

ATTACHMENTS SUPPLEMENTARY

Ordinary Council Meeting

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1	Bruce Bartley	<p>Supports the eleven councillors for the District</p> <p>Kinloch is a future population centre for the Taupō district. There are many new sections being created and built on and the percentage of permanent residents is steadily increasing. It is becoming a significant urban community, not just a lakeshore settlement of baches. There are issues that affect the Kinloch community which need a voice at the Council.</p> <p>Supports the establishment of a Community Board to represent the Southeast Rural and Turangi Town Wards</p> <p>Kinloch already has a Kinloch Representative group and this is a useful contributor to community well being. More resources for such a group are always welcome</p>	<p>There was support to increase the number of councillors for the District to eleven. There were 8 submitters who requested that Kinloch remain as part of the Taupō Ward. These submitters argued that they feel that they have a community of interest with Taupō, and they believe that they are well represented by the Taupō Ward councillors. There were 5 submitters who agreed with the proposal that there should be one councillor representing a Kinloch/Oruanui Ward. Council has accepted that Kinloch should remain as part of the Taupō Ward and has amended the boundaries accordingly.</p> <p>Noted that due to the proposal to change the ward boundaries which means that the Turangi and Southern wards are now combined into one ward, a community board will be established for the new combined ward. This can be split into subdivisions with 4 elected from Turangi Town and 2 from the other parts of the ward. This would provide greater local representation from the southern part of the district, including the lakeshore settlements and more rural communities.</p> <p>Council noted that the recently established Kinloch Representative Group provides the opportunity for local representation.</p>
2	Natasha Cubis	<p>Supports the eleven councillors for the District</p> <p>Reflects the area boundary</p>	<p>There was support to increase the number of councillors for the District to eleven. There were 8 submitters who requested that Kinloch remain as part of the Taupō Ward. These submitters argued that they feel that they have a community of interest with Taupō, and that they believe that they are well represented by the Taupō Ward councillors. There were 5 submitters who agreed with the proposal that there should be one councillor representing a Kinloch/Oruanui Ward. Council has accepted that Kinloch should remain as part of the Taupō Ward and has amended the boundaries accordingly.</p>
3	Katey Coubrough	<p>Supports the eleven councillors for the District</p> <p>Agrees that the proposed ward boundary and name reflect the community of interest</p>	<p>There was support to increase the number of councillors for the District to eleven. There were 8 submitters who requested that Kinloch remain as part of the Taupō Ward. These submitters argued that they feel that they have a community of interest with Taupō, and they believe that they are well represented by the Taupō Ward councillors. There were 5 submitters who agreed with the proposal that there should be one councillor representing a Kinloch/Oruanui Ward. Council has accepted that Kinloch should remain as part of the Taupō Ward and has amended the boundaries accordingly.</p>
4	David Buxton	<p>Supports the eleven councillors for the District</p> <p>Agrees that the proposed ward boundary and name reflect the community of interest</p> <p>With the new ward proposal, there is no need for a community board - it should be scrapped</p>	<p>There was support to increase the number of councillors for the District to eleven. The ward boundaries for Taupō Town have been extended to include Kinloch and the surrounding area to the south of Poihipi Road.</p> <p>Noted that due to the proposal to change the ward boundaries which means that the Turangi and Southern wards are now combined into one ward, a community board will be established for the new combined ward. This can be split into subdivisions with 4 elected from Turangi Town and 2 from the other parts of the ward. This is also for greater local representation from the southern part of the district, including the lakeshore settlements and more rural communities.</p>
5	Patricia Burford	<p>Supports the eleven councillors for the District</p> <p>Agrees that the proposed ward boundary and name reflect the community of interest</p> <p>Supports the establishment of a Community Board to represent the Southeast Rural and Turangi Town Wards</p>	<p>The submitter did not indicate which of the five wards she lived in or owned property in.</p> <p>Noted that due to the proposal to change the ward boundaries which means that the Turangi and Southern wards are now combined into one ward, a community board will be established for the new combined ward. This can be split into subdivisions with 4 elected from Turangi Town and 2 from the other parts of the ward. This is also for greater local representation from the southern part of the district, including the lakeshore settlements and more rural communities.</p>
6	Duncan Grey	<p>Supports the eleven councillors for the District</p> <p>Kinloch has grown substantially over recent years and is now a major contributor to the rates take for the region. It is entirely appropriate for the 'village' to have better representation at Council that is currently enjoyed</p>	<p>There was support to increase the number of councillors for the District to eleven. There were 8 submitters who requested that Kinloch remain as part of the Taupō Ward. These submitters argued that they feel that they have a community of interest with Taupō, and they believe that they are well represented by the Taupō Ward councillors. There were 5 submitters who agreed with the proposal that there should be one councillor representing a Kinloch/Oruanui Ward. Council has accepted that Kinloch should remain as part of the Taupō Ward and has amended the boundaries accordingly.</p>

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		Establish a community board for Kinloch/Oruanui	Council noted that the recently established Kinloch Representative Group provided the opportunity for local representation which negated the need for a Community Board.
