

## Council Briefing Agenda

**Date:** 12 May, 2021

**Time:** 1:30 pm

**Location:** Council Chamber  
Forum North, Rust Avenue  
Whangarei

**Elected Members:** Her Worship the Mayor Sheryl Mai  
(Chairperson)

Cr Gavin Benney

Cr Vince Cocurullo

Cr Nicholas Connop

Cr Ken Couper

Cr Tricia Cutforth

Cr Shelley Deeming

Cr Jayne Golightly

Cr Phil Halse

Cr Greg Innes

Cr Greg Martin

Cr Anna Murphy

Cr Carol Peters

Cr Simon Reid

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**1. Apologies**

**2. Reports**

2.1. Representation Review 2021 - Considering various scenarios 1

**3. Closure of Meeting**

## 2.1 Representation Review 2021 – considering various scenarios

<b>Meeting:</b>	Council Briefing
<b>Date of meeting:</b>	12 May 2021
<b>Reporting officer:</b>	Dale Ofoske – Electoral Officer, Election Services Limited Nicolene Pestana – Team Leader, Democracy Emily Thompson – Manager, Democracy and Assurance

### 1 Purpose

To present feedback from the informal survey and provide detail on potential representation scenarios.

### 2 Background

The Local Electoral Act (LEA) 2001 requires local authorities to undertake a review of their representation arrangements at least once every six years. Council last reviewed its representation arrangements in 2018 which took effect for the 2019 and 2022 triennial elections.

However, on 3 November 2020, Council resolved to establish Māori wards for the 2022 and 2025 triennial elections, necessitating a review of the representation arrangements in 2021, with the outcome to apply for the 2022 and 2025 triennial elections.

The Local Government Commission (LGC) recommends that Councils undertake informal preliminary public consultation to seek feedback on representation arrangements from the community in order to assist Council in identifying options. From 7 April to 5 May, an informal survey was run to seek community views on our current representation. The results of this survey will be presented at today's briefing.

A joint Council and Te Kārearea briefing was held on 4 March 2021 providing an overview of the representation review process. A further hui with Te Kārearea was held on 17 March 2021.

On 1 April 2021, Council was briefed on the considerations and principles to consider when undertaking a representation review. Some potential approaches / scenarios were discussed at this briefing. At today's joint Council and Te Kārearea briefing, Council's Electoral Officer, Dale Ofoske will provide further detail on the impact of these scenarios.

Councillors and Te Kārearea members will work through these scenarios with the aim of identifying potential options for the Initial Proposal.

### 3 Discussion

#### 3.1 Informal Consultation

Informal community consultation is took place in April and May and included the following:

- **Informal survey**
  - An informal survey which ran from 7 April to 7 May 2021. The survey was available online as well as in a printed booklet with a tear-off survey attached. Copies of the booklet were available at all WDC library branches (including the mobile library bus) and WDC customer service counters (Ruakaka and Forum North).
- **Communication and advertising**
  - Social media campaign, explaining process, first steps, what happens, directing traffic to online forms and physical forms. Channels included Facebook, Neighbourly and Community Facebook Groups and pages.
  - Dedicated WDC website page in 'Have Your Say' section, with overview and informal survey link.
  - Printed stories and ads in the Leader (Wednesdays) and Advocate (Saturdays).
  - Communication with resident and ratepayer's groups and Lions, Rotary and Zonta Groups and Te Huinga and Te Kārearea providing information on the review and offering to attend their meetings in April or May.
- **Engagement**
  - Engagement sessions with Council's Youth, Positive Ageing and Disability Advisory Groups
  - Drop-in sessions at the Central Library throughout April, until 5 May.
  - Briefings with Te Kārearea in March and May.

### **3.2 Feedback from Advisory Group engagement sessions**

Council staff attended Council's Youth, Positive Ageing and Disability Advisory Group meetings in April. A presentation covering the Representation Review process, key dates, Māori wards and the informal survey was provided. Members of the group were encouraged to provide individual feedback to the survey with the expectation that the groups would provide a group submission for the formal consultation on the initial proposal. The presentation and information provided were well received.

The Positive Ageing Advisory Group requested more information on aspects such as community boards and numbers of electors in wards and this was provided to the group subsequent to the meeting. Feedback from this group was that Council/councillors should be more proactive in promoting the representation review in their respective wards.

Both the Youth Group and Positive Ageing Advisory Group felt that the Council should be promoting the representation review and democracy in a broader sense in schools.

Council staff were unable to meet with the Multi Ethnic Collective in April and May as this group is in the process of finalizing its leadership and structure. However, staff have been invited to attend the groups June meeting.

### **3.3 Feedback from Residents and Ratepayers Associations / Groups**

Feedback was received from members of the Whananaki Residents and Ratepayers Association and Kamo Community Inc. Staff also met with a member of the Onerahi Community Association who expressed interest in that community making a submission on the Initial Proposal during formal consultation.

### **3.4 Results of informal survey**

The informal survey was accessible to anyone wishing to participate. Access to the survey was through the Council website's Have your Say page. Posts directing people to the survey

were posted on Facebook, Neighbourly and other community group social media pages. Hardcopy versions were available in all branch libraries and Customer Service Centres.

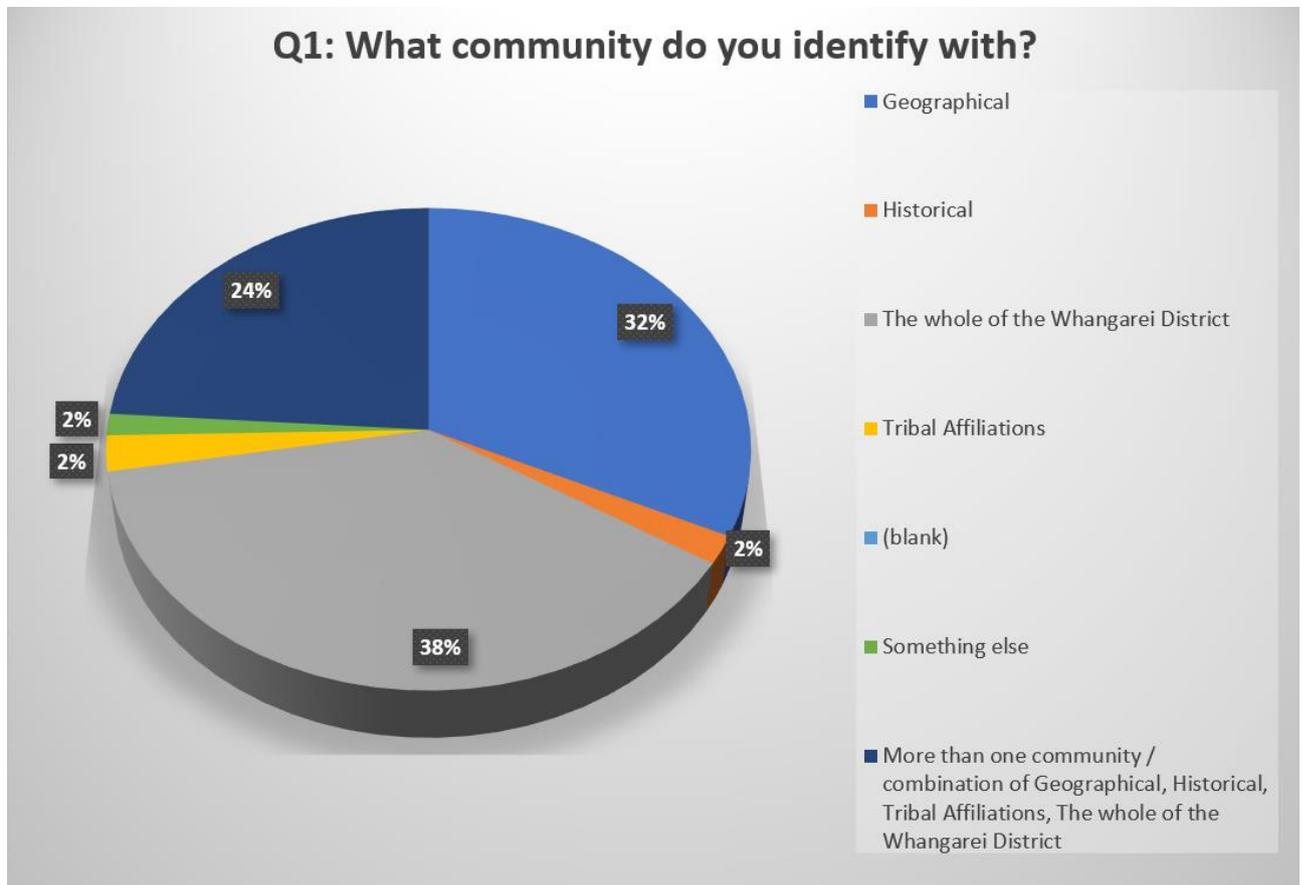
There were 212 responses to the survey, 139 of which were online, with 73 hardcopy responses. A full copy of the survey responses is attached as Attachment 1.

The informal survey asked for feedback on the following questions:

**Question 1: What community do you identify with?**

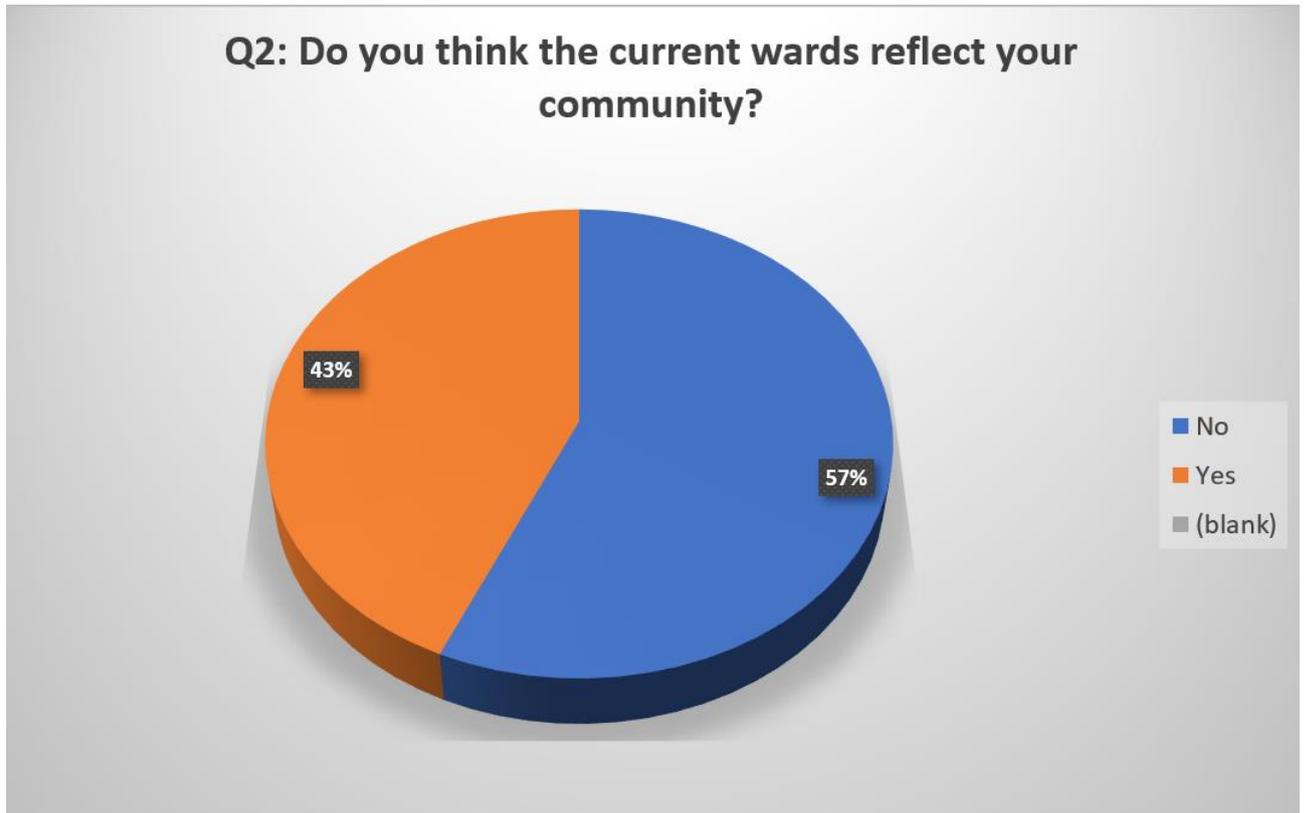
Five options were provided: Geographical, Historical, Tribal Affiliations, The whole of the Whangarei District or something else (please describe).

- 38% of survey participants identify with the whole of the Whangarei District.
- 32% of survey participants have a geographical connection to their community.
- 2% of survey participants have a historical connection to their community.
- 2% of survey participants have tribal affiliations to their community.
- 24% of survey participants identify with two or more of the options provided. Attachment 1 provides details of which communities these survey participants identified with.
- 2% of survey participants identify with Something else and listed this as 'other' in the comments section of their response. (Attachment 1).
- 4 survey participants did not answer the question. These responses have been excluded from the results in the graph below.
- 4 survey participants identify with one (or more) community but stated another community of interest (e.g. disability) in the comments section of their response. (Attachment 1).
- Some survey participants indicated their community / ward in the comments section of their response. (Attachment 1).



