\% = 8442.5$ However the Rural Ward is 8750! Please explain?

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

Yes

ID:891

Stakeholders

Full Response

Brent Nielsen

What ward are you currently in?

Cambridge

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

Yes

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

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Comments on the proposed reduction:

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Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

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Comments on the boundary change:

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Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

-

Comments on the proposed ward names:

-

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

-

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

-

Comments on the appointed councillors:

-

General comments:

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:893

Stakeholders

Full Response

Kane Titchener

What ward are you currently in?

Pirongia-Kakepuku

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pirongia-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

We need more diversity of thought, not less. Better timing for this review would have been after Māori Ward referendum. 7 Councillors is too few if Māori Ward not retained.

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

Yes

Comments on the boundary change:

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Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

No

Comments on the proposed ward names:

Remove General.

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

Yes

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

Yes

Comments on the appointed councillors:

-

General comments:

I do not see this review as an appropriate use of rate payer funds at this time.

I have uploaded supporting material

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:894

Stakeholders

Full Response

Eileen Hawkins

What ward are you currently in?

Cambridge

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

These rural neighbourhoods are quite different from one another and also quite a distance from one another, so I feel that they need their own representation.

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

Yes

Comments on the boundary change:

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Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

No

Comments on the proposed ward names:

-

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

No

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

No

Comments on the appointed councillors:

-

General comments:

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I have uploaded supporting material

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:895

Stakeholders

Full Response

Mandy Robinson

What ward are you currently in?

Cambridge

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

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Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

No

Comments on the boundary change:

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Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

No

Comments on the proposed ward names:

-

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

No

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

No

Comments on the appointed councillors:

-

General comments:

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I have uploaded supporting material

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:897

*Stakeholders**Full Response*

Elizabeth Foo

What ward are you currently in?

Pirongia-Kakepuku

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pirongia-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

It is vital that the Waipa rural community maintains the current representation of 3 councillors and 2 wards if anything we need more representation. The rural contribution to both the district and New Zealand in both agriculture and tourism is immense. We are the home of Dairy, Racing and tourism in the Waipa, without which the urban areas would suffer if not adequately represented. |To maintain the rural beauty and productivity of our villages and landscape we must have rural issues represented by those that understand the balance needed for Waipa to thrive as a whole. Looking just at Te Pahu, there has been steady growth in the area, from census data the percentage population increase has been 6% between 2006 and 2013 and 12% between 2013 and 2018 if the trend continues (figures from stats NZ due in October 2024) the 2023 census would show another doubling of 24% we will see. |I am vigorously opposed to decreasing the number of council representatives for the pirongia-kakapuku ward.

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

No

Comments on the boundary change:

I do not have enough knowledge of the effect or the reasoning of this change

Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

No

Comments on the proposed ward names:

Pirongia-Kakepuku and Maungatautari should remain as they are, they are very different in both geography (being separated by SH39) and economy. Combining them dilutes the separate issues of each ward and is confusing.

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

No

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

Pirongia can not be forgotten

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

No

Comments on the appointed councillors:

There is already a large disparity of voting power between urban and rural communities. |There should be a third community board just representing the rural ward. |As there is currently only 2 community boards, the councillors should be 2 rural and 2 urban.

ID:902

Stakeholders

Full Response

Vicki Ewing

What ward are you currently in?

Cambridge

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

More representation is always advantageous - hopefully getting a more diverse council

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

Neutral

Comments on the boundary change:

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Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

Neutral

Comments on the proposed ward names:

-

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

Neutral

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

Neutral

Comments on the appointed councillors:

-

General comments:

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I have uploaded supporting material

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:906

Stakeholders

Full Response

Denise Hall

What ward are you currently in?

Cambridge

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

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Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

No

Comments on the boundary change:

-

Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

No

Comments on the proposed ward names:

-

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

No

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

No

Comments on the appointed councillors:

Equal amount of councillors from various areas/towns instead of one

General comments:

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

I acknowledge that I have read the privacy statement and am happy to proceed.