7	Jenny Strong	Supports the eleven councillors for the District It seems like a fair and reasonable plan.	There was support to increase the number of councillors for the District to eleven. The ward boundaries for Taupō Town have been extended to include Kinloch and the surrounding area to the south of Poihipi Road.
9	Reima Hall	I recommend that Council consider creation of Maori Wards. Council should have adequate Maori representation at council level and subsequent technical support. Over 80% of the land is Maori Land and just under 50% of the rates received are from Maori Land. There is no representation of the 16 Hapu representing these lands.	Council has begun to work in collaboration with Iwi and Maori to co-design what Māori representation looks like in the Taupō district and is currently developing a work plan to research the options available for Iwi/Maori Representation with the intent of implementing the preferred option by or before 2020.
10	Ngaiterangi Smallman	I am opposed to the proposed South Eastern Rural Ward in its current form. While I acknowledge the need for better representation of the rural sector I do not believe that conflating the suburban lakeshore settlements with the rural farming and forestry settlements is of benefit nor the inclusion of Rotoaira or Broadlands in the area. 1 The Eastern Lakeshore Settlements are more suburban in character than rural and while I agree that they should have representation on a Community Board I do not think they need a distinct Council Representative. Nonetheless I am concerned that due to their population these suburban settlements will dominate representation on the proposed South Eastern Ward which will further disempower the truly rural voice of the farming, forestry and Rotoaira communities. 2. Broadlands has no geographic, historic or social connection to the rest of the proposed Ward and would be better served by being part of the proposed Oruanui Ward or given its own ward with Wairakei and Rangitaiki. 3. Rotoaira is of particular concern to my family as I believe that the proposed South Eastern Ward will only serve to further marginalise the interest of the Rotoaira community. The Rotoaira community is vibrant and growing and greatly influenced by both forestry operations and the Tongariro National Park which surrounds it. Tongariro gives the region a special character and the economic and cultural importance of the Tongariro National Park and the numbers of Visitors and Tourism workers who come for the Tongariro Crossing and Ski Field should be accounted for in making decisions by the council. I would go as far as saying that Rotoaira community should have a dedicated representative on the proposed Community Board.	Council has begun to work in collaboration with Iwi and Maori to co-design what Māori representation looks like in the Taupō district and is currently developing a work plan to research the options available for Iwi/Maori Representation with the intent of implementing the preferred option by or before 2020. Council believes that the changes made to the Southern Rural and Turangi Wards, and subsequent change to the proposed makeup of the community board will provide the opportunity to better serve the Rotoaira community. The election of community board members can be split into subdivisions with 4 elected from Turangi Town and 2 from the other parts of the ward. These subdivisions need to achieve compliance with the +/- 10% representation rule. The Rotoaira community does not meet this.

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		<p>Moreover the Rotoaira Community associates strongly with Turangi, Whakapapa Village and Waimarino National Park Village rather than Taupō, Broadlands or even the Eastern Lakeside Settlements. This link to the National Park however is not facilitated in the proposed South Eastern Ward and Rotoaira could be better served by associating with the National Park Community Board of the Ruapehu District. I strongly support the concept of Community Boards and the delegation of high level decisions to the Boards. Community Boards provide an immediate and local engagement in local decision making and better facilitates democracy by placing representation with ones immediate neighbours rather than more distant strangers living in large urban towns. In the case of the proposed South Eastern Ward Community Board I support the proposal for 3 Turangi Ward representatives and also believe that a Ngati Turangitukua Representative should be appointed in recognition of their Mana Whenua in the Turangi Township.</p> <p>In the case of the other 3 members I believe strongly that there needs to be dedicated representation from the Rotoaira Community due to the special character of the Tongariro National Park.</p> <p>I would also support targeted representation for Eastern Lakeside Settlements and Western Bays Settlements due to differences in their interests. While I applauded proposals to increase representation from rural communities I do not believe the proposed South Eastern Ward achieves that aim. It is simply too broad in area and seems to have been designed as a dump for all the bits that couldn't be fit elsewhere. Moreover, the new ward creates yet another hurdle for small communities like Rotoaira and Western Bays to jump over before they get to the Council decision making apparatus, which only serves to further marginalise the rural voice rather than enhance it.</p> <p>Supports the establishment of a Community Board to represent the Southeast Rural and Turangi Town Wards</p> <p>There needs to be better engagement with Ngati Tuwharetoa across the District and I look forward to seeing how iwi interests are incorporated into Local Government Structures.</p>	<p>Noted that due to the proposal to change the ward boundaries which means that the Turangi and Southern wards are now combined into one ward, a community board will be established for the new combined ward. This can be split into subdivisions with 4 elected from Turangi Town and 2 from the other parts of the ward. This is also for greater local representation from the southern part of the district, including the lakeshore settlements and more rural communities. Council acknowledges the Mana Whenua of Ngati Turangitukua, however legislation provides that all members of a community board must be elected.</p> <p>As above.</p>