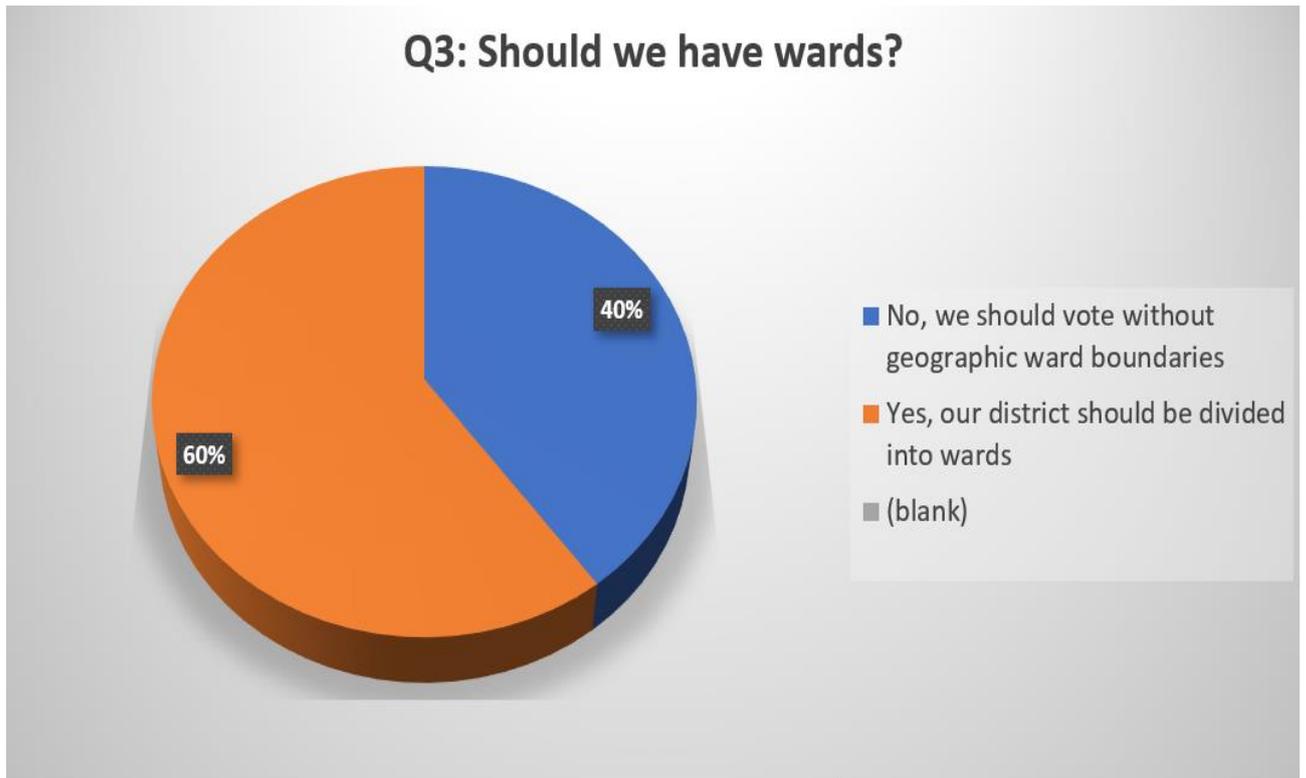
**Question 2: Do you think the current wards reflect your community?**

- 57% of survey participants feel that the current wards do not reflect their community.
- 43% of survey participants feel that the current wards do reflect their community
- 2 survey participants did not answer the question. These responses have been excluded from the results in the graph below.
- Some survey participants have included commentary on this question in the comments section of their response (Attachment 1).



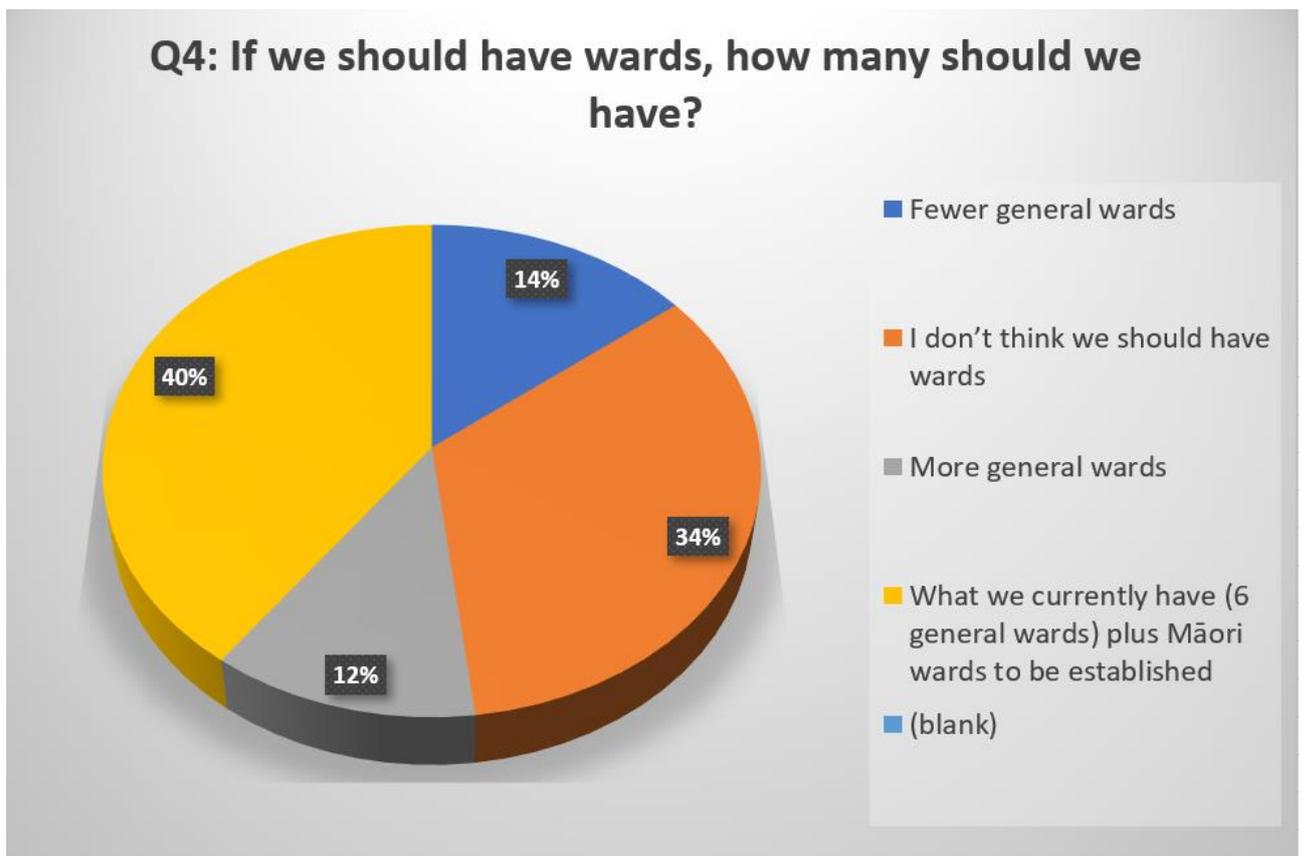
**Question 3 Should we have wards?**

- 60% of survey participants want our district to be divided into wards.
- 40% of survey participants feel that we should vote without geographical boundaries
- 8 survey participants did not answer the question. These responses have been excluded from the results in the graph below.
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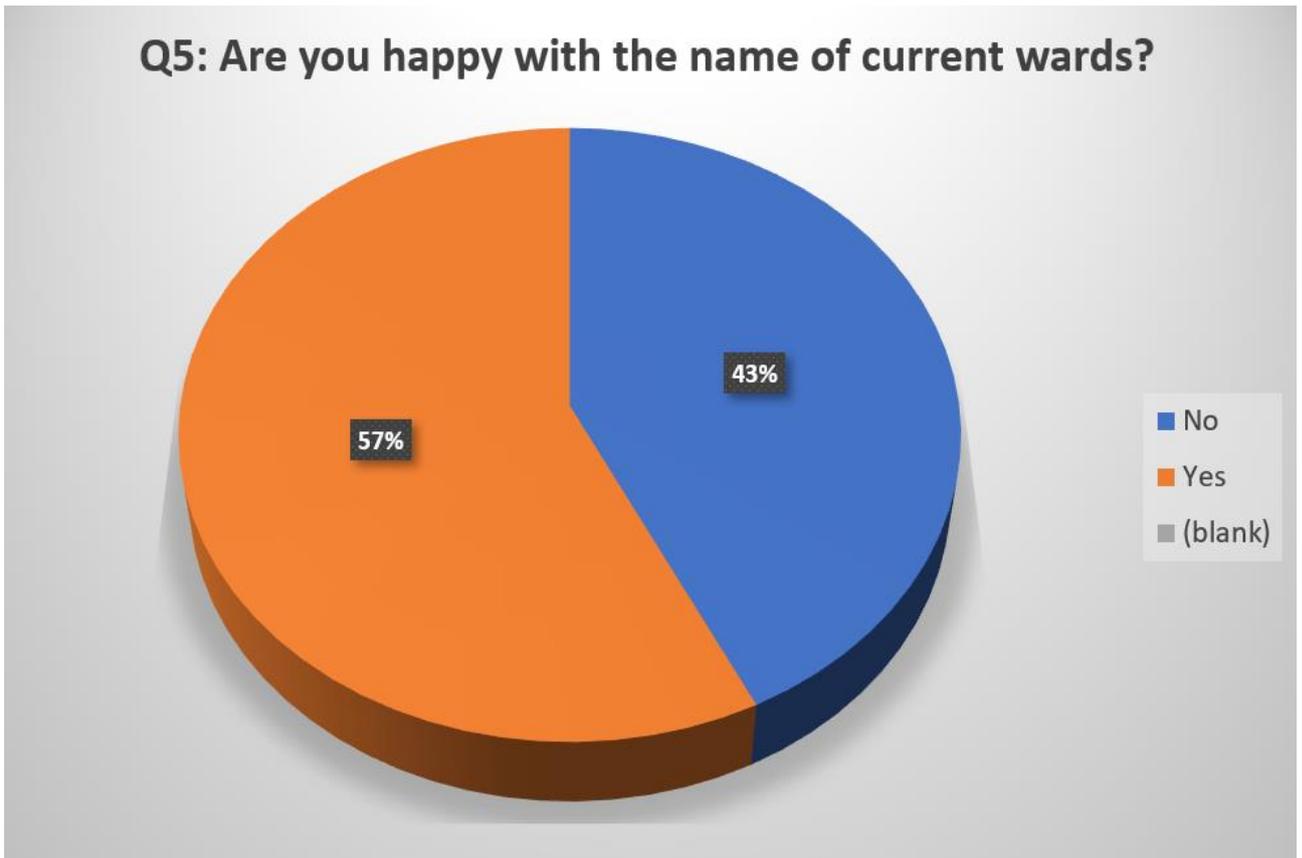
**Question 4: If we have wards, how many wards should we have?**

- 40% of survey participants opted to retain what we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established.
- 34% of survey participants do not think we should have wards.
- 14% of survey participants feel we should have fewer general wards.
- 12% of survey participants feel we should have more general wards.
- 5 survey participants did not answer the question. These responses have been excluded from the results in the graph below.
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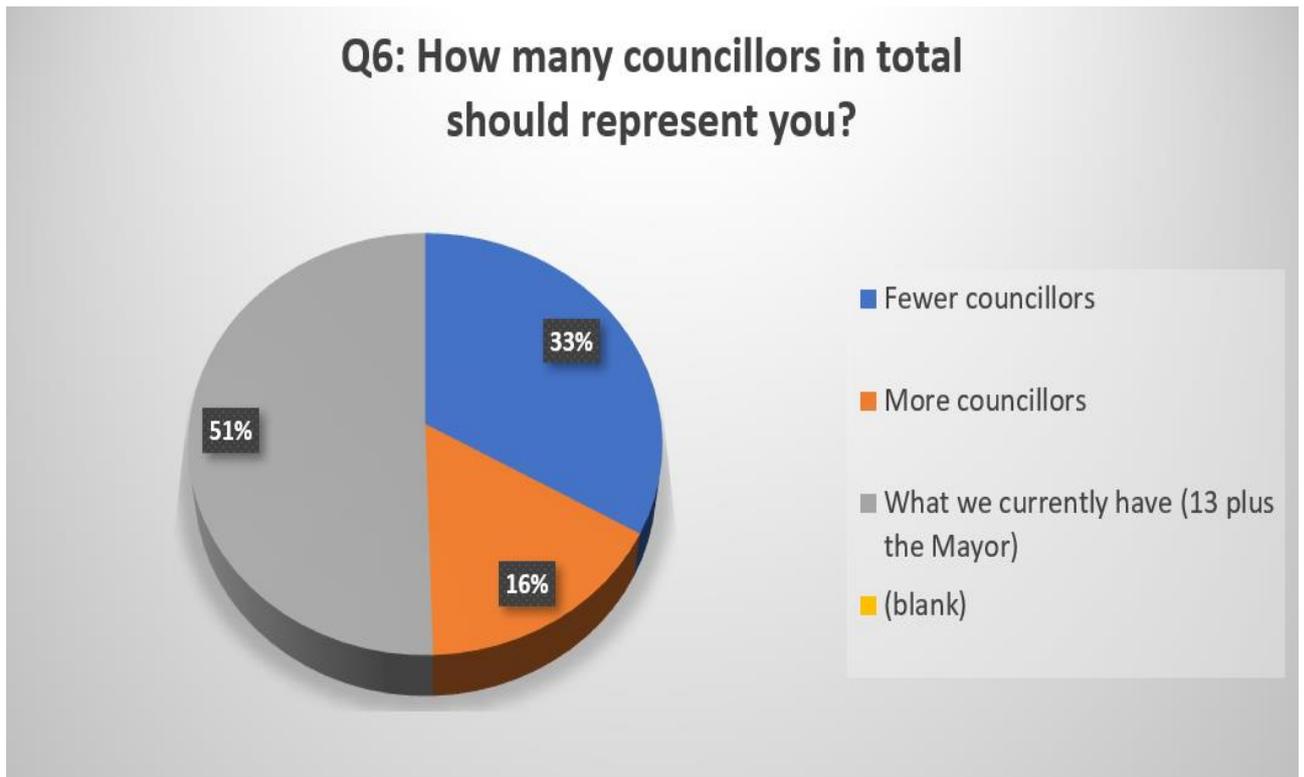
**Question 5: Are you happy with the names of the current wards?**

