

NOTICE OF MĀORI WARDS & CONSTITUENCIES POLLS

KAIPARA DISTRICT COUNCIL

WHANGAREI DISTRICT COUNCIL

& NORTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

Valid demands for a poll from electors of the **Kaipara District Council**, **Whangarei District Council** and **Northland Regional Council** have been received on whether the districts or region should be divided into one or more Māori wards or constituencies.

Under current legislation, notice of the polls is required to be given, with a scheduled poll date of Friday 21 May 2021.

However, the Local Electoral (Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Bill, which removes all mechanisms for binding polls to be held on whether Māori wards or Māori constituencies will be established, is expected to be passed into law very shortly. If passed into law, any demand for a poll must be disregarded, and the requirement to hold a binding poll is cancelled. Further public notice of this will be made.

Notice is accordingly given under section 19ZF and section 52 of the Local Electoral Act 2001, that polls are scheduled to be held for Kaipara District Council, Whangarei District Council and Northland Regional Council on Friday 21 May 2021 by postal vote using the first past the post electoral system.

The outcome of the polls will be binding for the next two triennial general elections of the relevant local authority, **subject however to enactment of the Local Electoral (Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Bill.**

Electoral Rolls

The electoral rolls to be used for the polls will close at 4.30pm on Friday 25 March 2021 and can be inspected during normal business hours between Thursday 25 February 2021 and Friday 25 March 2021 at the following locations:

- Far North District Council, 5 Memorial Avenue, Kaikohe;
- Kaipara District Council, 42 Hokianga Road, Dargaville;
- Kaipara District Council Mangawhai Service Centre, Unit 6, The Hub, 6 Molesworth Drive, Mangawhai;
- Northland Regional Council, 36 Water Street, Whangārei;
- Whangarei District Council, Forum North, Rust Avenue, Whangarei;
- Whangarei District Council Service Centre, 9 Takutai Place, Ruakaka.

Enrolment for inclusion on the residential electoral roll is conducted through the Electoral Commission. Applications for enrolment should be made through your local post shop, or by phoning 0800 ENROLNOW (0800 36 76 56), or by accessing www.vote.nz.

Enrolment for inclusion on the ratepayer electoral roll is conducted through the electoral office of each constituent territorial authority. Applications for enrolment should be made on the prescribed form available from each constituent territorial authority, or by phoning 0800 922 822.

Dated at Whangarei

24 February 2021

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