11	Tim Brittain	<p>I write to submit against the proposal to establish a Kinloch/Oruanui Ward. Kinloch ratepayers are well served by being in the Taupō Town ward where they have all elected council members interested in their concerns. Kinloch ratepayers have a community of interest with Taupō Town as we use Taupō Town for all our servicing, entertainment, medical and other needs. I submit that Kinloch ratepayers have no community of interest with Wairakei or Oruanui.</p>	<p>Council has begun to work in collaboration with Iwi and Maori to co-design what Māori representation looks like in the Taupō district and is currently developing a work plan to research the options available for Iwi/Maori Representation with the intent of implementing the preferred option by or before 2020.</p>

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12	Henry Hall	I wish to formally object to the proposal to establish a Kinloch/Oruanui Ward. Kinloch residents look to Taupō for many of our day to day requirements so we have a very close association with Taupō. Kinloch issues are significantly more comparable to Taupō than to Oruanui and Wairakei. Acacia Bay and Five Mile Bay are both in the proposed Taupō Ward and both these communities have much more in common with Kinloch than Oruanui and Wairakei. The current system works well because Council members are interested and involved with Kinloch issues and opportunities.	There were 8 submitters who requested that Kinloch remain as part of the Taupō Ward. These submitters argued that they feel that they feel a community of interest with Taupō, and that they believe that they are well represented by the Taupō Ward councillors. There were 5 submitters who agreed with the proposal that there should be one councillor representing a Kinloch/Oruanui Ward. Council has accepted that Kinloch should remain as part of the Taupō Ward and has amended the boundaries accordingly.
13	Chris Brittain	I wish to formally object to the proposal to establish a Kinloch/Oruanui Ward. Issues of relevance to Kinloch are far more closely related to Taupō and areas like Five Mile Bay and Acacia Bay than to Oruanui or Wairakei. I can see no reason why the status quo should change and the proposal would disrupt the excellent understanding and relationship that existing Council members have with Kinloch.	There were 8 submitters who requested that Kinloch remain as part of the Taupō Ward. These submitters argued that they feel that they have a community of interest with Taupō, and they believe that they are well represented by the Taupō Ward councillors. There were 5 submitters who agreed with the proposal that there should be one councillor representing a Kinloch/Oruanui Ward. Council has accepted that Kinloch should remain as part of the Taupō Ward and has amended the boundaries accordingly.
14	Richard Hall	I write to submit against the proposal to establish a Kinloch/Oruanui Ward. Kinloch ratepayers are well served by being in the Taupō Town ward where they have all elected council members interested in their concerns. Kinloch ratepayers have a community of interest with Taupō Town as we use Taupō Town for all our servicing, entertainment, medical and other needs. I submit that Kinloch ratepayers have no community of interest with Wairakei or Oruanui.	There were 8 submitters who requested that Kinloch remain as part of the Taupō Ward. These submitters argued that they feel that they have a community of interest with Taupō, and they believe that they are well represented by the Taupō Ward councillors. There were 5 submitters who agreed with the proposal that there should be one councillor representing a Kinloch/Oruanui Ward. Council has accepted that Kinloch should remain as part of the Taupō Ward and has amended the boundaries accordingly.
15	Richard Hall - Kinloch Marina	Kinloch Marina Ltd is a substantial property owner and business based in Kinloch and we wish to submit against the proposal to establish a Kinloch/Oruanui Ward as part of the Taupō District Council's Representation Review. Kinloch ratepayers are well served by being in the Taupō Town ward where they have all elected council members interested in their concerns. Kinloch ratepayers have a community of interest with Taupō Town as we use Taupō Town for all our servicing, entertainment, medical and other needs. We submit that Kinloch ratepayers have no community of interest with Wairakei or Oruanui and therefore the proposal is hard to comprehend.	There were 8 submitters who requested that Kinloch remain as part of the Taupō Ward. These submitters argued that they feel that they have a community of interest with Taupō, and they believe that they are well represented by the Taupō Ward councillors. There were 5 submitters who agreed with the proposal that there should be one councillor representing a Kinloch/Oruanui Ward. Council has accepted that Kinloch should remain as part of the Taupō Ward and has amended the boundaries accordingly.
16	Jocelyn Reeve	As a Pouakani-Mangakino voter I currently get to vote for just one councillor, while people in the Taupō -Tangiaro ward are voted for 7 councillors. I am very conscious that my voting "power" is limited. The current proposal retains the "power" with the people who get to vote for the majority of councillors (7). In an ideal world the Taupō urban area would be divided up into seven wards, each with one vote for one councillor. What I would like to suggest is that no ward can vote for any more than 50% of the councillors and the extra councillors be appointed to address any social imbalance in councillors elected.	Noted. Council considered the mixed representation model as part of the initial considerations but discounted this approach. Legislation provides that all councillors must be elected, they are not able to be appointed as outlined in your submission.
17	Wanita Spooner	Supports the eleven councillors for the District Agrees that the proposed ward boundary and name reflect the community of interest	There was support to increase the number of councillors for the District to eleven. This submitter has an interest in the Mangakino/Pouakani Ward.

