FINAL PROPOSAL FOR REPRESENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

Waipa District Council received eleven submissions on its initial proposal. Six submissions supported the addition of one councillor to the Cambridge Ward and four submissions supported the addition of one elected Community Board member for the Cambridge Ward.

Two submissions suggested alternative representation arrangements capable of being assessed against the criteria of the Local Electoral Act 2001(LEA); the first proposed electing all councillors "at large"; the second proposed electing ten councillors representing five wards. These proposals were not supported on the basis that they either failed to comply with sections 19T [effective representation of communities of interest] and/or 19V [fair representation] of the LEA. A third alternative proposal was not supported on the basis that it would require an amendment to the Local Government Act 2002.

Council resolved on 25 September 2018 to adopt its initial representation arrangement proposal as its final proposal. The final proposal is as follows:

a. Waipa District Council comprises the Mayor elected at large; plus 13 councillors elected under the ward system; plus two Community Boards electing a total of 11 members.

b. Waipa District Council be divided into 5 wards being the existing wards comprising the areas delineated on SO 58027 deposited with Land Information New Zealand:
   i. **Cambridge Ward** electing 5 councillors;
   ii. **Kakepuku Ward** electing 1 councillor;
   iii. **Maungatautari Ward** electing 1 councillor;
   iv. **Pirongia Ward** electing 2 councillors;
   v. **Te Awamutu Ward** electing 4 councillors.

c. There being 2 Community Boards, these being:
   i. **Cambridge Community Board** electing 5 members from the Cambridge Ward and 1 member from the Maungatautari Ward, plus 1 councillor appointed from the Cambridge Ward and 1 councillor appointed from the Maungatautari Ward;
   ii. **Te Awamutu Community Board** electing 4 members from the Te Awamutu Ward and 1 member from the Kakepuku Ward, plus 1 councillor appointed from the Te Awamutu Ward and 1 councillor appointed from the Kakepuku Ward.

The reason the total number of councillors is proposed to increase to 13 (plus the mayor), and the reason the number of elected Cambridge Community Board members is proposed to increase from 5 to 6, is to provide compliance with the LEA and effective and fair representation to the Cambridge Ward residents and ratepayers. This is necessary as the ward is experiencing rapid residential population growth greater than the other four wards.

The five wards, the number of councillors per ward, the ward population estimates (estimated as at 30 June 2017) and the ratio of each councillor to the elected population are as follows:

Ward	Population	Councillors	Ratio population per councillor
Cambridge	20,400	5	1 : 4,080
Kakepuku	4,040	1	1 : 4,040
Maungatautari	4,000	1	1 : 4,000
Pirongia	8,800	2	1 : 4,400
Te Awamutu	15,750	4	1 : 3,938

The number of elected Community Board members per ward, the ward population estimates(estimated as at 30 June 2017) and the ratio of each elected Community Board member to the elected population are as follows:

Ward	Population	Elected Community Board Members	Ratio population per councillor
Cambridge Community Board			
Cambridge	20,400	5	1 : 4,080
Maungatautari	4,000	1	1 : 4,000
Te Awamutu Community Board			
Kakepuku	4,040	1	1 : 4,040
Te Awamutu	15,750	4	1 : 3,938

The proposed wards provide effective representation for the four main communities of interest identified by Council: Cambridge town; Te Awamutu town; rural areas that use Cambridge as a service centre; and rural areas that use Te Awamutu as a service centre.

Appeals

Any person who has 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.

Appeal forms, which are available at Council offices, Waipa District libraries and from the Council website **www.waipadc.govt.nz** should state your name, address, telephone number and email address (if you have one) and should reach the Council no later than midnight on Sunday 4 November 2018.

Appeals must be made in writing and are to be addressed to:

- FREEPOST 167 662 (no stamp necessary), Waipa District Council, Attn: Representation Review, Private Bag 2402, Te Awamutu 3840
- Emailing to **submissions@waipadc.govt.nz** (Put 'Representation Review' in the subject line).
- Filling in a form at Council offices at 101 Bank St, Te Awamutu or 23 Wilson St, Cambridge.

Appeals must be received by midnight on Sunday 4 November 2018.

All appeals received will be forwarded to the Local Government Commission for consideration.

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DISTRICT COUNCIL