

NORTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL REVIEW OF REPRESENTATION ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 2019 LOCAL AUTHORITY ELECTIONS

On 21 June 2018 Northland Regional Council reviewed its representation arrangements, and resolved that the following proposal apply for the elections to be held on 12 October 2019:

1. It is proposed that the Northland Regional Council comprise nine (9) councillors to be elected from seven (7) constituencies.
2. It is proposed that seven (7) constituencies reflect the identified regional communities of interest as illustrated in the map and further described below:

i. Te Hiku constituency

The Te Hiku constituency extends on the west coast from near the northern side of the Whāngāpē Harbour northwards to Cape Rēinga. On the east coast it includes the Karikari Peninsula and south to Taipā, Mangonui Harbour, Hihi and Taemaro. Moving inland it includes the settlements of Oruaiti, Kenana, Fern Flat, Mangataiore, and Takahue. The proposed constituency includes the towns of Kaitāia, Ahipara, Awanui and Mangonui.

ii. Hokianga-Kaikohe constituency

The Hokianga-Kaikohe constituency's south-west boundary matches the Far North District Council boundary at Waipoua Forest and extends north to include all of the Hokianga and Whāngāpē Harbours. Extending eastwards, the constituency includes Mangamuka, Rangiahua, Waihou Valley, Ōkaihou and Oromahoe. Extending southwards, the settlements of Pakaraka, Matawaia, Kaikou, Pipiwai, Moengawahine and Opouteke are included. The towns of Kaikohe and Opononi are situated in this constituency.

iii. Coastal North constituency:

The Coastal North constituency begins south of Doubtless Bay and extends south along the east coast to include the coastal settlements at Taupo Bay through to Matauri Bay, Takou Bay and Taronui Bay. It includes the town of Kerikeri and all of the Bay of Islands including Paihia, Ōpua and Russell. Continuing down the east coast, it includes the coastal settlements of Oakura, Helena Bay down to Whananaki South. To the west it includes Marua and Hikurangi. Further south around the western side of Whangārei it includes Gumtown, Maungatapere, Wharekohe, Poroti and Kokopu. Northwards from there it includes Matarau and Purua and northwards to include Motatau, Otiria, Waimate North, Mangapa, Otangaroa and Akatere. The towns of Moerewa and Kawakawa are also included in this constituency.

iv. Whangārei Urban constituency

The Whangārei Urban constituency includes the northern Whangārei suburbs of Kamō, Whau Valley, Tikipunga and Otangarei. It extends through Kensington to Riverside and westwards to Woodhill through to Maunu ending before Barge Park. The southern border of this constituency is just north of Toetoe Road and it also includes the area known as Port Whangārei.

v. Coastal Central constituency

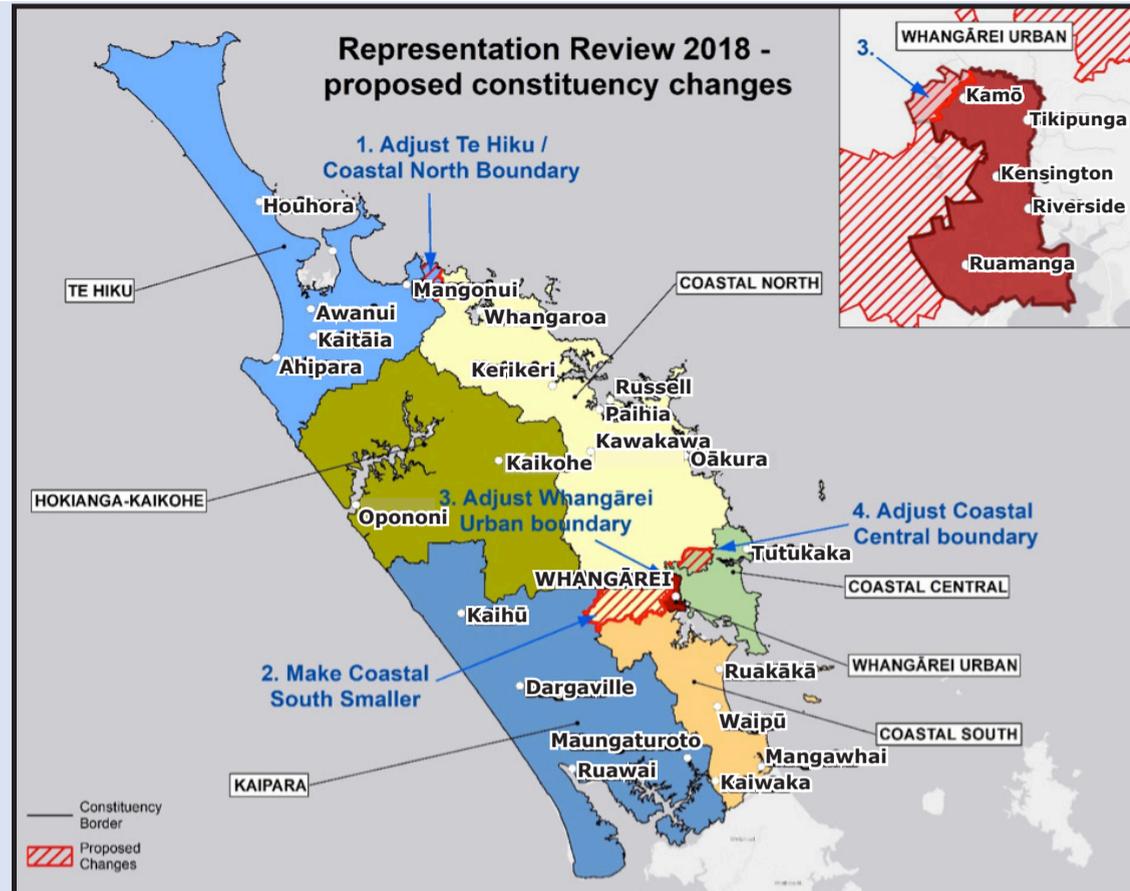
The proposed Coastal Central constituency includes the area north of the Whangārei Urban constituency, east to Glenbervie and further south adjacent to Riverside and extending to Onerahi. The boundary then follows the northern side of Whangārei Harbour out to the east coast. It includes Ocean Beach, and extends north to include Pataua, and the Tutukaka Coast settlements of Ngunguru, Tutukaka, Matapouri, Woolleys Bay and Sandy Bay.