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18	Joleen Lunjew	Supports the eleven councillors for the District Agrees that the proposed ward boundary and name reflect the community of interest	There was support to increase the number of councillors for the District to eleven. The ward boundaries for Taupō Town have been extended to include Kinloch and the surrounding area to the south of Poihipi Road.
19	Tredegar Hall	<p>Disappointment that during this six-yearly review, council has not decided to pursue Maori wards for the Taupō district. As the original community of interest, who once solely occupied this whole rohe (region) and was its mana whenua (governing authority), it is an extreme let down that council does not want to take this opportunity to acknowledge its obligation as a Treaty partner to include Maori partnership and representation at council level. Council has missed the opportunity to provide leadership in coordinating with the Tuwharetoa Maori Trust Board and other tangata whenua trusts, iwi incorporations and hapu to engage with the community and develop an avenue which best promotes partnership in governance and decision making regarding tangata whenua representation in this district. Having adequate tangata whenua representation and technical support has repeatedly been a clear gap within council and it functions. Maori seats on council should be a prerequisite of good will that supersedes the LGA to highlight a partnership of good faith based on the founding legislative document of this country, Te Tiriti o Waitangi. If this review were to happen when the Taupō district were first established the population would be in favour of tangata whenua.</p> <p>The LGA is inherently discriminative. Deliberately disadvantaging tangata whenua requiring a separate poll for Maori representation is a direct reflection of redundant monocultural legislation and way of thinking. Council deciding to base their decision not to pursue Maori seats based on the failure of other councils displays a lack of confidence in tangata whenua and the general population of this region. According to the Taupō District Council website Maori land makes up 39% (approx.) of the land in the Taupō district, yet tangata whenua remain disproportionately represented. As a descendant of Ngati Tuwharetoa iwi, Ngati Rauhoro-a-Tia hapu and a resident of this district, I am submitting that council cannot effectively act as a territorial authority over the Taupō district without meaningful tangata whenua representation.</p> <p>I support a representation for kinloch district and reduce the turangi councillors to just one so the southeast rural area have representation</p>	<p>Council has begun to work in collaboration with Iwi and Maori to co-design what Maori representation looks like in the Taupō district and is currently developing a work plan to research the options available for Iwi/Maori Representation with the intent of implementing the preferred option by or before 2020.</p> <p>There were 8 submitters who requested that Kinloch remain as part of the Taupō Ward. These submitters argued that they feel that they have a community of interest with Taupō, and they believe that they are well represented by the Taupō Ward councillors. There were 5 submitters who agreed with the proposal that there should be one councillor representing a Kinloch/Oruanui Ward. Council has accepted that Kinloch should remain as part of the Taupō Ward and has amended the boundaries accordingly.</p> <p>Noted that due to the proposal to change the ward boundaries which means that the Turangi and Southern wards are now combined into one ward with two councillors.</p>
20	Richard Hoadley	The option of providing a Standing Committee by way of a representative group has not been included and that is disappointing as the community can only choose between the two provided by Council. Both Mangakino and Kinloch have a Representative Group and I suggest that the South East Ward should have the same, to be consistent with the other wards	

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21	Sandra Greenslade	<p>It appears that the final result that Taupō District Council have come up with has looked at only one aspect of the review process requirements - that of population. However this is deeply flawed and has relied on a population figure. It is not based on the latest census figures - TDC have been clear about that. It is based on figures from Statistics NZ. Does this include all those who pay rates but don't live in the area?). The figures that should be used are those figures that show who pays the costs of running TDC; who contributes financially to the region and who expects to benefit from their considerable investment by way of rates - the residents and ratepayers of the Turangi ward. According to TDC approx. 50% of the home owners in the Turangi area are absentee owners - they are holiday home owners. There is also an increasing number who own properties for investment only. In this review process, those people have been completely ignored. For such an important change to occur in this area those people who pay the piper, should expect at the very minimum, to have some say in the tune.</p> <p>Having the Southeast rural councillor cover an area that takes 1 hour and 30 minutes to drive across with so many small settlements for one councillor to represent, doesn't represent fair and effective representation compared to the small areas of other councillors are proposed to have and the current status quo with two councillors servicing most of that area and Turangi. This area for one councillor to cover would be unreasonable to ensure fair and effective representation.</p> <p>Turangi and the surrounding areas have always related to the Turangi Town Centre, not only for retail but for all the services offered: medical centre, dentist, police, fire brigade, St John's ambulance, lawyer, accountant, supermarket, cafes, library, post office, iSite, churches, kindergartens, schools - secondary and primary, hotel, petrol stations... and so on. In fact the services provided by the town, to the current Turangi ward, pretty much cover anything that anyone would need, with very few exceptions. Why anyone would think that people in the wider Turangi region, would want to be aligned with Broadlands, or folk on the Napier/Taupō highway is beyond any imagination. It would also be conceivable that those folk wouldn't even be able to tell you where Whareroa or Kuratau are. To imagine Tokaanu or Waihi village being separated from Turangi, and aligned with Broadlands, shows how little those who wrote this document understand the relationships of the people of Turangi. The division in this proposal is at odds completely with the "communities of interest" requirement of the Local Govt Commission.