- 57% of survey participants are happy with the name of the current wards.
- 43% of survey participants are not happy with the name of the current wards.
- 5 survey participants did not answer the question. These responses have been excluded from the results in the graph below.
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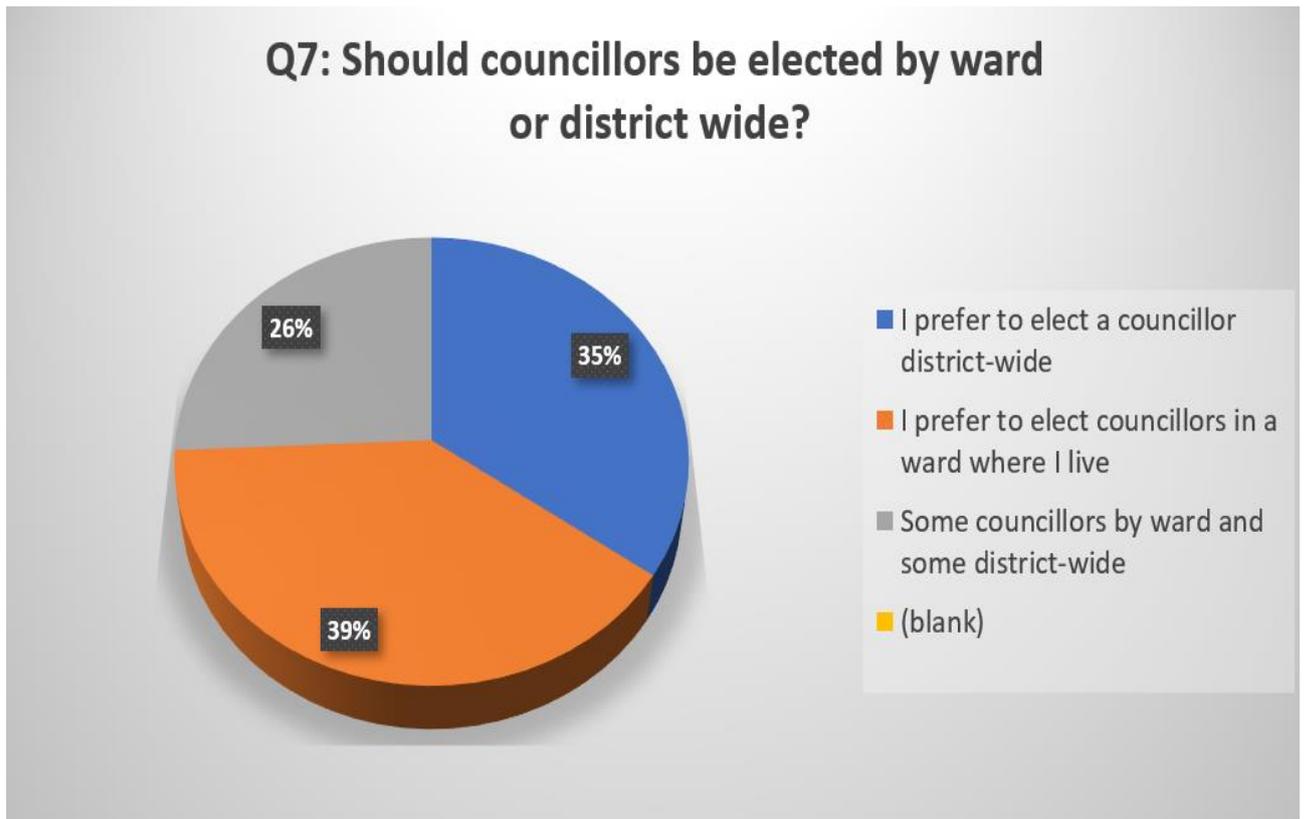
**Question 6      How many councillors in total should represent you?**

- 51% of survey participants opted to retain what we currently have (13 councillors plus the Mayor).
- 33% of survey participants feel we should have fewer councillors.
- 16% of survey participants feel we should have more councillors.
- 3 survey participants did not answer the question. These responses have been excluded from the results in the graph below.
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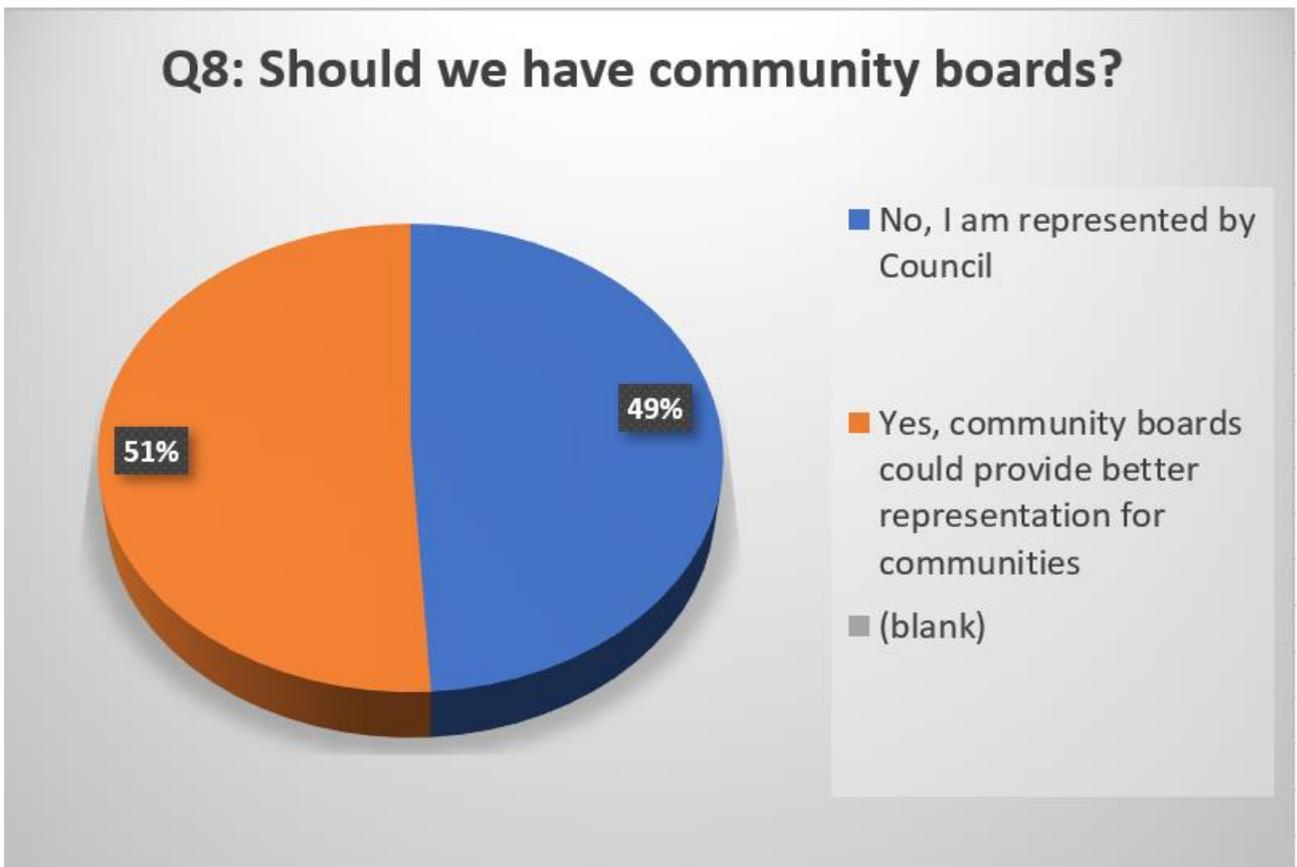
**Question 7: Should councillors be elected by ward or district-wide?**

- 39% of survey participants prefer to elect councillors where they live (ward based).
- 35% of survey participants prefer to elect councillors districtwide ('at large').
- 26% of survey participants prefer to elect some councillors by ward and some district-wide.
- 3 survey participants did not answer the question. These responses have been excluded from the results in the graph below.
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### Question 8: Should we have community boards?

- 51% of survey participants think that community boards could provide better representation for communities.
- 49% prefer to be represented by Council.
- 5 survey participants did not answer the question. These responses have been excluded from the results in the graph below.
- Some survey participants have included commentary on this question in the comments section of their response (Attachment 1).



### 3.5 Potential approaches / scenarios

A number of approaches / scenarios were discussed at the briefing on 1 April 2021. The minutes and presentation of this briefing is attached as Annexure 2 and Annexure 3.

Council's Electoral Officer, Dale Ofoske and council staff have worked through 10 possible scenarios based on feedback from the 1 April briefing. 6 of these possible scenarios did not fit in terms of legislative requirements for fair representation. 5 possible options (which aligned with feedback provided at the 1 April briefing) were identified and mapped. These options will be presented at the briefing today for discussion.

Councillors have previously requested information on Community Boards. A survey of Community Boards was undertaken in 2018 by Business Lab. The purpose of the survey was to answer two questions:

- What roles and responsibilities do Community Boards in New Zealand have?
- How effective are Community Boards at performing those?

A copy of the report on this survey is included as Attachment 4.

### **3.6 Next steps**

- Te Kārearea hui on 19 May to obtain feedback from hapū on a preferred option.
- Council briefing on 1 June to seek feedback on a preferred option for staff to formalize a recommendation for Council meeting on 24 June.
- Council meeting on 24 June for Council to resolve an initial proposal for consultation.

## **4 Attachments**

Attachment 1: Full copy of the survey responses.

Attachment 2: Minutes of Council briefing 1 April.

Attachment 3: Presentation - Council briefing 1 April.

Attachment 4: Business Lab report: Serving New Zealand? A 2018 Survey of Community Boards.



Receipt Number	Response Receipt Date Time	Your Community		Wards			Your Councillors		Community Boards	Comments
		Q1: What community do you identify with?	Q2: Do you think the current wards reflect your community?	Q3: Should we have wards?	Q4: If we should have wards, how many should we have?	Q5: Are you happy with the name of current wards?	Q6: How many councillors in total should represent you?	Q7: Should councillors be elected by ward or district wide?	Q8: Should we have community boards?	
REP-REVIEW-IS1	12/04/2021 11:17AM	Geographical	Yes		What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I want to elect councillors where I live	No, I am represented by Council	
REP-REVIEW-IS2	12/04/2021 11:17AM		Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I want to elect councillors where I live	No, I am represented by Council	
REP-REVIEW-IS3	09/04/2021 12:26PM	Historical	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries		No	More councillors	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	No, I am represented by Council	More councillors to cover better representation over districts. No need for community boards. Introduce Single Transferrable vote. That gets better representation across electorate.
REP-REVIEW-IS4	14/04/2021 03:01PM	Geographical	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	Fewer general wards	Yes	Fewer councillors	I want to elect councillors where I live	No, I am represented by Council	Overall opinion is to reduce number of councillors but retain wards - albeit that these will need to be larger
REP-REVIEW-IS5	16/04/2021 08:51AM	The whole of the Whangarei District	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	No	Fewer councillors	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	All the councillors to be elected district wide. Community boards would be good, easy to approach. Maybe 12 councillors - 4 Māori and 8 others to reflect the Treaty of Waitangi. Well done Whangarei!
REP-REVIEW-IS6	16/04/2021 11:15AM	Geographical, Historical, Tribal affiliations, The whole of the Whangarei District	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	No	More councillors	Some councillors by ward and some district-wide		I live in Tikipunga. Strongly dislike the name Denby. Undecided about Community Boards. I want to have Māori wards for sure. Keep things simple i.e. no general wards, so more people feel like they understand voting / what they vote for, and follow through to actually engage / vote.
REP-REVIEW-IS7	19/04/2021 11:16AM	The whole of the Whangarei District	Yes		What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I want to elect councillors where I live	No, I am represented by Council	I am of Māori descent. I feel that people that are of any nationality should be able to become councillors. I am also Scottish, English and Dalmation descent. Does that make a difference?
REP-REVIEW-IS8	19/04/2021 11:16AM	The whole of the Whangarei District	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	No	Fewer councillors	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	Wards don't make any sense in this day and age, we should vote across the whole community. We could vote councillors in order of preference and vote either of the general roll or the Māori roll, according to what percentage of our population is split Māori / General.
REP-REVIEW-IS9	20/04/2021 7:05AM									Compulsory retirement at election preceding 70th Birthday. Limit to number of terms served so seat fillers don't continue to be relected because of name recognition. Allocation of seats to under 25's.
REP-REVIEW-IS10	21/04/2021 7:34AM	Geographical	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	Fewer general wards	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I want to elect councillors where I live	No, I am represented by Council	
REP-REVIEW-IS11	21/04/2021 9:52AM	The whole of the Whangarei District	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	No	Fewer councillors	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	Wards are outdated, since we're so mobile nowadays. We should vote across the whole district. Split the general / Māori seats according to population or even 50/50.
REP-REVIEW-IS12	22/04/2021 9:13AM	Geographical	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I want to elect councillors where I live	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	
REP-REVIEW-IS13	22/04/2021 9:14AM	Geographical	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I want to elect councillors where I live	No, I am represented by Council	Wards should be geographical and Councillors elected on merit, not ethnicity.
REP-REVIEW-IS14	23/04/2021 10:00AM	The whole of the Whangarei District	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	No	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	I work all over the district. Wards don't really make sense. We should elect all the councillors. Community boards would need to be voluntary, we don't want to pay more.
REP-REVIEW-IS15	23/04/2021 10:01AM	The whole of the Whangarei District	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	No	Fewer councillors	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	Less Councillors would be good, spread across the whole district, then add in community boards. Maybe 8 general and 4 Māori = 12
REP-REVIEW-IS16	30/04/2021 11:42AM	The whole of the Whangarei District	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I want to elect councillors where I live	No, I am represented by Council	Community Boards, would in my opinion, form a further level of bureaucracy which separates the council from the community. It is more effective to contact a local ward councillor.