vi. Coastal South constituency

The Coastal South constituency includes the southern fringes of Whangārei from Toetoe extending westwards to the Otaika Valley, Otuhi, Tangihua and Maungakareama. It extends south to include the settlements of Waipū, Brynderwyn and Kaiwaka before extending eastwards to just south of Mangawhai Heads. This constituency also includes the towns of Mangawhai, Kaiwaka and Ruakākā.

vii. Kaipara constituency

The proposed Kaipara constituency includes Poutō Peninsula and the northern area of the Kaipara Harbour and extends northwards to meet the Far North District Council boundary at Waipoua Forest. It extends eastwards to include Waimatenui, Kaihū, Titoki and southwards to include the settlements of Waiotama, Omana, Parahaka and south to Maungaturoto. This constituency also includes the towns of Ruāwai and Dargaville.



3. It is proposed that the population to be represented by each councillor is as follows:

Constituency	Population* estimate	Number of councillors	Population per councillor	Fits +/- 10% rule**
Te Hiku	19,860	1	19,860	Yes (+1.86%)
Hokianga-Kaikohe*	16,120	1	16,120	No (-17.32%)
Coastal North	42,160	2	21,080	Yes (+8.12%)
Whangārei Urban	41,440	2	20,720	Yes (+6.27%)
Coastal Central	20,070	1	20,070	Yes (+2.94%)
Coastal South	17,760	1	17,760	Yes (-8.91%)
Kaipara	18,060	1	18,060	Yes (-7.37%)
	175,470	9		

*Based on Stats NZ population estimates as at 30 June 2017.

**Known as the "+/- 10% rule" - in accordance with section 19V(2) of the Local Electoral Act 2001, the population that each councillor represents must fall within the range of 19,497 +/- 10% (17,547 to 21,446).

As determined in the 2012 representation review, the population that the councillor represents in the Hokianga-Kaikohe constituency remains outside the range of 17,547 to 21,446 and therefore does not comply with section 19V(2) of the Local Electoral Act 2001. Accordingly, under legislation this must be treated as an appeal and forwarded on to the Local Government Commission for determination after the Final Proposal is notified.

4. The reasons for the changes to the representation arrangements for the Northland region are:

- To better reflect regional communities of interest;
- To improve effective representation;
- With the exception of the Hokianga-Kaikohe constituency, in determining the number of councillors to be elected by the electors of each constituency the changes being proposed satisfy section 19V of the Local Electoral Act 2001, which provides for fair representation.
- The Hokianga-Kaikohe constituency does not comply with section 19V of the Local Electoral Act 2001 in order to maintain effective representation for an isolated community.

Further information

Copies of Northland Regional Council's full 2018 Representation Review 2018 – Initial Proposal, summary proposal, resolution and maps setting out the areas of the proposed constituencies may be viewed and obtained from all regional council offices. Relevant information is also available on the council's website www.nrc.govt.nz/RepReview

Public meeting

We are holding the following public meeting during the consultation period:

- Maungatapere – Tuesday 3 July 2018 6-7.30pm, The Office Café

Submissions

Persons or organisations with an interest in the proposed representation arrangements are invited to make written submissions on the council's representation proposal. There will also be the opportunity to present submissions to councillors at a hearing. Council staff are available to talk to interested community groups and stakeholders about this proposal. Submissions can be made online through our website www.nrc.govt.nz/RepReview or forms are available from all regional council offices and can be forwarded to:

- Mail: Representation Review, Northland Regional Council, Private Bag 9021, Whangārei Mail Centre, Whangārei
- Email: submissions@nrc.govt.nz
- Hand delivered to all council offices.

Any submissions received will be publicly available and any submissions heard by council will be open to the public.

If you have any questions, please call us on 0800 002 004.

Submissions must be received by council on later than 4.00pm, Tuesday 24 July 2018.

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