</p> <p>The Turangi Tongariro Community Board was set up when Taupō District Council replaced the former independent council of Turangi. It is an excellent training ground for would-be councillors of the future - in fact both current Turangi TDC councillors spent many years on the Turangi Community Board, honing their skills and learning at first hand, the machinations of local government. Councillor Kingi was the Chair of TTCB before becoming a councillor, and it is very clear how this has benefited him and the wider Taupō region, for that position.</p>	<p>Under the Electoral Act 2001, Council is only allowed to consider 'fair representation' based on the resident population. Council has no ability to consider 'fair representation' based on the number of ratepayers. Council is required to use population projections, that have been prepared by Statistics NZ, using the 2013 Census results. These figures have been prepared by Statistic NZ demographers. Council is able to determine the number of ratepayers in the district, using the rating database. Council acknowledges that this situation is not ideal for our district, where we have a high number of non-resident ratepayers. We believe that this is approximately 30% across the district. However, we are bound by the constraints of legislation. Absentee landowners do have an ability to vote in the local government elections.</p> <p>Noted that due to the proposal to change the ward boundaries which means that the Turangi and Southern wards are now combined into one ward, a community board will be established for the new combined ward. This can be split into subdivisions with 4 elected from Turangi Town and 2 from the other parts of the ward. This is also for greater local representation from the southern part of the district, including the lakeshore settlements and more rural communities. There were a number of submitters who stated that they didn't believe that Broadlands should be represented by the Southern Ward. Council has noted this and the boundary for the Turangi Ward will now be at Hatepe.</p> <p>Noted that due to the proposal to change the ward boundaries which means that the Turangi and Southern wards are now combined into one ward, a community board will be established for the new combined ward. This can be split into subdivisions with 4 elected from Turangi Town and 2 from the other parts of the ward. This is also for greater local representation from the southern part of the district, including the lakeshore settlements and more rural communities. There were a number of submitters who stated that they didn't believe that Broadlands should be represented by the Southern Ward. Council has noted this and the boundary for the Turangi Ward will now be at Hatepe.</p> <p>Council notes your support for the TTCB and as stated above, has agreed that a community board should continue to represent the southern area of the district.</p>

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		<p>This document feels as if TDC are trying to destroy any spirit that is Turangi - the closest town to one of the most well known one day walks in the world - Tongariro Crossing; the world renowned trout fishing and often called the Trout Fishing Capital of the World; along with the mighty Tongariro River and everything it represents. The people in Broadlands, the Napier/Taupō highway and the surrounding rural areas have no commonality with the people in the southern settlements or those in the Turangi/Tongariro area. The Turangi area alone has increased its tourist income to 12% in the past year alongside 6% for Taupō and 3% for all NZ. TDC see us not as the "Jewel in the Crown" - which we are, but rather the poor relation that drains their resources.</p> <p>The final and most important point, is the proposed division that the planned TDC idea suggests, is tantamount to putting a fence around the town of Turangi, where the majority of Turangi based iwi live. It has a very nasty taste to it, which on discussion with others in the area, we have all noticed. We don't like the implications; we don't like what it suggests and we reject in the strongest possible terms, what the proposal appears to imply; Maori can live in one area with their own councillor and well-off, Pakeha with their holiday homes, can have their own councillor.</p>	<p>Noted that due to the proposal to change the ward boundaries which means that the Turangi and Southern wards are now combined into one ward, a community board will be established for the new combined ward. This can be split into subdivisions with 4 elected from Turangi Town and 2 from the other parts of the ward. This is also for greater local representation from the southern part of the district, including the lakeshore settlements and more rural communities. There were a number of submitters who stated that they didn't believe that Broadlands should be represented by the Southern Ward. Council has noted this and the boundary for the Turangi Ward will now be at Hatepe.</p> <p>The initial proposal and ward boundaries was based is based solely on population numbers.</p>
22	Richard Hoadley - TRG	<p>TRG are of the view that a Representative Group should be set up as a Standing Committee, as has been done for both the Kinloch and Mangakino wards. The fact that this option has not been included as an option is disappointing and prevents any wider support for what Council has already accepted as a good alternative to the Community Board proposed. Refer also our attached submission application that supports Representation Groups for TDC. Taupō Residents Group request that this application to set up a Standing Committee for the Taupō Town ward be considered and approved by all elected Councillors. All for the betterment of representing and acting as advocate for the interests of the Taupō Town Ward community.</p> <p>TRG does not support the new Southeastern Community Board as proposed, based on the analysis done in preparing this application. A Representative Group should also be considered for the new Southeast Rural ward. To be consistent with the other two representative groups and this application. Taupō Residents Group (TRG) accepts that seven ward Councillors is more than adequate.</p>	<p>Standing Committees of council are established by Council and not through the Representation Review process. Therefore this was not an option that could be considered as part of the review. Because representation arrangements may not be confirmed until mid-April 2019, with the election following less than six months later, Council should consider reviewing its committee structure at the start of the new Triennium.</p> <p>As above</p> <p>Agree</p>