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REP-REVIEW-IS17	30/04/2021 11:43AM	Geographical	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I want to elect councillors where I live	No, I am represented by Council	
REP-REVIEW-IS18	30/04/2021 11:43AM	The whole of the Whangarei District	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I want to elect councillors where I live	No, I am represented by Council	My husband found this Informal Survey by chance in Tikipunga Library and we have seen no mention of its existence anywhere else eg in the local papers. The only article which was printed was the Mayor saying she and the council would be looking at the overall representation of residents in the council area. So many residents could be unaware of the existence of this informal survey.
REP-REVIEW-IS19	28/04/2021 11:52AM	The whole of the Whangarei District	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I want to elect councillors where I live	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	
REP-REVIEW-IS20	3/05/2021 4:18 p.m	Geographical, Historical, Tribal affiliations	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	No	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I want to elect councillors where I live	No, I am represented by Council	
REP-REVIEW-IS21	3/05/2021 4:19 p.m	The whole of the Whangarei District	No		What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	No	More councillors	Some councillors by ward and some district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	
REP-REVIEW-IS22	3/05/2021 4:19 p.m	Tribal affiliations, The whole of the Whangarei District	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	No	Fewer councillors	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	Other: Taku Turangawaewae. This is a perfect chance to establish community boards to be more informed about community wants and needs.
REP-REVIEW-IS23	3/05/2021 4:20 p.m	Tribal affiliations, The whole of the Whangarei District	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	No	More councillors	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	
REP-REVIEW-IS24	3/05/2021 4:21 p.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries		Yes	Fewer councillors	I want to elect councillors where I live	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	
REP-REVIEW-IS25	3/05/2021 4:21 p.m.	Geographical	Yes	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	
REP-REVIEW-IS26	3/05/2021 4:22 p.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	Some councillors by ward and some district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	
REP-REVIEW-IS27	3/05/2021 4:22 p.m.	Geographical	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	No	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I want to elect councillors where I live	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	
REP-REVIEW-IS28	3/05/2021 4:23 p.m.	Something else	No	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	More general wards	No	More councillors	Some councillors by ward and some district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	Other: Global Citizen. More general wards plus Maori Wards

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REP-REVIEW-IS29	3/05/2021 4:24 p.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	No	Fewer councillors	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	I don't know who represents me, it's never clear. Use STV, have the electoral commission run the voting on a specific day. Wards are meaningless. We all work and recreate and live in completely different random areas. 12 would be manageable. 8 general seats/4 Maori seats to reflect the population split. Use STV system where voters can rate all those standing from #1 onwards. We need an actual voting day, use the Electoral Commission to run elections in order to engage more and younger voters. We need to push for youth engagement and leadership. What our district does from now on matters i.e. climate change. Transport especially needs a BIG rethink. Such boundaries don't make sense nowadays, as a population we're so mobile. We don't need wards at all. 8 General, 4 Maori would be in line with how our population is (1/3 identify as Maori). We could vote all those standing from 1# onwards. Community Boards are vey effective. I never know which ward I'm in, now which Councillor represents me. We don't need wards! They're ridiculous, meaningless boundaries. 12 Would be good. Just like other Councils throughout NZ. I want to vote for all the Councillors, STP would be good, where we could rate all people standing 1 to 20. There should be 1/3 Maori seats since that's the percentage of the population that identifies as Maori. 8 general 4 maori.
REP-REVIEW-IS30	3/05/2021 4:25 p.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	No	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established		Fewer councillors	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	You have already decided what to do and this survey is not worth the paper it's printed on. Whangarei has always been for the rich people and that's what's on this Council. Maori wards to be established (in what year is that) stop lying. White people in Whangarei always against brown people.
REP-REVIEW-IS31	3/05/2021 4:26 p.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	No	More councillors	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	No, I am represented by Council	People move to different locations and have family members in various parts of the district. I've opted for more Councillors, but this should only be one or two more, with the introduction of Maori Wards.
REP-REVIEW-IS32	3/05/2021 4:27 p.m.	Historical	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	No		I want to elect councillors where I live	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	
REP-REVIEW-IS33	3/05/2021 2:20 p.m.	Geographical, The whole of the Whangarei District	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	Fewer general wards	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I want to elect councillors where I live	No, I am represented by Council	Waipu - Bream Bay
REP-REVIEW-IS34	3/05/2021 2:21 p.m.	Geographical, Historical, The whole of the Whangarei District	No	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	No	More councillors	Some councillors by ward and some district-wide	No, I am represented by Council	This in an important democratic issue. Closing date Friday 7th of May, really? Why the short notice? This should have been posted out to ALL. Democracy costs in more ways than bank balances. Geographical, Historical and The Whole of Whangarei District (it is about HOW PEOPLE LIVE TOGETHER.) Religion is still a uniting factor e.g. Brethren and Muslim, as is economic status. Homeless and leafy suburbs need to be fairly represented, fair means FAIR treatment which sometimes means less fortunate need more. Fairness prevents inequality and slums, not just better conditions for those already well provided for. Plus some general wards (in addition to the 2 Maori wards) which can represent all but the 2 central wards that already have more than their fais share of control and power. We need to have some changes e.g. Bream Bay excludes the extensive rural hinterland lying behind coastal hills. How many Councillors? Suggest 17, 13 plus 2 Maori and 2 general. Could add 2 more for population density in Bream Bay and the Heads. Some councillors should be elected by ward and some district wide to allow for population increase and more diversity. Community Boards - No, could allow takeover by a power group. We need to change the voting system. First, past the post in UNFAIR - note MM proportional added to general elections. We need a proportional method of voting. This would make every vote more powerful. At present voting at elections is too low to be representative. People feel and know their votes have no influence. Council has a responsibility to represent ALL voters. TIME TO CHANGE the voting system. There needs to be a cap on how much a candidate can spend on electioneering and a cap on tenure. Democracy needs controls.

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REP-REVIEW-IS35	4/05/2021 11:00 a.m.	Geographical	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	Yes	Fewer councillors	I want to elect councillors where I live	No, I am represented by Council	Very happy to have our Councillors at our monthly rate payers meetings and discuss problems of our area. Minimal Maori Councillors to cover each area. Not hui!
REP-REVIEW-IS36	4/05/2021 11:02 a.m.	Geographical	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I want to elect councillors where I live		Personally I don't think the creation of wards will improve the overall situation in Northland. Instead I think the creation of wards will further create divisions, something we need less of. E.g. creation of maori wards have already created moer divisions when we don't need more.
REP-REVIEW-IS37	4/05/2021 11:03 a.m.	Geographical	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I want to elect councillors where I live	No, I am represented by Council	
REP-REVIEW-IS38	4/05/2021 11:03 a.m.	Geographical	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I want to elect councillors where I live	No, I am represented by Council	
REP-REVIEW-IS39	4/05/2021 11:04 a.m.	Geographical	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I want to elect councillors where I live	No, I am represented by Council	
REP-REVIEW-IS40	4/05/2021 11:05 a.m.	Geographical	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I want to elect councillors where I live	No, I am represented by Council	Why was this not posted out to each rate payer?
REP-REVIEW-IS41	4/05/2021 11:05 a.m.	Geographical	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I want to elect councillors where I live	No, I am represented by Council	
REP-REVIEW-IS42	4/05/2021 11:06 a.m.	Geographical	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I want to elect councillors where I live	No, I am represented by Council	
REP-REVIEW-IS43	4/05/2021 11:07 a.m.	Geographical	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I want to elect councillors where I live	No, I am represented by Council	
REP-REVIEW-IS44	4/05/2021 11:07 a.m.	Geographical	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I want to elect councillors where I live	No, I am represented by Council	
REP-REVIEW-IS45	4/05/2021 11:18 a.m.	Geographical	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I want to elect councillors where I live	No, I am represented by Council	
REP-REVIEW-IS46	4/05/2021 11:19 a.m.	Geographical	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I want to elect councillors where I live	No, I am represented by Council	
REP-REVIEW-IS47	4/05/2021 2:17 p.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	No	Fewer councillors	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	
REP-REVIEW-IS48	07/04/2021 6:49 a.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	No	Fewer councillors	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	No, I am represented by Council	You should have asked the community what it thinks about Māori wards. An online survey was an opportunity to do so but even that was refused. You have not asked how Māori wards should be represented - one ward for all Māori candidates? By geographical area? By Tikanga? Are you only asking Māori that question?

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REP-REVIEW-IS49	07/04/2021 8:12 a.m.	Historical	Yes	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	No, I am represented by Council	<p>Couldn't the creation of race wards be seen as a potential breach of fundamental human rights, particularly those covered by the "International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR). PART II Article 2 1. Each state to the present Covenant undertakes to respect and to ensure to all individuals within its territory and subject to its jurisdiction the rights recognised in the present Covenant, without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status. Article 25 Every citizen shall have the right and the opportunity, without any of the distinctions, mentioned in article 2 and without unreasonable restrictions: (a) To take part in the conduct of public affairs, directly or through freely chosen representatives; (b) To vote and to be elected at genuine periodic elections which shall be by universal and equal suffrage and shall be held by secret ballot, guaranteeing the free expression of the will of the electors; (c) To have access, on general terms of equality, to public service in his country. Article 26 All persons are equal before the law and are entitled without any discrimination to the equal protection of the law. In this respect, the law shall prohibit any discrimination and guarantee to all persons equal and effective protection against discrimination on any ground such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.</p> <p>There's a reason we have these rights, and have done so for over half a century, and we well know the type of people who allow such things to happen.</p>
REP-REVIEW-IS50	07/04/2021 8:26 a.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	No	Fewer councillors	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	No, I am represented by Council	I would like to know why you have not made mention of Māori seats when the majority of the public voted AGAINST them. Surely this can only be construed that once again WDC feel they have no obligation to listen to the voters. Enjoy your last term as none of you will be there next time.
REP-REVIEW-IS51	07/04/2021 8:35 a.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	No	Fewer councillors	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	
REP-REVIEW-IS52	07/04/2021 8:52 a.m.	Geographical	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	Yes	Fewer councillors	I prefer to elect councillors in a ward where I live	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	
REP-REVIEW-IS53	07/04/2021 10:46 a.m.	Geographical, Tribal affiliations, The whole of the Whangarei District	No	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	Some councillors by ward and some district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	
REP-REVIEW-IS54	07/04/2021 12:03 a.m.	Geographical	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	Some councillors by ward and some district-wide	No, I am represented by Council	
REP-REVIEW-IS55	07/04/2021 12:56 p.m.	Geographical, The whole of the Whangarei District	No	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	Fewer general wards	No	Fewer councillors	Some councillors by ward and some district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	I am glad we now have Māori wards.
REP-REVIEW-IS56	07/04/2021 1:41 p.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	No	Fewer councillors	Some councillors by ward and some district-wide	No, I am represented by Council	The biggest thing councillors can do is listen to their community, not do what they think. They are there to represent us as the ratepayers.
REP-REVIEW-IS57	07/04/2021 2:07 p.m.	Geographical	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	Yes	Fewer councillors	I prefer to elect councillors in a ward where I live	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	

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REP-REVIEW-IS58	07/04/2021 3:10 p.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	No	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	
REP-REVIEW-IS59	07/04/2021 3:55 p.m.	Geographical, Tribal affiliations, The whole of the Whangarei District	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	Fewer general wards	Yes	More councillors	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	Ditch FPTP as a voting system and adopt STV. It's a fairer system and we already have to use it for other local government elections at the same time so changing would simplify the voting process for us. Good work on getting Māori wards started.
REP-REVIEW-IS60	07/04/2021 4:31 p.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	No, I am represented by Council	The creation of Māori wards will make it impossible for me to vote for any candidate I want to represent me. I am not of Māori descent so I cannot choose to enrol on the Māori role. As such I want to vote for one of the people running for a councillor position on the Māori Ward. I will not be able to do so. I believe a better way to have progressed with this would have been to promote and educate the Māori community about what a councillor is and what the job means. That and providing grants/funding to help Māori run for the position. I would like to see a preferential/ranking system for the voting. Currently I feel like my vote is wasted if the candidate I vote for does not become a councillor, which is often the case. With a preferential/ranking system I could still have an impact if my first choice does not make it in.
REP-REVIEW-IS61	07/04/2021 5:23 p.m.	Something else	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	More general wards	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I prefer to elect councillors in a ward where I live	No, I am represented by Council	Other: Coastal Our ward councillors that are elected for our area represent us well.
REP-REVIEW-IS62	07/04/2021 5:42 p.m.	Geographical	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	More general wards	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I prefer to elect councillors in a ward where I live	No, I am represented by Council	I like the current system of electing suitable people for our wards.
REP-REVIEW-IS63	07/04/2021 5:45 p.m.	Geographical	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	Fewer general wards	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I prefer to elect councillors in a ward where I live	No, I am represented by Council	
REP-REVIEW-IS64	07/04/2021 7:15 p.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	Yes	Fewer councillors	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	No, I am represented by Council	Skilled base. Could a Councillor have mental health issues and be effectively to represent the community? In saying this they are part of the community and we don't decriminalisation on health.
REP-REVIEW-IS65	07/04/2021 7:23 p.m.	Geographical, The whole of the Whangarei District	No	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	More general wards	No	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I prefer to elect councillors in a ward where I live	No, I am represented by Council	
REP-REVIEW-IS66	07/04/2021 7:27 p.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I prefer to elect councillors in a ward where I live	No, I am represented by Council	
REP-REVIEW-IS67	07/04/2021 7:32 p.m.	Geographical, Historical, Tribal affiliations, The whole of the Whangarei District	No	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I prefer to elect councillors in a ward where I live	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	
REP-REVIEW-IS68	07/04/2021 7:38 p.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	No	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	No, I am represented by Council	
REP-REVIEW-IS69	07/04/2021 8:04 p.m.	Geographical	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I prefer to elect councillors in a ward where I live	No, I am represented by Council	I live in Whananaki North - Hikurangi-Coastal Ward. Our current Ward Councillor's Greg Martin and Anna Murphy live in the Ward they represent and have an affinity with same. I am president of the Whananaki residents and Ratepayers assoc - we have a good working relationship with our councillors and believe they do their best to work for the interests of Whananaki and the greater ward they represent. The current system works ok - don't try to fix something that isn't broken. Bruce Barron
REP-REVIEW-IS70	07/04/2021 8:10 p.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	Yes	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	No, I am represented by Council	No to Māori wards.
REP-REVIEW-IS71	07/04/2021 8:15 p.m.	Geographical, Historical, Tribal affiliations, The whole of the Whangarei District	No	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	Yes	More councillors	I prefer to elect councillors in a ward where I live	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	
REP-REVIEW-IS72	07/04/2021 8:46 p.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	No, I am represented by Council	I feel the wards advantage rural voters and use semi-rural voters (like our household) to pad the numbers so that they have an over-representation for rural voters.