Yes

ID:907

Organisation

Rangitata

Stakeholders

HUGH EARWAKER

Full Response

What ward are you currently in?
Te Awamutu-Kihikihi

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?
No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?
Neutral

Comments on the proposed reduction:
My main reservation is the potential to have the rural councillors both coming from one side of the district. I am a fan of wards in general not at large. We need local and the rural area is reasonably large. These councillors have a similar population to represent but a lot bigger area to cover

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?
Yes

Comments on the boundary change:
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Do you support the proposed names for the wards?
Yes

Comments on the proposed ward names:
-

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?
Yes

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:
-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:
Yes

Comments on the appointed councillors:
-

General comments:
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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:
No

ID:910

Stakeholders

Full Response

Angus Smith

What ward are you currently in?

Pirongia-Kakepuku

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pirongia-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

We need representation. There is a need to select elected members for council leadership. More councillors means better choice for senior leadership some councillors can be ineffective.

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

No

Comments on the boundary change:

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Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

No

Comments on the proposed ward names:

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Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

No

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

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Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

No

Comments on the appointed councillors:

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General comments:

Do not change what we have now.

I have uploaded supporting material

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:912

*Stakeholders**Full Response*

Kim Bannon

What ward are you currently in?

Cambridge

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

Please see the attached document, thanks

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

No

Comments on the boundary change:

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Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

Neutral

Comments on the proposed ward names:

-

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

Neutral

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

No

Comments on the appointed councillors:

I would prefer that Community Boards retain the current system, please see the attached document, thanks.

General comments:

Please see the attached document.

I have uploaded supporting material

https://haveyoursay.waipadc.govt.nz/download_file/296

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Yes

The fundamental goal of any change in the number of councillors is “fair and effective representation at elections”. I believe the proposed changes are detrimental to these objectives.

1. **Ward representation is currently fair.** Currently, wards are evenly represented and fall within the Local Electoral Act 2001.
2. **Transparency Concerns:** A lack of transparency weakens democracy. The review of ward boundaries has been presented as achieving possible efficiency gains. The Statement of Proposal does not mention higher wages for councillors as a driving factor. Given that this has been a driver for the mayor, (see 3 June 2021 interview attached) it is not clear why this has not been included in the Statement of Proposal.

Representation data is not shown for the current wards, only the proposed wards, and readers cannot make the comparison. For Te Awamutu – Kihikihi General Ward the number of councillors per person increases from 5,100 to 7,650 (the information was kindly provided by the council on request). This is a 50% increase and is material for those providing feedback.

The average ward size, excluding the Māori ward, increases from 5,590 to 7,986. This information is not provided in the Statement of Proposal.

3. **Significant increase in the population per councillor.** The proposed changes significantly increase the population per councillor, by between 34% and 50% for each ward. The average ward size, excluding the Māori ward, increases from 5,590 to 7,986. Waipa has a growing population, so this increase will compound with time.
4. **Less accessibility:** With fewer councillors representing larger areas and populations, it may become more difficult for residents to access and communicate with their elected representatives, particularly for the rural wards.
5. **Rural representation at risk:** I agree with Montgomerie’s concerns that the proposed changes will struggle to give an adequate voice to the rural community of Maungatautari. The two rural councillors voted from across the district will represent quite different communities of interest.

The Pirongia-Kakepuku and Maungatautari wards have populations of 12,350 and 5,350 respectively. There is a risk that both elected councillors can be from the Pirongia-Kakepuku ward and provide no voice for Maungatautari. Unless the council has some way to mitigate this risk, I would strongly urge councillors to vote against the proposed changes for this reason alone. You need to ensure that all communities in the district will have a voice on the council and the proposed changes reduce that.

