



Date:	Monday, 20 August 2018
Time:	10.30am
Location:	Council Chamber 107 Heuheu Street Taupō

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

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- Cr John Boddy
- Cr Barry Hickling
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- Cr Anna Park
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- Cr Maggie Stewart
- Cr Kirsty Trueman
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Chief Executive Officer

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4.2 REPRESENTATION REVIEW - FINAL REPRESENTATION PROPOSAL

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for Council to resolve its final proposal for the representation arrangements review following consideration of public submissions on 20 August 2018 as required by the Local Electoral Act 2001 (LEA).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Local Electoral Act 2001 requires Council to complete an initial proposal for its representation arrangements review (review of membership, wards, boundaries etc) by 31 August 2018, effective for the 2019 triennial elections.

The current representation arrangements are 10 councillors (plus the Mayor) elected from three wards, with one community board (Turangi/Tongariro). The three wards and number of councillors per ward are Taupō-Kaingaroa (7), Turangi-Tongariro (2) and Mangakino-Pouakani (1).

Following consideration of preliminary informal consultation and consideration of six options, Council at its meeting on 29 May 2018 resolved to adopt, as its initial proposal, 11 councillors (plus the Mayor) elected from five wards, with one community board (Turangi-Tongariro). The five wards and number of councillors per ward being Taupō Town (7), Turangi Town (1), Mangakino-Pouakani (1), Kinloch-Oruanui (1) and Southeast Rural (1).

Following public notice of the initial proposal and a six week submission period, 28 public submissions were received. Submitters requested to be heard, and these were heard at a Council meeting on 20 August 2018.

Council is now required, after considering public submissions, to resolve a final proposal that best reflects the district's communities of interest and provides for fair and effective representation and publicly notify this.

As the final proposal (as recommended in this report) is an amendment to the initial proposal, it will be subject to appeals (from earlier submitters) and objections (from any member of the public).

As the final proposal does not comply with section 19(V)(2) of the LEA, the proposal must therefore be treated as an appeal under section 19(V)(5) of the LEA and be referred to the Local Government Commission for its determination following the appeal/objection period).

DISCUSSION

As a result of submissions, staff were tasked to make changes to the initial proposal. These were that Kinloch and the meshblocks in Oruanui to the south of Poihipi Road be included as part of the Taupō Town Ward, with the balance of Oruanui included in a new Taupō North Ward. The boundary for the Southwest Ward being moved to Hatepe and the area to the north included in the Taupō North Ward.

The result of those changes is as set out below:

Option A

Ward	Population per councillor (estimate at 30/6/17)	Population per councillor	Elected members	% deviation from average population per councillor
Taupō Town	25,953	3708	7	+10.55
Mangakino-Pouakani	3,035	3035	1	-9.51
Taupō North	2,872	2872	1	-14.37
South west	1,730	1730	1	-48.42
Turangi Town	3,300	3300	1	-1.61

Given the large % deviation from the average population per councillor for the Southwest Ward, an option would be to combine the Southwest and Turangi Town Wards into one Ward.

Option B

Ward	Population per councillor (estimate at 30/6/17)	Population per councillor	Elected members	% deviation from average population per councillor
Taupō Town	25,953	3708	7	+10.55
Mangakino-Pouakani	3035	3035	1	-9.51
Taupō North	2872	2872	1	-14.37
Turangi Town/Southwest	5030	2515	2	-25.01

Given the non-compliance as above for three of the wards, a further option would be to remove from the Mangakino-Pouakani Ward, the three meshblocks from Oruanui that were included as part of the initial proposal ie status quo for Mangakino-Pouakani Ward.

Option C

Ward	Population per councillor (estimate at 30/6/17)	Population per councillor	Elected members	% deviation from average population per councillor
Taupō Town	25,953	3708	7	+10.55
Mangakino-Pouakani	2900	2900	1	-13.54
Taupō North	3007	3007	1	-10.35
Turangi Town/Southwest	5030	2515	2	-25.01

CONCLUSION

The urban centre of Taupō is recognised as the principal servicing area for the majority of the Taupō District. There is a strong district wide community of interest centred around the town. This is evident in the form of recreational, social, cultural and economic interests and includes the bulk of the District’s retail outlets. Because of the large geographical nature of the district with Lake Taupō at its centre, that community of interest does dilute with distance from Taupō town. Beneath the district wide identity, lie more localised communities of interest such as Turangi, Kinloch and Mangakino as well as smaller lakeside settlements. The other readily identifiable communities of interest are the rural areas which tend to be centred around a hall or a school.