23	Laurie Burdett	<p>Supports the eleven councillors for the District</p> <p>Supports the establishment of a Community Board to represent the Southeast Rural and Turangi Town Wards</p> <p>A board of 8 seems excessive, Would suggest a total of 6</p> <p>Dedicated Maori seats needs to be accommodated at some stage.</p>	<p>There was support to increase the number of councillors for the District to eleven.</p> <p>Noted that due to the proposal to change the ward boundaries which means that the Turangi and Southern wards are now combined into one ward, a community board will be established for the new combined ward. This can be split into subdivisions with 4 elected from Turangi Town and 2 from the other parts of the ward. This is also for greater local representation from the southern part of the district, including the lakeshore settlements and more rural communities.</p> <p>As above</p> <p>Council has begun to work in collaboration with iwi and Maori to co-design what Māori representation looks like in the Taupō district and is currently developing a work plan to research the options available for iwi/Maori Representation with the intent of implementing the preferred option by or before 2020.</p>

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24	Aroha Henry	Taupō District Council have failed to consult with ALL Hapu of Ngati Tuwharetoa. Ngati Tuwharetoa Trust Board are a Government entity and Te Kotahitanga o Ngati Tuwharetoa deal with Ngati Tuwharetoa claims.	Council has begun to work in collaboration with Iwi and Maori to co-design what Māori representation looks like in the Taupō district and is currently developing a work plan to research the options available for Iwi/Maori Representation with the intent of implementing the preferred option by or before 2020.
25	Bruce Campbell	<p>Supports the eleven councillors for the District Area proposed has varied and diverse interest groups. Presently Kinloch is now well served with the Councillor representation and KRG. This system is working well.</p> <p>Supports the establishment of a Community Board to represent the Southeast Rural and Turangi Town Wards</p>	<p>There was support to increase the number of councillors for the District to eleven. There were 8 submitters who requested that Kinloch remain as part of the Taupō Ward. These submitters argued that they feel that they have a community of interest with Taupō, and they believe that they are well represented by the Taupō Ward councillors. There were 5 submitters who agreed with the proposal that there should be one councillor representing a Kinloch/Oruanui Ward. Council has accepted that Kinloch should remain as part of the Taupō Ward and has amended the boundaries accordingly.</p> <p>Noted that due to the proposal to change the ward boundaries which means that the Turangi and Southern wards are now combined into one ward, a community board will be established for the new combined ward. This can be split into subdivisions with 4 elected from Turangi Town and 2 from the other parts of the ward. This is also for greater local representation from the southern part of the district, including the lakeshore settlements and more rural communities.</p>
26	Karen McNamara	<p>The creation of Southeast Rural Ward splits two communities of interest - the community economically and socially connected to Taupō (e.g Broadlands) and the community economically and socially connected to Turangi (places like Pukawa, Motuoapa). The workload for the Southeast Rural Ward councillor is very high given the number of small settlements and the distance the councillor would need to cover. This means the electors in this area are unlikely to receive fair and effective representation compared to what other wards would receive under the proposal.</p> <p>Within the Taupō District it seems there are very few people in truly 'rural' areas. Most of the district population would be considered 'rural with high urban influence' - that is smaller settlements of low permanent persons and holiday homes that use either Turangi or Taupō as their economic or social centres. Therefore, creating wards based on the 'rural' character is not appropriate. These settlements are not truly rural. In addition, it is also not appropriate to propose to change the representation requirements of thousands for a small group.</p> <p>The Councils representation proposals are likely to have significant consequences for the township of Turangi. In essence, the creation of Southeast Rural Ward creates a ward with no political influence in Turangi (except lobbying at council level) but which about 2,500 will use Turangi as their service centre and have a strong interest in the area thriving. Why should only one councillor in Turangi battle at the council table to make sure the library, refuse centre, parks, turtle pools that all these other settlements use are maintained? How effective can one councillor be in representing the interests of nearly 5,500 people when the Councillor is not the councillor for or has no direct line of contact with 2,500 of them? Why should one councillor represent effectively represent the interests of 5,500 people, when other councillors in the region only need to represent the interests of their ward? Why should the people of Turangi have their Councillor overloaded representing the interests of 5,500 people and having less time available for their interests? The Council has been too narrow in its consideration of community of interest to 'rural'.</p>	There were a number of submitters who stated that they didn't believe that Broadlands should be represented by the Southern Ward. Council has noted this and the boundary for the Turangi Ward will now be at Hatepe.