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REP-REVIEW-IS73	07/04/2021 9:19 p.m.	Geographical, The whole of the Whangarei District	No	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	Yes	Fewer councillors	Some councillors by ward and some district-wide	No, I am represented by Council	
REP-REVIEW-IS74	08/04/2021 6:09 a.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	No	Fewer councillors	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	No, I am represented by Council	
REP-REVIEW-IS75	08/04/2021 7:12 a.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	No	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	No	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I prefer to elect councillors in a ward where I live	No, I am represented by Council	
REP-REVIEW-IS76	08/04/2021 10:00 a.m.	Geographical, Historical	No	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	More general wards	No	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	Some councillors by ward and some district-wide	No, I am represented by Council	Please no community boards, there is enough time spent on meetings as it is without adding to this. More doing and less talking about be better.
REP-REVIEW-IS77	08/04/2021 1:46 p.m.	Geographical	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	No, I am represented by Council	Change to STV voting system.
REP-REVIEW-IS78	08/04/2021 2:25 p.m.		No	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I prefer to elect councillors in a ward where I live	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	
REP-REVIEW-IS79	08/04/2021 3:16 p.m.	Geographical	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I prefer to elect councillors in a ward where I live	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	As a Coastal Community we work closely with our elected councillors to ensure we are represented and that our voice is heard. If Coastal Wards are disestablished we will in effect have taxation without representation which will be a breach of our common law rights and personal equity rights. The Coastal Communities are the infrastructural back bone of tourism earnings which the region receives and we need to be protecting and enhancing these communities for the betterment of the environment and the economic future of Northland.
REP-REVIEW-IS80	08/04/2021 3:46 p.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I prefer to elect councillors in a ward where I live	No, I am represented by Council	
REP-REVIEW-IS81	08/04/2021 3:53 p.m.	Geographical	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I prefer to elect councillors in a ward where I live	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	If you look at the benefits of acting in the best manner for local interests an example of this would be our community representation and involvement in the volunteer fire service. It provides a real sense of belonging to those involved in the running of this great service. If you don't have a local focus you will end up with monies generated from rates and taxes going to activities which have no real benefit to the communities which have generated those funds. Northland is represented by many small communities and they rely on not only visitors for tourism etc but also on the involvement of their local communities. The wards must stay especially for coastal communities.
REP-REVIEW-IS82	08/04/2021 4:58 p.m.	Geographical, The whole of the Whangarei District	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	
REP-REVIEW-IS83	08/04/2021 6:19 p.m.	Geographical, The whole of the Whangarei District	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	Fewer general wards	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	Some councillors by ward and some district-wide	No, I am represented by Council	I think that the Whangarei Urban area should be one ward. People who live in the Denby or Okara identify as living within Whangarei Urban, as opposed to rural or coastal wards. Councillors in this ward should be elected at large. I dont want to only be able to vote for the councillors in my ward. At the last election, there was a Maori candidate standing in the Denby ward who you could only vote for if you lived in that ward. This does encourage diversity and different perspectives on Council. What I want to see is a diverse Council who represent the interests of all of Whangarei. Rural and coastal communities have very different interests and issues than urban communities and are perhaps better represented by ward councillors elected in their ward.
REP-REVIEW-IS84	09/04/2021 5:58 a.m.	Geographical	No	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	More general wards	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	Some councillors by ward and some district-wide	No, I am represented by Council	
REP-REVIEW-IS85	09/04/2021 7:50 a.m.	Geographical, Historical, Tribal affiliations, The whole of the Whangarei District	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	No	Fewer councillors	Some councillors by ward and some district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	Would like to see ability for maori landowners to vote too

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REP-REVIEW-IS86	09/04/2021 7:58 a.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	No	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	Fewer general wards	No	Fewer councillors	I prefer to elect councillors in a ward where I live	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	My opinion is based on having two Maori councillors [in one or two wards] which, given the proportion of voters on the Maori role to those on the European roles, should see four general wards/eight councillors, plus the mayor, elected at large. Given the reduction in councillor representation, I would advocate for community boards.
REP-REVIEW-IS87	09/04/2021 11:11 a.m.	Geographical, Historical, Tribal affiliations, The whole of the Whangarei District	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I prefer to elect councillors in a ward where I live	No, I am represented by Council	It is important for rural communities to be represented by individuals who are aware of the issues and members of that community. It is very important to have Maori representation
REP-REVIEW-IS88	09/04/2021 3:57 p.m.	Geographical	No	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	Some councillors by ward and some district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	All Councillors including the Maori elected Councillors should have same say and voting rights.
REP-REVIEW-IS89	10/04/2021 4:20 a.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	No	Fewer councillors	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	No, I am represented by Council	We should not have race based wards. You may have been voted in democratically but changing the election process mid term is not democratic.
REP-REVIEW-IS90	10/04/2021 8:32 a.m.	Tribal Affiliations	No	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	No	More councillors	Some councillors by ward and some district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	
REP-REVIEW-IS91	10/04/2021 3:34 p.m.	Geographical, Historical	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	Yes	More councillors	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	
REP-REVIEW-IS92	10/04/2021 4:18 p.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	More general wards	No	Fewer councillors	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	Currently councillors have to vote considering the district as a whole and do not need to vote according to the area they represent. So I can't see the point in having locally elected councillors.
REP-REVIEW-IS93	10/04/2021 6:26 p.m.	Geographical, The whole of the Whangarei District	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	Some councillors by ward and some district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	I think that hapu and iwi should have stronger representation which could come through community boards.
REP-REVIEW-IS94	11/04/2021 8:28 p.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	More general wards	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	Some councillors by ward and some district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	We need Kamo, Kensington-Regent, Glenbervie, Ngunguru Coast, Maunu, Otaika-Raumanga, Tikipunga, Central Whangarei focused wards with no more than 2 councillors. What purpose would Māori wards have exactly than shifting Māori into a no purpose corner, combined race wards are better than separate wards for Māori.
REP-REVIEW-IS95	11/04/2021 10:28 p.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	Fewer general wards	No	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	No, I am represented by Council	
REP-REVIEW-IS96	12/04/2021 8:02 a.m.	Geographical	Yes	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	Yes	Fewer councillors	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	No, I am represented by Council	Less bureaucracy and a high standard of councillors
REP-REVIEW-IS97	12/04/2021 8:17 a.m.	Historical, Tribal affiliations	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	No	Fewer councillors	I prefer to elect councillors in a ward where I live	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	I believe to have a better relationship with nga hapu o Te Tai Tokerau, they need to be encouraged to give opinions on this matter. As certain hapu already have relationships. I think we should build our wards around this fact, as I see the relationship with Rates Payers Associations and Beach Associations around the rohe have great rapport with the council. I know Maori are evidently harder to persuade into complying or even understanding your legislative changes, but it's because that's usually the only reason you come to see us. Even the ones that do have good rapport with the council, like Te Huinga or Te Karearea, there's still a divide between some people because they think these entities are being controlled by tauwi.
REP-REVIEW-IS98	12/04/2021 10:40 a.m.	Geographical	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	No	Fewer councillors	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	I am currently in the Whangarei Heads ward but associate and play in the coastal district (ie: Tutukaka Coast). I always feel unrepresented out here especially considering the WH Councilor lives out WH way.
REP-REVIEW-IS99	12/04/2021 10:40 a.m.	Geographical	No	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	Yes	Fewer councillors	Some councillors by ward and some district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	bring back community boards.

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REP-REVIEW-IS100	12/04/2021 1:08 p.m.	Geographical, Historical, The whole of the Whangarei District	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	Yes	More councillors	I prefer to elect councillors in a ward where I live	No, I am represented by Council	
REP-REVIEW-IS101	12/04/2021 3:36 p.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	No	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	Fewer general wards	Yes	Fewer councillors	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	We need more diversity amongst the councillors' not just a majority of old white men
REP-REVIEW-IS102	12/04/2021 4:23 p.m.	Geographical	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I prefer to elect councillors in a ward where I live	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	The result of cohesion with the current councillors to bring about the creation of the Huntvasser Centre that will provide more jobs for Whangarei.
REP-REVIEW-IS103	13/04/2021 1:36 p.m.	Geographical, Historical	No	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	More general wards	Yes	More councillors	Some councillors by ward and some district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	
REP-REVIEW-IS104	13/04/2021 1:48 p.m.	Geographical, Historical, Tribal affiliations	No	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	No	More councillors	Some councillors by ward and some district-wide	No, I am represented by Council	
REP-REVIEW-IS105	13/04/2021 1:53 p.m.	Geographical, Tribal affiliations, The whole of the Whangarei District	No	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	Yes	Fewer councillors	Some councillors by ward and some district-wide		Community Boards: unsure - could warrant further investigation
REP-REVIEW-IS106	13/04/2021 3:08 p.m.	Tribal Affiliations	No	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	Yes	Fewer councillors	Some councillors by ward and some district-wide	No, I am represented by Council	
REP-REVIEW-IS107	13/04/2021 8:57 p.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	No	Fewer councillors	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	
REP-REVIEW-IS108	14/04/2021 8:55 a.m.	Geographical, Historical, The whole of the Whangarei District	No	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	No	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	Some councillors by ward and some district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	
REP-REVIEW-IS109	14/04/2021 9:52 a.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	I don't think we should have wards	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I prefer to elect councillors in a ward where I live	No, I am represented by Council	You have no right to appoint Maori wards without consulting ratepayers
REP-REVIEW-IS110	14/04/2021 11:25 a.m.	Tribal Affiliations	No	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	No	Fewer councillors	I prefer to elect councillors in a ward where I live	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	Maori wards are a must if you are wanting to represent the 'TRUE' demographic of the people within the community. I don't feel some of the current councilors would have my best interests at heart and would not understand the hardships that are faced daily, intergenerational trauma that continues and matters of cultural significance that for some are not of value, but for us are culturally significant. A good example of this is the petition regarding changing the name from Kamo to Te Kamo. The comments on that particular thread show how archaic the thought process is for our community. Our history is equally important.
REP-REVIEW-IS111	14/04/2021 12:59 p.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	No	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	No, I am represented by Council	
REP-REVIEW-IS112	14/04/2021 1:30 p.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	No	Fewer councillors	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	Other: A virtual community of likeminded people who focus on wellbeing and want to make our district a safer, healthier and better place to live I would like to see a limit of two terms for councillors and community board members. I would also like to see more advisory groups (e.g. for climate emergency action) and possibly citizens' assemblies for major decisions, to increase participatory democracy in the district. While not part of this representation review, I am disappointed about council's earlier decision to stick with the First Past The Post voting system, and I would like council to reconsider and support a switch to the Single Transferable Vote (STV) voting system.

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REP-REVIEW-IS113	14/04/2021 1:31 p.m.	Geographical	Yes	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	No	Fewer councillors	Some councillors by ward and some district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	
REP-REVIEW-IS114	14/04/2021 2:14 p.m.	Geographical, Historical, Tribal affiliations, The whole of the Whangarei District	No	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	Fewer general wards	No	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I prefer to elect councillors in a ward where I live	No, I am represented by Council	
REP-REVIEW-IS115	14/04/2021 2:16 p.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	No	Fewer councillors	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	I think we should introduce a limit of 3 terms a person can serve as councillor or mayor or member of a community board. We should use Single Transferable Vote to elect the council members. Major decisions should be based on the advise of citizens' assemblies.
REP-REVIEW-IS116	14/04/2021 4:03 p.m.	Geographical	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	Yes	More councillors	I prefer to elect councillors in a ward where I live	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	Communities within the Whangarei District should somehow be represented individually on the wider council
REP-REVIEW-IS117	14/04/2021 6:41 p.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	Yes		Fewer general wards	Yes	Fewer councillors	I prefer to elect councillors in a ward where I live	No, I am represented by Council	I disagree with the Maori wards. You should get the job if you deserve it not by race. This s segregation.
REP-REVIEW-IS118	15/04/2021 8:19 a.m.	Geographical, Tribal affiliations, The whole of the Whangarei District	No	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	No	More councillors	Some councillors by ward and some district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	Wards are good so you have a Councillor to speak too in your area, however if the Councillor in your ward doesn't represent your views that makes things difficult.
REP-REVIEW-IS119	15/04/2021 9:12 a.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	No, I am represented by Council	
REP-REVIEW-IS120	15/04/2021 10:55 a.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	More general wards	No	Fewer councillors	I prefer to elect councillors in a ward where I live	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	
REP-REVIEW-IS121	15/04/2021 11:12 a.m.	Geographical, Historical	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	More general wards	No	More councillors	I prefer to elect councillors in a ward where I live	No, I am represented by Council	
REP-REVIEW-IS122	15/04/2021 12:39 p.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	Some councillors by ward and some district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	
REP-REVIEW-IS123	15/04/2021 2:02 p.m.	Geographical	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards		What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	
REP-REVIEW-IS124	15/04/2021 9:18 p.m.	Geographical	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	No	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	No, I am represented by Council	No, you don't listen anyway
REP-REVIEW-IS125	15/04/2021 9:36 p.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	Yes	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	Yes	Fewer councillors	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	We don't need special Maori wards introduced
REP-REVIEW-IS126	16/04/2021 9:35 a.m.	Geographical, Historical, The whole of the Whangarei District	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	Some councillors by ward and some district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	
REP-REVIEW-IS127	16/04/2021 10:05 a.m.	Geographical	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I prefer to elect councillors in a ward where I live	No, I am represented by Council	
REP-REVIEW-IS128	16/04/2021 3:03 a.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	Yes	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	No	More councillors	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	

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REP-REVIEW-IS129	17/04/2021 1:40 p.m.	Geographical	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I prefer to elect councillors in a ward where I live	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	
REP-REVIEW-IS130	18/04/2021 11:37 a.m.	Geographical	Yes	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	Fewer general wards	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	Some councillors by ward and some district-wide	No, I am represented by Council	Disagree with implementing wards based upon race and skin colour. New Zealand should be a country of one people and defining people by race or skin colour is encouraging division and is not enabling at all
REP-REVIEW-IS131	19/04/2021 8:35 a.m.	Geographical	No	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	More general wards	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I prefer to elect councillors in a ward where I live	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	With wards such as Bream Bay being a large land mass area with a significant diversion of interests from farming, Iwi, tourism, Heavy Industry, Retirement, residential (ranging from multimillion dollar housing to Government housing projects, commercial and retail interests, and environmental groups. The ability of one or two people with individual perspectives and knowledge basis to effectively represent the multiplication of interests would be incredibly enhanced. These boards would work alongside and support the proposed Maori wards which are also essential to better local government efficiency.
REP-REVIEW-IS132	19/04/2021 10:34 a.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	Fewer general wards	Yes	Fewer councillors	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	No, I am represented by Council	You should have surveyed people to see what their views were on Maori wards. Why did you ignore the thousands of people who asked the WDC to hold a referendum?
REP-REVIEW-IS133	19/04/2021 3:43 p.m.	Tribal affiliations, The whole of the Whangarei District	No	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	Yes	More councillors	I prefer to elect councillors in a ward where I live	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	It is deeply concerning that the current representation of Maori on the Council is so poor, particularly in a region where many Maori live and work. This suggests there is a failure in the current system and it is good that this is being reviewed.
REP-REVIEW-IS134	19/04/2021 4:31 p.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	No	Fewer councillors	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	I would recommend having 12 councillors (elected district-wide) and one mayor so there can be no ties in voting.
REP-REVIEW-IS135	20/04/2021 8:17 a.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	Some councillors by ward and some district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	
REP-REVIEW-IS136	20/04/2021 10:42 a.m.	Geographical, Historical, Tribal affiliations, The whole of the Whangarei District	No	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	Fewer general wards	No	Fewer councillors	Some councillors by ward and some district-wide	No, I am represented by Council	We have had over a decade of poor Council and the executive have caused a number of failures and risks. Changing the number of councillors and amalgamating wards would see a better balance. Marsden point / Bream Bay needs to change and the income form development and rates is not being fairly represented in this area.
REP-REVIEW-IS137	20/04/2021 10:59 a.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	No	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	Fewer general wards	Yes	Fewer councillors	I prefer to elect councillors in a ward where I live	No, I am represented by Council	
REP-REVIEW-IS138	20/04/2021 12:08 p.m.	Geographical	No	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	Fewer general wards	No	Fewer councillors	I prefer to elect councillors in a ward where I live	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	The present system is grossly unfair to those who live outside Whangarei city. Fewer wards with consideration for growth areas district wide must surely be the answer to a problem which at the moment is nearing the point of no return. Without more concentration on infrastructure in a district wide setting, council is shutting the door on its own ratepayers. Maori representation is critical but more wards are not the answer.
REP-REVIEW-IS139	20/04/2021 12:23 p.m.	Geographical	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	No	Fewer councillors	I prefer to elect councillors in a ward where I live	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	I am happy with the names of the wards but I don't know why Denby is called Denby
REP-REVIEW-IS140	20/04/2021 5:34 p.m.		Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I prefer to elect councillors in a ward where I live	No, I am represented by Council	
REP-REVIEW-IS141	20/04/2021 7:10 p.m.	Geographical, Historical, The whole of the Whangarei District	No	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	More general wards	No	More councillors	Some councillors by ward and some district-wide	No, I am represented by Council	i feel frustrated every election that some of the people i want to see in council aren't in my ward. id love to see some form of mixed vote like central govt have list and party, but not exactly.
REP-REVIEW-IS142	20/04/2021 7:46 p.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	No	Fewer councillors	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	No, I am represented by Council	All members of the Council should be voted for by the entire populace of the Whangarei District. There should not be any privilege wards such as Maori only wards with all Councillors responsible for their decisions to the entire Whangarei District, not reflecting and pushing race based agendas. It is only in this way that true democracy occurs and Councillors will act in the best interests of the District as a whole.