Based on submissions received and submission points raised around communities of interest, in particular those of the Kinloch, Turangi and southern communities, Option C reflects the communities of interest raised through the submission process. The creation of a Taupō North Ward will provide for better representation for the more rural and outlying communities.

In addition, the establishment of a Community Board to include both the Turangi and the Southern part of the district will provide enhanced representation for the Turangi/Southern Ward by creating two subdivisions within the proposed Community Board.

The fair representation criteria (+/- 10% rule) must be met. i.e.

$$5030/6 \text{ members} = 838 \text{ +/- } 10\% = 754 \text{ to } 922$$

Subdivision	Population per councillor (estimate at 30/6/17)	Number of Members	Population per Member	% deviation from average population per councillor
Turangi Town	3300	4	825	-1.55

Southern	1730	2	865	+3.22
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RECOMMENDATION(S)

That Council:

1. Receives the submissions, including the late submission from Omori Kuratau Ratepayers Association.
2. Resolves, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Electoral Act 2001 and following its consideration of the public submissions received to its 2018 review of representation arrangements, to amend its initial proposal to the following final proposal for the 2019 Taupō District Council triennial elections being:

- a) Taupō District Council comprising 11 councillors elected under the ward system, plus the mayor elected at large
- b) Taupō District Council be divided into four wards (Attachment 1), these being:

Mangakino-Pouakani Ward 1 councillor comprising Mangakino, Marotiri and Tatua.

Taupō Ward 7 councillors comprising Acacia Bay, Maunganamu, Taupō East, Wharewaka, Rangatira Park, Rangatira, Lakewood, Nukuhau, Taupō Central, Tauhara, Hilltop, Waipahihi, Richmond Heights Waitahanui, Kinloch and the thirteen meshblocks in Oruanui that comprise the area to the south of Poihipi Road.

Taupō North Ward 1 councillor comprising Wairakei-Aratiatia and Oruanui (excluding thirteen meshblocks to the south of Poihipi Road to be included in the Taupō Ward), Broadlands and Rangataiki.

Turangi-Tongariro Ward 2 councillors comprising Turangi, Tongariro, Motuoapa, Tokaanu, Rangipo, Te More, Taharau, Omori and Kuratau

- c) one community board being;

Turangi-Tongariro Community Board with two subdivisions – Turangi Subdivision (4 members elected) and Tongariro Subdivision (two members elected) plus two councillors from the Turangi-Tongariro Ward.

3. Notes that in considering matters raised by submitters that:
 - a) the total number of councillors is proposed to be 11 (plus the Mayor). Council considers that 11 councillors will best provide effective representation to Taupō District residents and ratepayers and the size of the Council is appropriate for the conduct of the Council's business;
 - b) the Council has extensively canvassed views from the community to establish 'common ground' on where distinct communities of interest exist and although the existing Ward structure is well understood by electors the Council considers the ward boundaries in the proposal will better provide effective representation for the distinct communities of interest;
 - c) further altering of the boundaries of the wards to make them compliant would limit effective representation of communities of interest by dividing a community of interest between wards; and
 - d) the relatively minor non-compliance in the Taupō and Taupō North wards will likely self-correct in the near future if growth occurs as predicted.
 - e) there is considerable growth in tourism and holiday home activity in a number of the key

but more isolated communities in Taupō District that results in them having much larger population bases during the summer months that needs separate representation for effective representation to be achieved.

4. Notes that its Final Representation Proposal does not comply with section 19(V)(2) of the Local Electoral Act 2001. The proposal must therefore be treated as an appeal under section 19(V)(5) of the Local Electoral Act 2001 and be referred to the Local Government Commission for its determination following the appeal/objection period.
5. Notes that the Final Representation Proposal will be publicly notified on 7 September 2018 providing the opportunity for appeals and objections to be lodged in the period 7 September to 7 October 2018.
6. Approves the wording of the reasons for the Council's decision, and its acceptance or rejection of submissions received on the Council's initial proposal, as required under section 19N(2) of the Local Electoral Act 2001 (Attachment 2).

ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment 1 (map) - to be tabled
Attachment 2: Summary of submissions and Council's decision/reasons [⇒](#)