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27	Christine McElwee	<p>Consider creating non-electoral mechanisms to address the 'rural' concerns expressed through the representation review. For example Rural Forum.</p> <p>Consider creating a forum for holiday home owners to have a stronger input into council matters, particularly given the Council insists on weekday consultation meetings effectively blocking holiday home owners from access to face to face information.</p> <p>They meet the LGA's "community of interest" criteria possibly better than ever before eg : Previously Taupō District's rural interests (forestry/farming/hydro and geothermal energy/lifestyle blocks/lakeshore settlements etc.) have generally been unfairly and relatively under- represented around the Taupō District Council table.</p> <p>The proposed Southeast Rural Ward, combined with the Turangi Town Ward to create the proposed Southeastern Community Board WITHIN COUNCIL, provides the democratic opportunity to meet both the Southeast Rural communities of interest and the Turangi Town communities of interest more fairly than the status quo does. NB : Since 1988/89 Turangi Town's generally declining population has been increasingly over-represented around the Taupō District Council table. While the area covered by the Southeast Rural Ward is large, now there is the potential for the rural farming communities of interest, as well as the rural forestry communities of interest, to be both potentially represented on the Southeastern Community Board, if not at the Council table. As you are no doubt aware, some other provincial councils have wards much larger in area than the proposed Southeast Rural Ward. Digital communication has generally improved the effective representation of large New Zealand Wards.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted that due to the proposal to change the ward boundaries which means that the Turangi and Southern wards are now combined into one ward, a community board will be established for the new combined ward. This can be split into subdivisions with 4 elected from Turangi Town and 2 from the other parts of the ward. This is also for greater local representation from the southern part of the district, including the lakeshore settlements and more rural communities. There were a number of submitters who stated that they didn't believe that Broadlands should be represented by the Southern Ward. Council has noted this and the boundary for the Turangi Ward will now be at Hatepe.</p>

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		<p>There are rural hydro and geothermal energy generation communities of interest potentially represented within the proposed Southeastern Community Board, if not at the Council table. The original hapu and iwi lakeshore settlements, for example those inclusive from Waitahanui south and around to Western Bay, have significant common interests that have the potential to be represented on the Southeast Community Board, if not at the Council table. Similarly the more recently developed lakeshore settlements within the proposed Southeast Ward also have significant matters of common interest, that have the potential to be represented on the Southeast Community Board, if not at the Council table.</p>	As above
		<p>g) The proposed new Kinloch/Oruanui Ward has obvious described communities of interest, both rural and urban. Also the population growth in this area warrants new additional Ward representation at the Council table.</p>	<p>There were 8 submitters who requested that Kinloch remain as part of the Taupō Ward. These submitters argued that they feel that they have a community of interest with Taupō, and they believe that they are well represented by the Taupō Ward councillors. There were 5 submitters who agreed with the proposal that there should be one councillor representing a Kinloch/Oruanui Ward. Council has accepted that Kinloch should remain as part of the Taupō Ward and has amended the boundaries accordingly.</p>
		<p>Unlike the other smaller towns in the Taupō District, the proposed Taupō Town Ward has substantial and often urban growth-related and transport hub-related issues to address, without as now, also being responsible for addressing the issues of its rural hinterland encompassed in the current Taupō /Kaingaroa Ward.</p>	Support noted
		<p>Mangakino/Pouakani Ward has had long-established communities of interest on which to establish its proposed Ward boundaries. Therefore it is respectfully submitted that equal opportunities for fair representative democratic governance by the elected representatives on Taupō District Council, ONLY STARTS WITH A FAIR AND LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE WARD STRUCTURE, like that which Taupō District Council is currently proposing.</p> <p>) It is simply unfair that the Taupō Town Ward, the largest population centre in the district, has no separate local level Committee within which to discuss and to recommend representatively on its local matters and issues. By comparison Mangakino/Pouakani and Tongariro/Turangi have those democratic opportunities provided "WITHIN COUNCIL".</p> <p>b) Since late 2010 the Taupō /Kaingaroa Ward elected representatives together, have been restricted to discussing and voting on most Taupō Ward local matters at "full" Council meetings, alongside other Ward Councillors who are NOT REPRESENTATIVE OR LOCALLY ACCOUNTABLE FOR Taupō Ward matters eg : while Tongariro/Turangi Community Board, Mangakino/Pouakani and more recently the Kinloch Committee can together recommend on the management policies for their local public reserves, Taupō Ward Councillors together can not. Instead they sit alongside the other District Ward Councillors to all discuss and make decisions on Taupō Ward public reserves in either for example, the multiWard "full" Council, or the multi-Ward FRED Committee "WITHIN COUNCIL". I submit this untenable situation, which was originally driven by past undemocratic political motives, needs to be modified urgently by the current Council at their very earliest opportunity.</p>	Support noted

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		<p>c) Under this "quaint" inequitable status quo, the Taupō community could be described as being the potential "victim" of some wildly unrepresentative Council decisions or proposals eg dare I mention the ongoing Taupō Regional Bus</p> <p>Therefore I respectfully also submit that the different environments in our Taupō District, that are sustainably managed and sustainably developed through the Taupō District Plan, are currently exposed by governance inadequacies in performing their legal responsibilities under RMA.</p> <p>This unusual situation can be remedied "WITHIN COUNCIL" by current governance taking leadership, addressing this problem, seeking legal, practical and training solutions and implementing them democratically as soon as possible.</p>	<p>This falls outside the representation review process</p>