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REP-REVIEW-IS143	20/04/2021 10:59 p.m.	Geographical, Historical, The whole of the Whangarei District	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	Yes	More councillors	I prefer to elect councillors in a ward where I live	No, I am represented by Council	I support the creation of a Maori ward which would be extra to the existing ward, with one Maori Ward councillor to be elected districtwide.
REP-REVIEW-IS144	21/04/2021 4:27 a.m.	Geographical, The whole of the Whangarei District	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	No	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	
REP-REVIEW-IS145	21/04/2021 6:28 a.m.	Tribal Affiliations	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	No	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	Just because you live in an area at the time of voting does not mean you affiliate to that area. Whangarei is too small to split up into wards. I work in one area, kids may go to school in another we may live in another and I come from another.
REP-REVIEW-IS146	21/04/2021 8:45 a.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	Fewer general wards	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I prefer to elect councillors in a ward where I live	No, I am represented by Council	
REP-REVIEW-IS147	21/04/2021 4:52 p.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	Some councillors by ward and some district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	Connop is bloody amazing and we need to clone him.
REP-REVIEW-IS148	21/04/2021 7:21 p.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	Yes	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	No, I am represented by Council	Anything that happens in our Whangarei/Northland area is of interest to me - successes of 'could do better'. I think it's important all residents have an understanding of all of our regions and support each other, not become too parochial, because the health and wellbeing of our whole area depends on all of us working together, I think. Divisiveness is never healthy - it suits some for 'gain' but it's really better to be united and supportive - decisions thereby being made for the good of us all. of course, there are areas of particular interest which must be acknowledged, but overall, unity is best for our wellbeing. This of course also requires all elected people to have more than a brief understanding of our whole region - that's what we pay them for and we should be able to feel any of them represent us fairly, regardless of where we live in the region.
REP-REVIEW-IS149	22/04/2021 12:33 a.m.	Geographical, The whole of the Whangarei District	No	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	More general wards	Yes	More councillors	Some councillors by ward and some district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	Other: Disability There needs to be Disability seats on the Council and on Community Boards (if established).
REP-REVIEW-IS150	22/04/2021 8:00 a.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I prefer to elect councillors in a ward where I live	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	
REP-REVIEW-IS151	22/04/2021 3:12 p.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	No	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	Fewer general wards	No	Fewer councillors	Some councillors by ward and some district-wide	No, I am represented by Council	
REP-REVIEW-IS152	23/04/2021 9:22 a.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	No	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	More general wards	Yes	Fewer councillors	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	
REP-REVIEW-IS153	23/04/2021 10:18 a.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	No	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	No, I am represented by Council	Community boards just create another layer of bureaucracy, led by the few who step forward. It is assumed these would also be geographical, so not representative of communities of interest. I would like to see district-wide representation so that the disabled, migrant and youth communities (for instance) can have people represent them. The geographical ward system doesn't enable that. District-wide representation will enable people to stand who I identify with and can vote for, which in turn will improve community engagement and voter turnout... and ultimately provide more equitable outcomes for all of Whangarei.
REP-REVIEW-IS154	23/04/2021 10:39 a.m.	Geographical	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	More general wards	Yes	Fewer councillors	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	
REP-REVIEW-IS155	23/04/2021 1:01 p.m.	Geographical	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	Yes	Fewer councillors	I prefer to elect councillors in a ward where I live	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	I do not agree with Maori wards and feel we should have been able to vote on this matter

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REP-REVIEW-IS156	23/04/2021 2:12 p.m.	Geographical, Historical, Tribal affiliations, The whole of the Whangarei District	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	Fewer general wards	No	Fewer councillors	Some councillors by ward and some district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	You have taken my freedom of choice to vote not just as a woman but as a voter since I was 18. I chose to be on the Maori Roll for the national elections to get more seats in Government not for local government. But by doing this you are now telling me I have to vote for the Maori Ward and I can not change back to the General roll till 2024. You have taken my freedom to chose. Not happy in the way this was decided. There should have been a voters feedback form like in the Far North. Remember you are working for the voters. Also how the Maori sub committee was established not right this too should have had more community input. I am in favour of community boards that best represent our community.
REP-REVIEW-IS157	23/04/2021 5:39 p.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	Fewer general wards	No	Fewer councillors	I prefer to elect councillors in a ward where I live	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	
REP-REVIEW-IS158	23/04/2021 9:36 p.m.	Geographical, Historical, The whole of the Whangarei District	Yes	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	Yes	Fewer councillors	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	Stop wasting rate payers money on unnecessary spending. We don't need Maori wards. We don't need Hundertwasser. We need roads and sewerage. Stick to the basics.
REP-REVIEW-IS159	24/04/2021 4:07 p.m.	Geographical	Yes		Fewer general wards	Yes	Fewer councillors	Some councillors by ward and some district-wide	No, I am represented by Council	I Don't believe we should or require Maori Wards 1 representative per ward plus 2 regional representatives = total of 8 Representatives is suffice....Quality over Quantity
REP-REVIEW-IS160	24/04/2021 4:12 p.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	Fewer general wards	No	Fewer councillors	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	No, I am represented by Council	that coucil should listen to the community as the community gas elected term
REP-REVIEW-IS161	25/04/2021 4:14 p.m.	Geographical	No	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	More general wards	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	Some councillors by ward and some district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	
REP-REVIEW-IS162	25/04/2021 7:26 p.m.	Geographical, Historical, Tribal affiliations, The whole of the Whangarei District	Yes	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	Some councillors by ward and some district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	
REP-REVIEW-IS163	27/04/2021 9:13 a.m.	Geographical	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I prefer to elect councillors in a ward where I live	No, I am represented by Council	The Councillor should absolutely live in the Ward they Represent
REP-REVIEW-IS164	27/04/2021 6:35 p.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	No	Fewer councillors	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	Yes, STV would be a good voting system, where all people standing for council can be voted 1+ up to the total standing. It would be preferable to vote for all councillors, not just 1 or 2. 12 councillors makes sense, plus 1 mayor. 4 of these could be Maori seats, since Maori make up about a third of the population in Whangarei district. 8 could be general seats. With an even number of councillors, there would be less chance of hung-votes, since the mayor would have a deciding vote. Wards don't make a lot of sense nowadays, since we live and work and socialise all over the district.
REP-REVIEW-IS165	28/04/2021 8:42 a.m.	Historical	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	No	Fewer councillors	I prefer to elect councillors in a ward where I live	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	Since a universal democratic approach has now been nullified to bring about Maori Wards, which is fine by me, as long as things are done fairly. There are more Scottish focused cultural events in Waipu than there are of any other culture. A large percentage of my local population and that of the Whangarei district associates itself with the Scottish culture. I therefore propose that Waipu be declared a Scottish Ward - and all the rules that apply to voting within Maori wards be applied in Waipu also.
REP-REVIEW-IS166	30/04/2021 1:35 p.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	No	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	Fewer general wards	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I prefer to elect councillors in a ward where I live	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	
REP-REVIEW-IS167	1/05/2021 3:44 a.m.	Geographical, Historical, The whole of the Whangarei District	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	No	Fewer councillors	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	No, I am represented by Council	5:Councillors voted for Maori Wards that many of us including Maori didn't want because the wider maori community were never consulted about the current Maori Standing Committee and many of us want to know how they were elected. 5 Councillors making a decision for a whole community is a travesty regardless of whether a Bill for Maori Wards was passed. Thanks but no thanks for dividing the races.

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REP-REVIEW-IS168	2/05/2021 1:10 p.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	No	Fewer councillors	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	Our young people are less and less involved in voting, community boards will help to rectify that, allowing everybody to begin to approach local government issues. Scrap wards, introduce community boards. We should vote for councillors district-wide, could use STV. Especially if we revise our system of voting. Have the Electoral Commission run local elections on 1 designated day, rather than postal voting, which doesn't connect with lots of young people. Maori representation should reflect the percentage of the population who identify as Maori, about one third. So could have 12 councillors, 4 of these Maori, then 8 General. Then the Mayor would have a deciding vote on issues that were evenly voted on, makes things very simple.
REP-REVIEW-IS169	3/05/2021 8:43 a.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	No	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	Other: Disability There are Advisory groups for youth, disabled and the elderly but they are largely tokenistic where people who work at the council talk AT them. Maybe these communities need a designated position on the council as well so that their voices are heard properly. I know that someone would need to stand up for the position but part of the issue is being split into the area you live. There are others such as accessibility but these couldn't these be addressed? 'Normal' voters will often reelect the same councillors that do not reflect the other groups within Whangarei. Maori people should definitely have their representatives but maybe so should the other groups. Either that or maybe the Advisory groups true Advisory groups that are listened to and not just tokenistic
REP-REVIEW-IS170	3/05/2021 4:22 p.m.	Geographical, The whole of the Whangarei District	No	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	No	Fewer councillors	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	No, I am represented by Council	
REP-REVIEW-IS171	3/05/2021 5:29 p.m.	Geographical	No	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I prefer to elect councillors in a ward where I live	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	the current 'first past the post' voting system should be replaced with a preferential voting system to better reflect voters wishes
REP-REVIEW-IS172	3/05/2021 6:01 p.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	No	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	More general wards	No	Fewer councillors	Some councillors by ward and some district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	
REP-REVIEW-IS173	3/05/2021 7:00 p.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	Yes	More councillors	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	No, I am represented by Council	Corrupt council operations/admin team, what's the difference if I tell you what I think
REP-REVIEW-IS174	3/05/2021 7:36 p.m.	Tribal affiliations, The whole of the Whangarei District	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	No	More councillors	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	As a maori member of the community I feel there is little maori representation here. I would love to see more people who advocate for the lower class. Also because of the wards voting system my only option was to vote for people I didn't like (whangarei heads ward).
REP-REVIEW-IS175	3/05/2021 7:44 p.m.	Geographical, The whole of the Whangarei District	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	Yes	Fewer councillors	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	No, I am represented by Council	
REP-REVIEW-IS176	3/05/2021 7:52 p.m.	Geographical	No	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	Fewer general wards	No	More councillors	I prefer to elect councillors in a ward where I live	No, I am represented by Council	I am in whangarei heads eard but I live in Parahaki and don't feel connected with whangarei heads at all. I wanted to vote in okpara ward because the options there represented me better.
REP-REVIEW-IS177	3/05/2021 9:09 p.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	Yes	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	No	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	No, I am represented by Council	There should be no wards including Maori Wards, all individuals should be elected based on set criteria & standards to deliver the required outcomes for all of the community as a whole.
REP-REVIEW-IS178	5/05/2021 11:16 a.m.	Geographical	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	More general wards	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I prefer to elect councillors in a ward where I live	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	I live out in the Whangarei Heads ward. New to the area, but since living here I've felt a lot of support and connection with my neighbours and people within the area. It seems like we all take care of each other independent from Council, and speaking with many of the people in the area, it seems to be working. Would be interesting to see the interest in the desire for community boards though - I think there is an opportunity improve constituent/Council interaction this way.
REP-REVIEW-IS179	5/05/2021 11:33 a.m.	Geographical	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	Some councillors by ward and some district-wide	No, I am represented by Council	
REP-REVIEW-IS180	5/05/2021 2:26 p.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	More general wards	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I prefer to elect councillors in a ward where I live	No, I am represented by Council	The present system works satisfactorily so why change for the sake of change. At present all ethnicities have the opportunity to stand for council if they so wish. Having separate representation creates division.