6. **Combined rural wards not a ‘community of interest’.** A ‘community of interest’ is the community people associate with most. Pirongia-Kakepuku and Maungatautari wards do not have a dependence on shared facilities and services in their areas. How frequently do people from the two communities meet together? Are they the people they associate with most?
7. **Community boards would not be served well,** as they may no longer have two councillors from their ward representing them. Previously some council members have sought to remove community boards. Is there a greater risk of this being pushed through if the proposed changes proceed?
8. **Reduced diversity of perspectives:** Fewer councillors will lead to a narrower range of viewpoints and experiences represented on the council and could come at the cost of reduced representation of the diverse community interests.
9. **Second reduction in councillors since 2018:** The number of councillors was reduced from 13 to 11 in 2018, and now a reduction from 11 to 8 is being proposed. Will there be another reduction in a few years? This is while the Waipa population is growing.
10. **What has changed since 2018 that means 11 councillors is no longer considered the best solution?** A review was also completed in 2021.
11. **Would the hoped-for efficiency gains in decision-making result from less robust discussion?** A resident noted in the local paper that efficiency gains could be made by reducing discussions on minor matters or matters that could be handled by council staff. I am not sure if this is a valid point, but, if possible, then it would be a solution that would improve time spent on decision-making without reducing the voice of the community served.
12. **Past councillor reductions have not provided evidence for efficiency gains.** Despite previous reductions in the number of councillors (in 2018), there have been no apparent efficiency gains or improvement in service for ratepayers. Can the council provide any evidence of efficiency gains? And how this has translated into a better service for Waipa residents? How would this metric be measured for 2024?
13. **Hypothetical gains and real costs:** The Finance and Corporate Committee states that not changing wards would avoid additional costs or resource requirements. Do the hypothetical efficiency gains outweigh the real costs? Would any gains made in decision-making be offset by the extra time each councillor has to invest in serving the greater number of residents?

Would hypothetical efficiency gains in meetings be offset by the increase in the population per councillor (an increase between 34% and 50% for each ward)? Especially given the greater geographical area of the rural wards.

14. **Concentration of power:** A smaller council could potentially lead to a concentration of decision-making power among fewer individuals. With fewer councillors, the mayor's vote would carry more weight proportionally
15. **Current councillors of high calibre:** The 3 June 2021 article (attached) claims that better pay is required to attract better calibre councillors. I believe the current councillors are of good calibre.
16. **Councillors should be motivated by community, not money:** Research by Frey and Götte has found increasing pay for volunteer work is detrimental and can decrease performance. There are parallels here. Monetary incentives can shift the focus from the intrinsic value of community service to the financial reward, potentially leading to less engagement and a transactional mindset.
17. **Volunteers with community focus:** Many successful non-profit organizations in Waipā are run by volunteers. Cambridge has many successful sports teams managed and coached by volunteers. We hear the fire siren going off in the middle of the night and have seen our firefighters run down the streets to the station during the day when the alarm sounds, quickly closing the doors to their businesses. Our Ambulance staff give up 12 hours of their day (or night) for each shift they're rostered on, and many are volunteers. Are these people not of high calibre?
18. **Encouraging community-minded councillors.** If the proposed reduction in councillors were to proceed, with longer hours for councillors then it may deter the very community-minded people we would want to represent us, while attracting those motivated by the pay.
19. **Better pay for councillors.** However, if the council were to proceed with the proposed changes then I believe the councillors should be the beneficiaries of any salary increase. This will reflect their greater responsibilities. Councillors will bear the additional workload that results from representing a larger population. Conversely, the Mayor's workload would reduce with fewer councillors. All elected officials would benefit from any hoped-for efficiency gains. In business, if a manager had a smaller team, then a salary increase would be highly unusual.

The current representation works well. The proposed changes are not an improvement in fair representation. As councillors you need to do what is best for the community you serve. I have seen nothing compelling in the Statement of Proposal, other than hoped-for efficiency gains, but with certain cost increases, and reduced representation, especially for the rural wards.

