

Auckland Council

Final proposal for representation arrangements for the 2019 local elections

On 18 October 2018 Auckland Council resolved to adopt its initial proposal with the following amendments having considered submissions:

- The council initially proposed to reduce the size of the Waitemata and Gulf ward so that it complies with the requirement that the ratio of population to member does not vary by more than ten per cent across the whole of Auckland. Submissions were received that the community of Grey Lynn would be split and that the community of Grafton should not be split from Parnell and Newmarket. The council amends its initial proposal by retaining the current boundary on the western side of the ward and by including part of Grafton in the Ōrākei ward in addition to Parnell and Newmarket. There will be no change to the Whau ward from current boundaries. The council does not support submissions to include the Ellerslie Racecourse with that part of Ellerslie that will fall within the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki ward as it considers the racecourse catchment is a much wider area. The council does not support submissions that the Stonefields area, rather than proposed St Johns area, should be transferred to the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki ward because there are natural geographical barriers between Stonefields and the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki ward.
- A majority of submissions opposed the proposal to split the Manukau ward to improve effectiveness of representation. Reasons for opposition included that the current ward shares commonalities across the whole ward and the resulting smaller ward of Ōtara-Papatoetoe would contain communities that were not similar. The council revokes this proposal.
- The council proposed to change the subdivision boundaries within the Rodney Local Board area to recognise that the communities adjacent to the Kaipara Harbour do not share a community of interest with Warkworth, their current subdivision. The Wellsford boundary was moved southwards. Submissions stated that it would be more appropriate to move the Kumeu boundary north. The council amends the proposal accordingly. The northern boundary of the Kumeu ward will extend further north and the southern boundary of the Wellsford ward will not extend as far south as proposed. The proposal to move an area around Matakana from the Wellsford to Warkworth subdivision is not changed.
- The council proposes that the name of the Albert-Eden-Roskill ward is changed to Albert-Eden-Puketāpapa ward. This name aligns to the local board names within the area.

The council's final proposal is as follows.

Governing body representation

Communities of interest

The number of members of the governing body is set in legislation as the mayor and twenty members. The council proposes that the twenty members are elected from thirteen wards:

Ward	Changed from 2016	Population	Members	Population per member	Per cent difference from quota
Rodney	No	64,300	1	64,300	-22.40
Albany	No	169,800	2	84,900	2.46
North Shore	No	156,800	2	78,400	-5.38
Waitākere	No	176,500	2	88,250	6.50
Waitemata and Gulf	Yes	97,100	1	97,100	17.19
Whau	No	84,700	1	84,700	2.22
Albert-Eden-Puketāpapa	Yes	177,800	2	88,900	7.29
Ōrākei	Yes	96,000	1	96,000	15.86
Maungakiekie-Tāmaki	Yes	91,500	1	91,500	10.43
Howick	No	150,200	2	75,100	-9.37
Manukau	No	168,900	2	84,450	1.92
Manurewa-Papakura	No	148,900	2	74,450	-10.15
Franklin	No	74,600	1	74,600	-9.97
		1,657,200	20	82,860	

Note: The difference in the sum of the ward populations and the total Auckland Council population is due to rounding.

Non-complying wards

The Local Electoral Act 2001 requires that the population that each member represents must be within ten per cent of the average (quota), 82,860, unless community of interest considerations justify otherwise.

- The Rodney ward does not comply because extending its boundaries to the east or to the south will split communities of interest and because ward boundaries should align with local board boundaries as far as is practicable.
- The Waitemata and Gulf ward does not comply to avoid splitting communities, as evidenced in submissions, and the consequential non-compliance in the Ōrākei and Maungakiekie-Tāmaki wards results from avoiding splitting communities of interest, also evidenced in submissions.
- The Manurewa-Papakura ward does not comply to avoid splitting communities and because ward boundaries should align with local board boundaries as far as is practicable.

Ward names

The name of the Albert-Eden-Roskill ward will change to Albert-Eden-Puketāpapa ward.

Local Board Representation

The council notes that this review cannot change local board boundaries, only the electoral subdivision boundaries within local board areas.

The council proposes that the representation arrangements for the twenty-one boards for the 2019 elections are based on the communities of interest identified by the Local Government Commission when it determined the current arrangements in 2010, except for those subdivisions which have been changed. Those boards which do not have members elected by subdivision but are elected at large within the whole board area are the Aotea Great Barrier, Devonport-Takapuna, Henderson-Massey, Kaipātiki, Māngere-Ōtāhuhu, Manurewa, Ōrākei, Papakura, Puketāpapa, Upper Harbour, Waiheke, Waitākere Ranges, Waitemātā and Whau local boards. Those boards which have subdivisions are:

Local board	Subdivisions	Changed from 2016	Population	Members	Population per member	Per cent difference from quota
Rodney	Wellsford	Yes	6,210	1	6,210	-13.07
	Warkworth	Yes	20,200	3	6,733	-5.74
	Kumeu	Yes	30,400	4	7,600	6.39
	Dairy Flat	No	7,510	1	7,510	5.13
Hibiscus and Bays	Hibiscus Coast	No	53,300	4	13,325	2.01
	East Coast Bays	No	51,200	4	12,800	-2.01
Albert-Eden	Owairaka	No	53,800	4	13,450	-1.47
	Maungawhau	No	55,400	4	13,850	1.47
Maungakiekie-Tāmaki	Maungakiekie	No	31,200	3	10,400	-8.54
	Tāmaki	No	48,400	4	12,100	6.41
Howick	Pakuranga	No	45,800	3	15,267	-8.52
	Howick	No	45,900	3	15,300	-8.32
	Botany	No	58,500	3	19,500	16.84
Ōtara-Papatoetoe	Ōtara	No	36,300	3	12,100	-3.64
	Papatoetoe	No	51,600	4	12,900	2.73
Franklin	Waiuku	No	15,350	2	7,675	-7.47
	Pukekohe	No	35,900	4	8,975	8.20
	Wairoa	No	23,400	3	7,800	-5.96

Non-complying subdivisions

The Local Electoral Act 2001 requires that the population that each member represents must be within ten per cent of the average in each local board unless community of interest considerations justify otherwise.

- The Howick Local Board Botany subdivision does not comply because moving the southern boundary of the Howick or Pakuranga subdivision closer to Botany in order to decrease the population in the Botany subdivision will split communities of interest
- The Rodney Local Board Wellsford subdivision does not comply because changes to its boundaries were made to recognise submissions that the community along the Kaipara Harbour has more interest in the Kumeu subdivision than the Wellsford subdivision

Local board names

The name of the Great Barrier Local Board will change to Aotea Great Barrier Local Board.

Further Information

You may view the Council's resolution and maps setting out the areas of the proposed wards, and local board subdivisions on the council's website at aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/haveyoursay.

Appeals and objections

Any person who made a submission on the council's initial proposal may lodge an appeal against the council's decision. An appeal must relate to the matters raised in that person's submission.

Any person may lodge an objection to the council's final proposal. Any objection must identify the matters to which the objection relates.

The council is required to forward appeals and objections to the Local Government Commission to decide. Appeals and objections must be made in writing and must be received by council no later than Friday 30 November 2018:

- by email to: representationreview@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz
- by post to:

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 22 October 2018