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REP-REVIEW-IS181	5/05/2021 7:03 p.m.	Geographical, Historical, The whole of the Whangarei District	No	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	More general wards	No	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	Some councillors by ward and some district-wide	No, I am represented by Council	Better opportunities to meet councillors from your area/ward/community and hear Council updates outside of Council chambers would be really valuable.
REP-REVIEW-IS182	6/05/2021 6:27 p.m.	Tribal affiliations, The whole of the Whangarei District	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	Fewer general wards	No	Fewer councillors	Some councillors by ward and some district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	We need equitable representation of Māori not based on first past the post. Be bold and create the equitable solution by assigning more Māori seats so pakeha stop making decisions for us
REP-REVIEW-IS183	6/05/2021 10:51 p.m.	Geographical	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	No	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	Some councillors by ward and some district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	
REP-REVIEW-IS184	5/05/2021 3:02 p.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	Fewer general wards	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I prefer to elect councillors in a ward where I live	No, I am represented by Council	Am not in favour of Māori wards.
REP-REVIEW-IS185	5/05/2021 3:02 p.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	No	Fewer councillors	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	We need to involve more young people in local government. The electoral commission should run elections, which should be through polling places on 1 day, not through the post. Most young people don't know how to mail a letter! More Māori representation needed too. 2/3 General Seats, 1/3 Māori seats. The Māori Renaissance.
REP-REVIEW-IS186	5/05/2021 3:04 p.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	No	Fewer councillors	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	Representation is important for everybody. Congratulations on voting for Māori wards, should be the same proportion of the population. Two thirds general population, one third Māori population. Also more young people need to be engaged, especially through community boards.
REP-REVIEW-IS187	5/05/2021 3:05 p.m.	Geographical	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I prefer to elect councillors in a ward where I live	No, I am represented by Council	It is important to focus on democratic process by keeping the structure simple (as it is now) so people of all levels of society are able to understand the system. I suggest educational information to broaden the ability of the community to understand their rights and who to talk to. Leave race out of the whole system to be fair to all.
REP-REVIEW-IS188	5/05/2021 3:06 p.m.	Geographical				Yes				Please ensure adequate representation for Māori, by way of Māori wards which I know we have now or another way if wards are ever abolished.
REP-REVIEW-IS189	5/05/2021 3:06 p.m.	Geographical	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	Yes	Fewer councillors	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	
REP-REVIEW-IS190	5/05/2021 3:07 p.m.	Geographical	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	No	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	Some councillors by ward and some district-wide	No, I am represented by Council	Re: ward names. Denby in particular doesn't mean much these days - make it geographically relevant - and a Māori name. Okara also doesn't reflect the geography of the ward. Māori names for Bream Bay.
REP-REVIEW-IS191	5/05/2021 3:10 p.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	No	More councillors	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	No, I am represented by Council	I have lived at Kamo, Onerahi, Vinegar Hill and Maunu since 1973 and enjoy both out coast and our bush. I'm not defined by a ward. I'm keen to see a seat for Māori, but only if there is a seat for those over 65 and a seat for those 18 and under.
REP-REVIEW-IS192	5/05/2021 3:11 p.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	No	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I prefer to elect councillors in a ward where I live	No, I am represented by Council	Not a biggie but I am in Denby and that has no resonance for me - no idea why it is called that. I prefer a ward system because I'd find voting for 13 councillors quite meaningless. A ward system allows you to make a choice, based on some knowledge of the candidates.
REP-REVIEW-IS193	5/05/2021 3:33 p.m.	Geographical	Yes	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	Fewer general wards	Yes	Fewer councillors	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	No, I am represented by Council	Pakeha New Zealander with tangata whenua whanau members. 1 urban ward, 1 rural ward, 1 urban Māori ward, 1 rural Māori ward. About 8 - 10 councillors. It depends how much community boards members are paid, whether existing council members are paid extra to be on them. Definitely needs to be some way for needs of community to be paid attention to (not just a board set up and ignored).
REP-REVIEW-IS194	5/05/2021 3:59 p.m.	Geographical	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I prefer to elect councillors in a ward where I live	No, I am represented by Council	
REP-REVIEW-IS195	6/05/2021 4:00 p.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	No	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I prefer to elect a councillor district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	Your sycophantic adulation of those of Māori descent is pathetic and your apartheid solutions to community problems is unacceptable.
REP-REVIEW-IS196	6/05/2021 4:01 p.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	Some councillors by ward and some district-wide	No, I am represented by Council	

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REP-REVIEW-IS197	7/05/2021 9:36 a.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards		Fewer councillors	I prefer to elect a councillor district wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	Wards encourage parochial attitudes. We don't need wards, this only divides us whereas we need to work together across the whole district. Given that 32.9% of the population in Whangarei District identify as Māori, a split of 8 general councillors and 4 Māori councillors would allow proportional representation in local government. The addition of 6 community boards would provide community views to council and would certainly make council more accessible to all in the district.
REP-REVIEW-IS198	7/05/2021 9:36 a.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	No	More councillors	I prefer to elect a councillor district wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	Community Boards can be effective representatives to the Council on specific issues pertinent to their particular community, while the Council should focus on and consider the needs of the whole district. I have lived in areas that have community boards and have seen how effectively they work to improve local services.
REP-REVIEW-IS199	7/05/2021 9:37 a.m.	The whole of the Whangarei District			More general wards		More councillors	Some councillors by ward and some district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	Current wards: Unsure, I have much to learn about their role and the work they do and have done. Should we have wards: It's worth a try. Are you happy with the name of current wards: Hikurangi coastal is a large area including Tutukaka. You may need more help out that way. How many Councillors: Many minds and hands make for more knowledge, option and lighter work. Community boards: They could give councillors info from a different point. How does one gain entry level into Council - it sounds like a path I would like to take.
REP-REVIEW-IS200	7/05/2021 9:38 a.m.	Geographical	No	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	Fewer general wards	No	Fewer councillors	Some councillors by ward and some district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	Names of current wards: Maori options, what were the original names? Pre-settlement?
REP-REVIEW-IS201	7/05/2021 9:46 a.m.	Geographical	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards		Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I prefer to elected councillors where I live	No, I am represented by Council	The number of Maori wards should reflect the percentage of Maori in the Whangarei district.
REP-REVIEW-IS202	7/05/2021 9:46 a.m.	Geographical	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I prefer to elected councillors where I live	No, I am represented by Council	The number of Maori wards should reflect the percentage of Maori in the Whangarei district.
REP-REVIEW-IS203	7/05/2021 1:01 p.m.	Geographical	No	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	Yes	More councillors	I prefer to elected councillors where I live	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	Community identified with: However Bream Bay is hardly representative of that. Do current wards reflect your community: Not at present as the current councillors favour waipu at the expense of other communities. How many councillors should represent you: more councillors and maori wards. Okara and Denby should be arranged to have 3 councillors each so that the urban wards cannot out vote the rural wards. The time in office for the councillors should be limited to no more than 3 consecutive terms. it is unsuitable to have a councillors in office for 20 years as he/she invariably favours the same areas, same people and does not progress with new strategies. We need to get rid of the present rate payer association as they only represent a small clique.
REP-REVIEW-IS204	7/05/2021 2:45 p.m.	Geographical, Historical, Tribal affiliations, The whole of the Whangarei District	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	Yes	More councillors	Some councillors by ward and some district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	
REP-REVIEW-IS205	7/05/2021 2:46 p.m.	Geographical, Historical, Tribal affiliations, The whole of the Whangarei District	No	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	More general wards	Yes	More councillors	I prefer to elect a councillor district wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	
REP-REVIEW-IS206	7/05/2021 2:47 p.m.	Something else	No	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	More general wards	No	More councillors	I prefer to elected councillors where I live	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	Other: Communities identified with: Historical, Tribal Affiliations and The Whole of Whangarei District.
REP-REVIEW-IS207	7/05/2021 2:49 p.m.	Geographical, Historical, Tribal affiliations, The whole of the Whangarei District	No	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	Yes	More councillors	Some councillors by ward and some district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	
REP-REVIEW-IS208	7/05/2021 2:43 p.m.	Geographical, The whole of the Whangarei District	No	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	More general wards	Yes	More councillors	Some councillors by ward and some district-wide	Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	The Council needs to do much more to inform and engage with the communities, so we need Community Boards which will be well resourced and funded and have processes for genuine consultation, both ways, with the Council. Boards also need effective ways to engage with ,and regularly consult with their communities. Both Council and Boards need to actively engage in civics education in order to actively increase community participation in local government.

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REP-REVIEW-IS209	7/05/2021 3:43 p.m	The whole of the Whangarei District	No	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	No	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	Some councillors by ward and some district-wide	No, I am represented by Council	
REP-REVIEW-IS210	7/05/2021 3:38 p.m	Geographical, The whole of the Whangarei District	No	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	Fewer general wards	No	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	Some councillors by ward and some district-wide	No, I am represented by Council	Maori Representation on council should be by Maori wards as agreed. Additional Maori representation to Council and Committees should also be included whereby the iwi/hapu can nominate their agreed representative (such as Rangatira) to ensure that tangata whenua are also represented at the decision making table. The National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020 requires local authorities to give effect to Te Mana o te Wai, which means actively including tangata whenua in freshwater management (including decision making processes, policy, plans and monitoring). The elected members and committee members need to be able to implement this requirement.
REP-REVIEW-IS211	7/05/2021 4:30 p.m	Geographical	Yes	No, we should vote without geographic ward boundaries	I don't think we should have wards	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)	I prefer to elect a councillor district wide	No, I am represented by Council	
REP-REVIEW-IS212	7/05/2021 4:30 p.m	Historical, Tribal affiliations	Yes	Yes, our district should be divided into wards	What we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established	Yes	What we currently have (13 plus the Mayor)		Yes, community boards could provide better representation for communities	More help to maintain stability in the community.



## Council Briefing Minutes

**Date:** Thursday, 1 April, 2021  
**Time:** 1:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Council Chamber  
 Forum North, Rust Avenue  
 Whangarei

**In Attendance**

Her Worship the Mayor Sheryl Mai  
 (Chairperson)  
 Cr Gavin Benney  
 Cr Vince Cocurullo  
 Cr Nicholas Connop  
 Cr Ken Couper  
 Cr Tricia Cutforth  
 Cr Shelley Deeming  
 Cr Jayne Golightly  
 Cr Phil Halse  
 Cr Greg Innes  
 Cr Greg Martin  
 Cr Anna Murphy  
 Cr Carol Peters  
 Cr Simon Reid

**Scribe** N. Pestana (Team Leader Democracy)

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Her Worship the Mayor convened the briefing.

**1. Apologies**

Cr's Simon Reid and Greg Innes.

**2. Reports**

**2.1 Representation Review 2021 - Considerations and principles**

Dale Ofsoke (Electoral Officer, Independent Election Services) facilitated the briefing and went through the presentation on key principles and considerations when undertaking a representation review.

Elected members were asked to provide feedback and direction on the following:

**1. Communities of Interest**

In general, elected members felt that communities of interest have not changed that much, although it would be good to have some analysis on growth areas.

There was some interest in taking a clean slate approach, particularly in the urban wards. It was felt that within the community there is a sense of one urban area and the historical Denby/Okara split should be reconsidered. A reconsideration of the Hikurangi-Coastal ward was also suggested. Hikurangi-Coastal ward is a mixture of rural and coastal villages and has a massive area with two distinct communities of interest who experience different impacts and issues. It was felt that a clean slate approach provides an opportunity to look at larger wards for those communities that don't identify with one place or would like to vote for elected members outside of their ward.

It was agreed that a clean slate approach would be used as a starting point. Options will be brought back to Council to work through.

## **2. Number of Councillors**

Elected members discussed what is the best number for effective governance, considering workload and the ability of elected members to be active and useful in the community.

There was a steer that 10 general ward councillors plus two Māori ward councillors and the Mayor (Council of 13) would be a good option to consider, although some elected members felt that the current number of Councillors works best for effective representation. The option of a smaller Council with community boards was also suggested.

It was agreed that options along these lines will be worked through and brought back to Council.

## **3. Structure of representation**

Elected members discussed how councillors should be elected i.e. wards, 'at large' or a mixture.

There were mixed views on this. Some elected members felt that the current ward system provides effective and fair representation. Other elected members were keen to explore an at large/wards mixture.

Suggestions included North Rural and South Rural wards and an at large urban ward, an at large urban ward with councillors elected from rural wards, one or two urban wards with a large rural ward, elected at large and using SH1 to split the district.

It was agreed that options along these lines will be worked through and brought back to Council.

## **4. Community Boards**

There were mixed views on whether community boards should be introduced. Some elected members felt that community boards confuse the issues as people do not

know what these are and all communities will want them, adding another level of bureaucracy. Others were open to the idea of community boards as a democratic way of driving decision making down to community level.

Other options were suggested such as Community Committees which take charge of community issues but where members are not elected, and the structure differs from community boards.

### **Next steps**

Elected member feedback along with community feedback from the informal survey will be considered in order to bring back some options for council to consider further.

### **3. Closure of Meeting**

The briefing concluded at 14.53pm.



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Discussion/guidance from councillors on

- Communities of interest
- Number of councillors
- Structure (wards/at large/mixture)
- Fair representation
- Community boards
- Other considerations
- Public feedback/decision time

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## Communities of interest

- Need to identify both general and Māori
  - clean-slate approach (general)?
  - use existing 6 wards as base (general)?
  - talk to iwi/hapū (Māori)
- *Guidance 1: Have general communities of interest changed?*
- *Guidance 2: Should we look at clean-slate or existing approach?*

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## Number of councillors

- Currently 13 (plus mayor) for 98,400 pop
  - is this too many, too few (in principle)?
    - 9 for Far North DC 71,000 pop (has CBs)
    - 10 for Tauranga CC 151,300 pop (no CBs)
    - 14 for New Plymouth DC 86,000 pop (has CBs)
    - 12 for Lower Hutt CC 112,000 pop (has CBs)
    - 15 for Palmerston North CC 90,350 pop (no CBs)

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- Between 8-13 councillors provides 2 Māori councillors
- Between 14-18 councillors provides 3 Māori councillors
- *Guidance 3: What is considered best number councillors for WDC?*

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## Structure of representation

- Ability to elect councillors by:
  - wards, 'at large', mixture (wards/'at large')
- Must have minimum 2 wards (1 general, 1 Māori)
- General councillors elected from 1 or more general wards
- Māori councillors elected from 1 or more Māori wards
- *Guidance 4: How should councillors be elected?*
- *Guidance 5: If wards, how many wards should there be?*

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## Fair representation

- If wards, must ensure each councillor represents about the same number of people (+/- 10%)
- Current wards comply with general wards criteria except for Whangarei Heads Ward (+17.1%)

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## Community boards

- Need to consider
- Purpose of a community board (LGNZ) is to
  - represent and act as advocate for interests of community
  - consider and report on any matter referred to it by council
  - make annual submission to council on their expenditure
  - maintain overview of services provided by council in community
  - communicate with community organisations and special interest groups in the community

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- Would community boards deal with more local issues?
- If establish, number, boundaries, subdivisions, names, number elected/appointed
- Can match ward boundaries (FNDC) or reflect specific communities (Waikato DC)
- *Guidance 6: Should there be community boards?*
- *Guidance 7: If so, how many boards should there be?*

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## Other considerations

- Workload
  - how is current workload on individuals – heavy/light?
- Remuneration
  - current remuneration for councillors is pool – more councillors, less remuneration per councillor and vice-versa
- Visibility/accessibility
  - would more councillors mean better direct access to communities and the public?

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- Decision-making
  - would fewer councillors enable quicker decision-making?
- Diversity
  - would the basis of election (wards etc) bring better diversity to council?
- Roles (governance vrs local issues)
  - if community boards, would role of councillors be more focused on governance and community boards on local issues?

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- Predetermination
  - need to be mindful not to predetermine the representation review before public viewpoint
- *Guidance 7: How should these other, non-statutory considerations, be reflected in the upcoming decisions?*

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## Public feedback/decision time

- Community consultation April/May
- Feedback from this, together with Te Kārearea (21 April) and iwi/hapū to council on 1 June for consideration/decisions
- Initial Proposal Resolution 24 June

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# Serving New Zealand?