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Call to resize council

By Mary Anne Gill

Waipa District Council has too many elected members and should reduce the numbers to attract people with the skill sets the district needs.

The call comes from Susan O'Regan, who chairs the council's Strategic Planning and Policy Committee, and was one of 14 elected officials who considered 1565 submissions to the council's Long-Term Plan over four days last month.

She says having a mayor, 13 ward councillors and 11 community board members for a district population of 56,200 people is too many. Add in central and regional representatives and Waipa is "over-governed", she says.

In contrast, Hamilton has a mayor and 12 councillors for a population of 169,500 people.

Chairing the committee was a mammoth job for the 49-year-old former barrister who was brought up to value public service and service to the community. She is the only daughter of the late Katharine O'Regan who was the first woman elected to the Waipa County Council and who then went on to be a Member of Parliament for 15 years.

In a wide-ranging exclusive interview with The News, Susan O'Regan spoke of her political ambitions, life on an award-winning farm with husband John Hayward and being the mother of a blessed family of five aged from six to 21.

The two-term councillor represents just over 4000 residents in the sprawling rural Takapūia ward which surrounds Te Awamutu on all sides and shares boundaries with both the Pirongia and Maungakāwhiri wards.

"There are too many elected members. I'd prefer to see that number reduced in Waipa and would like to see us do a bit of work around actively reducing the numbers."

Waipa has a pool of 5470,016 a year from the Restoration Authority to allocate to its elected members. Fewer elected members would result in higher salaries for individuals.

"Hopefully, we can attract the people with skill sets we need rather than people with time on their hands and who have passive incomes."

O'Regan concedes she is in a privileged position where her husband can accommodate for her when she is on council business.

But most councillors must forgo having a full-time job because of the time demands and that results in a council that is not reflective of society, she says.

"We have meetings every Tuesday. It doesn't lend itself to being an option for a lot of people."

"I'd like the membership around our table to be like our streets," she says.

Mayor Ian Mylchreest gets \$135,500, deputy mayor Liz Stolovyk \$40,335, four committee chairs including O'Regan, \$40,001 each and councillors \$35,364. Chairs of Cambridge and Te Awamutu community boards get \$18,778 and \$18,132 and members \$939 and \$906.

By comparison, Hamilton mayor Paula Southgate gets \$174,500 and committee chairs \$101,700.

The last review of councillor numbers was held in 2018 and resulted in an additional representative for Cambridge. Another review will be required to accommodate the new Maori ward for next year's local government elections.

• Mary Anne Gill talks to Susan O'Regan – see page 6.



Susan O'Regan wants to see some active work carried out to cut councillor and board numbers in Waipa.

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*Stakeholders**Full Response*

Alison Storey

What ward are you currently in?

Maungatautari

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

The more voices, and feedback from ratepayers via councilors, that are around the table, the better. The performance of this council is rated as low at the moment, so tightening those numbers down, notwithstanding the numbers of ratepayers represented argument, does not make democratic sense. Broader views and wider opinions are essential to ensure the most informed decisions are made while Cambridge continues to grow. Furthermore, reducing councilors when Cambridge is exponentially growing can't possibly equate to a fair representation of ratepayer views in the foreseeable future.

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

No

Comments on the boundary change:

Absolutely do not agree. The proposal talks about "community of interest" - the perceptual identification out at Karapiro/Maungatautari comes from being rural and the desire to be part of a community that utilises the land and is the opposite of urban. Functional needs out at Karapiro/Maungatautari are obvious with regard to water and septic tanks for instance. Political - it would take an exceptional person to be able to balance the views, needs and opinions of two community groups as diverse as rural and urban in bringing feedback to the council table - the current Cambridge ward councilors in particular do not live in Karapiro & Maungatautari and in fact some campaigned on policies that were entirely urban oriented. It may also be very unwise to bring the Karapiro Domain into the Cambridge Ward, considering a current Cambridge Ward councilor holds the lease to manage that property. Whilst understanding the Auditor General has deemed no conflict of interest, common sense and the moral integrity of the council should ensure no deepening conflict of interest is created.

Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

Neutral

Comments on the proposed ward names:

-

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

Neutral

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

Neutral

Comments on the appointed councillors:

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General comments:

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Stakeholders

Full Response

Nikki Cahalane

What ward are you currently in?

Pirongia-Kakepuku

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pirongia-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

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Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

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Comments on the boundary change:

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Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

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Comments on the proposed ward names:

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Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

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Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

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Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

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Comments on the appointed councillors:

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General comments:

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:923

*Stakeholders**Full Response*

John Hegarty

What ward are you currently in?

Pirongia-Kakepuku

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pirongia-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

There are other options, e.g. zero reduction in number of elected councillors, 11 to 8,9 or 10 councillors. A rejig of rural wards might be into 2 such wards; Waipa Rural West (incl Pirongia and Ohaupo) with 2 elected councillors and Waipa Rural East with one elected councillor (representing a smaller population).

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

Neutral

Comments on the boundary change:

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Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

No

Comments on the proposed ward names:

Te Awamutu and Kihikihi General Ward - Yes | Cambridge General Ward - Yes | Waipa Rural General Ward - NO | Waipa Maori Ward - Yes | | Refer to above comments on proposed reduction.

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

Neutral

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

Neutral

Comments on the appointed councillors:

-

General comments:

I note that the payment to council from the NZ Remuneration Authority will not change should the number of councillors be reduced as proposed by WDC - This would represent a 37% "pay" increase to elected members - not acceptable!!! | Given that the region has a growing population it seems illogical to dilute their representation body, whilst in effect, further adding to each councillors potential workload.

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

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*Stakeholders**Full Response*

Sharon Stirling

What ward are you currently in?

Te Awamutu-Kihikihi

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

This review is unnecessary, and should not be happening. | NO (The number of Councillors must not be reduced). | The people of this district already have very poor representation. Any further reduction in | the number of Councillors will put us at an even greater disadvantage than we already are. | Combining the rural wards would be a backward step. The 2 Councillors elected would be | expected to represent not only every demographic within the ward, old, young, male, | female, wealthy, not so wealthy, and so on, but have a huge geographic area to cover, and | maintain relationships with. This job would be impossible. (The Maori ward Councillor could | tell you about that)

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

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Comments on the boundary change:

Boundary changes are inevitable from time to time, due to people moving around.

This | should only occur when we have accurate statistics from a full census, run by Stats NZ.

Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

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Comments on the proposed ward names:

The names of the wards and subdivisions will remain unchanged.

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

-

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

-

Comments on the appointed councillors:

Councillor appointments to Community Boards may remain unchanged. I would prefer | Councillors appointed to Community Boards understand they are there to communicate | between Council and Community Board.

General comments:

I would prefer we have lots more Councillors, to achieve more diversity around the Council | table, and a better variety of skills and talents among those representing the community. At | the present time, those elected to represent the geographical area where I live, do not | represent my demographic at all. None of them share my views on anything.

Currently there is way too much power in the hands of too few people. One or two Councillors have grumbled the remuneration is not adequate for the magnitude of the job, or that the workload has increased to the point where the job is almost impossible. Yet they are all recommending a Council of fewer Councillors!! My opinion is that making the position of Councillor more lucrative has attracted exactly the wrong people. I would prefer to see lots more Councillors, so the workload could be split between them, be less onerous, less overwhelming, more do-able. This would attract people who have real life skills, people who know how things are out here in the real world, people who genuinely care. I suggest one Councillor per 3000 people. In the present ward structure that would equate to (+/-) Cambridge having 7 Councillors, Te Awamutu / Kihikihi having 5, the rural wards having 6 (this could be divided into 3 wards to reduce the distances to be travelled), Maori 2 (one ward or two, I don't mind). I would also prefer that Councillors are required to be resident in the area they represent.