28	Mike Bowie - OKC	<p>While the changes may meet the Council obligations to the LGC Review, it would appear it has been done with little or no regard to wishes of the various Communities that comprise the Taupō Region. I somewhat cynically remind the Mayor & Councillors of the Taupō District Council of the strap line that appears on Council mast heads - "Great Lake Taupō - Looking after the place we love!"</p> <p>The OKC is pragmatic. We accept that the status quo option is unlikely to remain. The OKC also acknowledge that if we continue to reject the proposed changes and seek a hearing with the LGC Review team, we may find ourselves in an even less favourable position, when their final binding decision is handed down.</p> <p>The OKC would therefore like to present our submission to Council for the LGC representation review, together with the justifying reasons. We sincerely hope the Mayor and Councillors view our submission favourably.</p> <p>In the LGC review proposal published in the Taupō & Turangi Weekender of 21 June 2018, it talked about fair representation of +/- 10% unless, and I quote, "there is a particular community of interest which may justify otherwise."</p> <p>There are two communities of interest surrounding Lake Taupō, centred around Taupō Town in the north - population 23920, and Turangi Town in the south - population 3300. Both towns service geographical surrounding areas, with physical boundaries determining to a large degree, which centre these geographical areas are drawn to.</p> <p>With regard to Turangi, the physical barrier is Motutere Bay on the east side of the lake, while Whareroa is physical barrier on the west side of the lake. To the south the physical barrier is Mount Tongariro. For people living in the areas between these geographical barriers, the centre of their social and commercial activity is Turangi.</p>	<p>The Local Electoral Act 2001 sets the requirements for determining a "community of interest" and also the situations when deviation from the "fair representation" rule is allowed. This includes island or isolated communities. It is unlikely that Turangi would be considered by the Local Government Commission to be a separate community of interest from Taupō.</p> <p>Noted that due to the proposal to change the ward boundaries which means that the Turangi and Southern wards are now combined into one ward, a community board will be established for the new combined ward. This can be split into subdivisions with 4 elected from Turangi Town and 2 from the other parts of the ward. This is also for greater local representation from the southern part of the district, including the lakeshore settlements and more rural communities. There were a number of submitters who stated that they didn't believe that Broadlands should be represented by the Southern Ward. Council has noted this and the boundary for the Turangi Ward will now be at Hatepe.</p>

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	<p>Based on the known permanent population of the OKC, I would estimate there is a permanent population of 300/350 in this geographical area, excluding Turangi. Add to that figure, the holiday home owners of the area and the population increases 10-fold!! Feedback from this holiday home owner group, clearly indicates their community of interest centres around Turangi. This holiday home owner group contributes significantly to the wider Taupō region through rates and to the local Turangi community through goods and services purchases. And yet, under the population criteria for this LGC review, they are to be excluded in assessing the Ward representation.</p> <p>Our concern is the Southeast Rural Ward covers a significant geographic area, much of it sparsely populated forest or rural land. There are small concentrations of populated areas, many of them holiday home enclaves along the shores of Lake Taupō, mostly from Motutere Bay south, around to the South West Bays. Under the Council proposal, it is conceivable someone from Broadlands could be representing the community of interest of the Turangi Town area at Community Board level. Equally, it is conceivable that someone from Whareroa could be representing the interests of Broadlands at the Council table. The view of the OKC is for a change of boundary of the Southeast Rural Ward to better reflect the community interest of the Turangi region. While retaining the proposed boundary on the west and south side of the Southeast Rural Ward as is, the OKC view is that the east side boundary be set at Motutere Bay. We don't believe that this boundary change will manifestly alter the ward population numbers. But importantly, we believe these changes will better reflect the particular community interests of this proposed new ward - north of Motutere to Taupō, Motutere south to Turangi. Therefore, the OKC submission is for the Southeast Rural Ward boundary on the east side of Lake Taupō be drawn at Motutere Bay. The geographical area above this line, that was in the original Southeast Rural Ward proposal, would in turn become part of the Taupō Town Ward.</p> <p>The OKC believe that consideration should be given to Communities of Interest. This has been stated in Council publicity material as being very relevant. Equally, consideration should be given to the wishes of Holiday Home Owners, who, despite being excluded from the population numbers, contribute to and have a vested interest in the ongoing success of their community of interest.</p>	<p>Under the Electoral Act 2001, Council is only allowed to consider 'fair representation' based on the resident population. Council has no ability to consider 'fair representation' based on the number of ratepayers. Council is required to use population projections, that have been prepared by Statistics NZ, using the 2013 Census results. These figures have been prepared by Statistic NZ demographers. Council is able to determine the number of ratepayers in the district, using the rating database. Council acknowledges that this situation is not ideal for our district, where we have a high number of non-resident ratepayers. We believe that this is approximately 30% across the district. However, we are bound by the constraints of legislation</p> <p>Responded in points above.</p> <p>Responded in points above.</p>