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Stakeholders

Full Response

Janet Smith

What ward are you currently in?

Pirongia-Kakepuku

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

Yes

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pirongia-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

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Comments on the proposed reduction:

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Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

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Comments on the boundary change:

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Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

-

Comments on the proposed ward names:

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Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

-

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

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Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

-

Comments on the appointed councillors:

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General comments:

The rural and town areas of Te Awamutu/Cambridge are an exceptionally nice area to reside in. So many choices of activities and places to visit. Parks etc, no cost. Please make sure, you people, who are in charge, are there also for the good of this great community.

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No

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Stakeholders

Full Response

Joy McGregor

What ward are you currently in?

Pirongia-Kakepuku

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pirongia-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

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Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

No

Comments on the boundary change:

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Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

No

Comments on the proposed ward names:

-

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

No

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

No

Comments on the appointed councillors:

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General comments:

Any cut in Council representation should be at the unelected level not the officially ratepayer elected members.

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

ID:927

Stakeholders

Full Response

Mary Kimber

What ward are you currently in?

Te Awamutu-Kihikihi

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

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Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

No

Comments on the boundary change:

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Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

No

Comments on the proposed ward names:

-

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

No

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

No

Comments on the appointed councillors:

-

General comments:

If any cut is required in Council Representation it should come from unelected representatives, not from councillors who have been put there by the ratepayers, who are their employers.

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No

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*Stakeholders**Full Response*

Edith Hazel Barnes

What ward are you currently in?

Te Awamutu-Kihikihi

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

No

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

No

Comments on the proposed reduction:

There has not been any explanation of what this means for the role of elected members. What is it that current members are not doing that has led to considering reducing the numbers will be efficient? WDC's improving profile with the public and "satisfaction with Councils services" suggests the current councillors put a lot of effort in to actions the public wanted. How will less members have the time to likewise?

Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

Neutral

Comments on the boundary change:

What do the ratepayers in that area want? I can't answer this until that is known.

Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

No

Comments on the proposed ward names:

Kihikihi has it's own identity as does Te Awamutu and have their own committees and activities. I have difficulty commenting until the communities have made their decisions on naming.

Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

No

Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

As stated - Te Awamutu & Kihikihi have their own identities, strengths etc. Both communities have worked hard to develop their identities and differences hormonally. Leave them alone to get things done and take responsibility.

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

No

Comments on the appointed councillors:

I support the appointment of councillors from relevant wards. This question assumes that "General Wards" are going to be accepted.

General comments:

I look forward to any progress the current WDC might move toward provided they have consulted. It is obvious that the word "consulted" has a different meaning from Council and we folk that live here. Personally - I have not been always on committees where opinions have been sought so do not know or feel informed. |I also feel that the decision to the proposal to reduce the numbers of General Waipa District Ward Councillors from 10 to 7 by

the Finance and Corporate Committee should have been from all Councillors to obtain a strong decision (Refer Te Awamutu Courier P.5 Mayors Report).

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Yes

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Stakeholders

Full Response

Michelle Bocock

What ward are you currently in?

Maungatautari

Do you support all aspects of this proposal?

Yes

Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the number of general ward councillors from 10 to 7 and combine the rural wards of Pironga-Kakepuku and Maungautari?

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Comments on the proposed reduction:

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Do you agree with a minor boundary change to the Cambridge Ward and subdivision to incorporate an additional area at Karāpiro into the Cambridge Ward?

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Comments on the boundary change:

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Do you support the proposed names for the wards?

-

Comments on the proposed ward names:

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Do you support the proposed subdivision names?

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Comments on the proposed subdivision names:

-

Do you support the appointed councillors on the Community Boards being two councillors appointed either from:

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Comments on the appointed councillors:

-

General comments:

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I wish to present my submission verbally to a public Council hearing:

No