*A 2018 Survey of Community Boards*

*Callum Hammond and David Hammond*



## Executive Summary

*What role are Community Boards playing across the country in local democracy? What are the opportunities for the future role of Community Boards?*

Community Boards were set up in 1989 through the local government reforms of the Fourth Labour Government, providing local representation to populations facing amalgamation into larger units. Every population over 20,000 had to set up Community Boards – a provision removed by the incoming National Government soon after.

As of 1 April 2017, there were 110 Community Boards in New Zealand, down from 144 Boards a decade ago in 2008. This represents a 30% decline.

This report follows on from a similar research undertaken by Mary Richardson in 2008. Where possible, there is alignment made to the questions asked a decade ago. Hammond Robertson Ltd (now part of Business Lab) designed this Community Boards Survey to answer two questions:

1. *What roles and responsibilities do Community Boards in New Zealand have?*
2. *How effective are Community Boards at performing those?*

This survey was sent to 548 Board members and supporting council staff. There were 205 replies - a very pleasing 37.4% response rate. All Councils with Boards responded with the exception of Invercargill City.

### Key findings of the research

**Although publicly elected, most Boards are treated in an Advisory role to council.** The only area of consistent decision-making by Boards is Community Grants. Only 16% responded that their Board had decision-making powers over local services. 48% report they do not have the ability to even advise councils on local services. This is a substantial reduction in powers since 2008 where only 28% of council functions were council-only.

**Although Boards have substantially fewer powers 76% regard their Board as effective.**

This brings into question what Boards think effectiveness is. Boards were viewed as most effective in giving council advice on one-off community issues (80% effective). Board members did not regard themselves as effective in developing a Community Plan (44%), or in delivering local services (37%).

**Whilst 76% of respondents identified their Board as having vision and priorities, only 23% set these after developing a consulted Community Plan.**

There is a nationwide lack of linkage between the purpose of Boards and the needs of communities.

### **Diversity of Community Boards is mixed.**

The make-up of Boards indicates that 47% of council areas have at least one Māori member on a Board, 86% of areas have no youth, and 97% of areas have at least one woman on the Board with most having more than 4 women on the Board.

### **Although Board members highly rate their effectiveness in advisory and advocacy to their councils, this is a role that is arguably increasingly not valued by councils or communities.**

The 30% reduction of Boards and centralising of their roles would indicate this. This report concludes that the primary role of Boards in future will be in community place-making, guided by the community's own priorities through a Community Plan and with the agreement by councils that Boards take the lead in community governance.

## **Key recommendations**

1. Community Board Executive Committee develop position paper on the future role of Community Boards and a Good Practice Guide to highlight innovation and excellence in the sector.
2. Community Boards sign up to a Localist Declaration which outlines their primary role to be in community place-shaping, and their position as local leaders in communities.
3. Every Community Board adopt a formal Board Charter with their council to clarify the relationships.
4. Councils recognise and support capability of Community Boards
5. Community Boards develop Community Plans to drive their priorities based on community aspirations.

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## Introduction

*“Under the previous government, centralisation, particularly managerial and political centralisation, increased markedly. This occurred despite growing decentralisation elsewhere, and despite changes to the social and demographic fabric of New Zealand that call out for a stronger and more effective local government.”*  
(Dr Mike Reid, 2018)

Should a Community Board be a conduit for council consultation and communication with an often-restless community? Or should a Community Board be an empowered body of local governance operating alongside councils committed to a philosophy of localism?

This fundamental tension between two competing visions of what Community Boards could be has not yet been resolved. As a result, Community Boards across the country have widely varying powers and responsibilities. In some council areas, Boards are co-equal governing bodies alongside councils; in most, Boards function similarly to council community consultation sub-committees.

Boards and councils must be properly informed as to the effectiveness of the current, arguably more unambitious model, before a change to a localist model can be considered. To do this, the current roles and responsibilities of Community Boards must first be determined. Only then can an assessment of the effectiveness of the current model take place.

Simply asking the members of a Community Board to rate their own effectiveness is too subjective a measure. Therefore, Hammond Robertson Ltd has seen a need for an up-to-date piece of research to determine firstly what the roles and responsibilities of Community Boards are, then provide observation about how effective Boards are at fulfilling those. This survey is the result of this need.

The point of the research is to determine the future role that Boards can take in a changing society that Dr Reid has pointed out, and with changing expectations of communities in co-design with councils of decisions which affect them.

## Background

Community Boards were established nearly thirty years ago in 1989 as a result of the Fourth Labour Government's local government reforms. The initial aim, as stated by the Hon Michael Bassett, Minister for Local Government, was to achieve "a complete and comprehensive reform of all aspects of local government – functions, structure, funding, organisation and accountability" (Richardson, 2008). We would add that the drivers of providing local representation to councils getting amalgamated into larger units, greater efficiency and cost-savings were also significant.

The reforms created 12 regional councils and 74 territorial authorities (city and district councils) from a previous count of 205 councils and over 400 special boards (Richardson, 2008<sup>1</sup>). Some of the local councils were simply discontinued. Some others were re-incarnated as Community Boards, especially in areas with a significant local identity. Others were established under the provisions of the 1989 Local Government Act, which made it mandatory for councils serving a population of over 20,000 to establish Community Boards. This requirement was abandoned in 1991 under the National Government.

Community Boards must have a minimum of four members, of whom at least four must be elected members. Boards can have a maximum of 12 members. Councillors may be appointed as members of Community Boards, but appointed members must make up less than half the total number.

For the purposes of the Local Government Act 2002, a community is a fixed, geographically defined area whose boundaries must coincide with the statistical meshblocks used by Statistics New Zealand and the Electoral Commission. The Act states that the responsibilities of Community Boards are to:

- a) *represent, and act as an advocate for, the interests of its community; and*
- b) *consider and report on all matters referred to it by the territorial authority, or any matter of interest or concern to the community board; and*
- c) *maintain an overview of services provided by the territorial authority within the community; and*
- d) *prepare an annual submission to the territorial authority for expenditure within the community; and*
- e) *communicate with community organisations and special interest groups within the community; and*
- f) *undertake any other responsibilities that are delegated to it by the territorial authority.*

Community Boards' powers are delegated to them by their relevant council. There are very few limits on the functions Boards may not perform. Boards may not hold property, make bylaws, hire staff, set a long-term or annual plan, or raise rates. A Board's budget is provided by the relevant council. Virtually any other functions performed by a council may be delegated to a Community Board if that council was to so desire – and there are many potential benefits to be gained from such an approach.

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<sup>1</sup> Richardson, M. (2008). *Roles and functions of community boards: Report for the Community Boards' Executive Committee: Local Government New Zealand*. Beckenham, Christchurch, New Zealand: Retrieval upon request of Local Government New Zealand.

For example, councils which have delegated more powers to Community Boards tend to more successfully avoid local rates rises and enjoy better relationships with their local communities (Hammond, 2017<sup>2</sup>). Successful Boards contribute to successful councils; meaningful delegations, co-design, adequate financing and effective communication are the foundations on which successful Boards sit.

As of 1 April 2017, there were 110 Community Boards in New Zealand, down from 144 Boards a decade ago in 2008.

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<sup>2</sup> Hammond, D. (2017). *Case study: Thames-Coromandel District Council*. Thames, New Zealand: Retrievable from <http://www.hammondrobertson.co.nz/assets/Uploads/Case-Study-TCDC-Community-Board-Model.pdf>

## Methodology

The Community Boards Survey 2018 was designed by Hammond Robertson Ltd (now part of Business Lab) to answer two questions:

1. What roles and responsibilities do Community Boards in New Zealand have?
2. How effective are Community Boards at performing those?

This survey is a cross-sectional survey of its recipients' opinions. It receives confidence by virtue of the high proportion of respondents and the large number of recipients.

The survey was designed using the online Survey Monkey software, and was sent to 548 recipients via email. The 584 recipients were mainly sourced from Local Government New Zealand's (LGNZ) email list of Community Board members, which is acknowledged to be the best database of Community Board members in New Zealand. However, LGNZ does acknowledge it is incomplete.

To this list, Hammond Robertson added around a dozen Community Board members from the Thames-Coromandel District Council area. These recipients' email addresses were readily available on the TCDC website, but were not on the LGNZ mailing list.

The 41 questions that respondents answered were crafted in order to answer the two questions posed above. Richardson's research from 2008 also sought to determine the roles and responsibilities Community Boards have been delegated. In order to be able to compare the results of this survey to Richardson's, and therefore track trends in Community Board development and powers over time, this survey has used Richardson's questions on planning and policy, regulation, resource management and services.

The questions on Māori, youth and female representation were included since research on central and local government in New Zealand indicates that these are the populations most likely to be under-represented. The respondents were asked to indicate the number of members per *council area*, as opposed to on their Board. The question was phrased in this way in order to preserve the anonymity of respondents, in response to concerns that reporting the exact number of Māori, youth or women on each Board would breach this principle.

The survey was open for exactly four weeks, from 11 January 2018 to 8 February 2018. In this time, 205 recipients responded and completed the survey. The data gathered is given in the Findings section of this report and analysed in the Discussion.

## Findings

### 1. Geography

Respondents came from almost every council area with Community Boards in New Zealand. These areas, in alphabetical order, were:

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|---------------------------------------|--|
| 1. Ashburton District Council         | 22. Selwyn District Council                |
| 2. Buller District Council            | 23. South Taranaki District Council        |
| 3. Central Otago District Council     | 24. South Waikato District Council         |
| 4. Christchurch City Council          | 25. South Wairarapa District Council       |
| 5. Clutha District Council            | 26. Southland District Council             |
| 6. Dunedin City Council               | 27. Tararua District Council               |
| 7. Far North District Council         | 28. Tasman District Council                |
| 8. Gore District Council              | 29. Taupo District Council                 |
| 9. Hastings District Council          | 30. Thames-Coromandel District Council     |
| 10. Horowhenua District Council       | 31. Timaru District Council                |
| 11. Hurunui District Council          | 32. Waikato District Council               |
| 12. Hutt City Council                 | 33. Waimakariri District Council           |
| 13. Kapiti Coast District Council     | 34. Waipa District Council                 |
| 14. Mackenzie District Council        | 35. Waitaki District Council               |
| 15. New Plymouth District Council     | 36. Wellington City Council                |
| 16. Opotiki District Council          | 37. Western Bay of Plenty District Council |
| 17. Otorohanga District Council       | 38. Whakatane District Council             |
| 18. Queenstown-Lakes District Council | 39. Whanganui District Council             |
| 19. Rangitikei District Council       |  |
| 20. Rotorua District Council          |  |
| 21. Ruapehu District Council          |  |

No responses were received from Invercargill City Council. This is the only council choosing not to engage in the survey.

Some council areas had more respondents than other areas. Out of concern for protecting the anonymity of respondents, the numbers of respondents from each council area will not be reported in detail, especially since there was only one respondent from six of these 39 council areas. 52 responses (25.4% of the total) were received from Community Boards in four council areas – the Dunedin City Council, Thames-Coromandel District Council, Waimakariri District Council and Christchurch City Council areas.

## 2. Respondents

There were 205 respondents to the Community Boards Survey 2018, a response rate of 37.4%. A breakdown of these respondents by role is given below.

Role	Number of Respondents
Community Board Member	94
Community Board Chair or Deputy Chair	81
Councillor appointed to a Board	16
Council Staff	11
Council Chief Executive Officer	2

Table 1: Role of respondents

## 3. Meetings

Most respondents reported that their Community Board met every 7 weeks, or more frequently. 100 of the 205 respondents reported that their Community Board met approximately monthly.

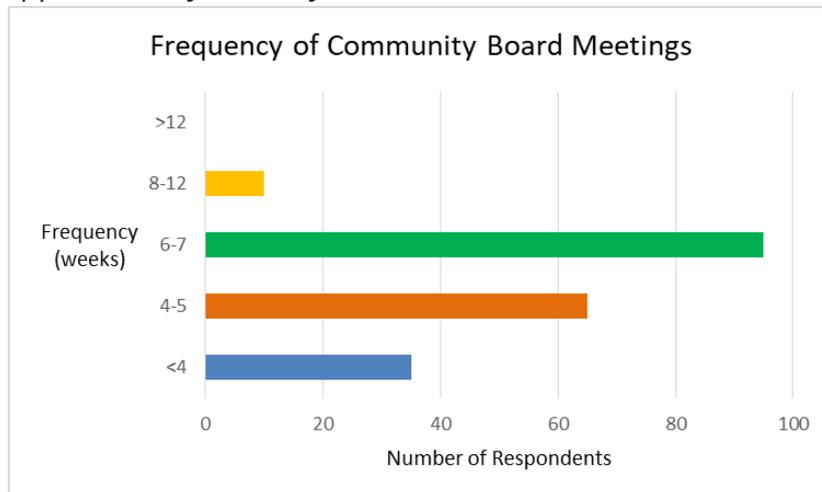


Figure 1: Frequency Community Boards meet

Frequency (weeks)	Number of Respondents
<4	35
4-5	65
6-7	95
8-12	10
>12	0

Table 2: Frequency Community Boards meet

## 4. Ideal Number of Community Boards

146 respondents (71.2%) thought that there should be neither more nor fewer Community Boards in their council area. 43 respondents (21.0%) thought that their

council area should have more Community Boards to represent citizens. Only 10 respondents (4.9%) thought that their council area should have fewer Community Boards, while 6 (2.9%) thought that Community Boards in their council area should be discontinued.

100 respondents added a written response on this topic. A selection of their responses are given below:

*CBs are closer to their communities so are very local be it an urban, mixed or rural situation. We deal with a lot of things that councillors do not wish to deal with.*

*Our district has 30 communities and needs wide, on the ground representation.*

*I feel that the citizens without a community board do not have an easy direct link to council.*

*Different townships have different identities and requirements from the council, one broad brush approach from the council would not adequately meet the needs of the smaller communities. More minds are needed for the smaller councils whose councillors already have a large workload.*

*Community Boards can provide a strong communication link to the District Council especially in remote areas but they need to be recognised by Council as having that link to the community they represent. District Councillors have to think district wide, community boards are more focused on their community.*

*The Community Boards are valuable in that they are a more personal link between the community and the Council. I think people find it easier to talk to a Community Board member than a councillor.*

*Totally pointless when everything still needs to go through council anyway.*

*No budget - no authority. Dad's Army in drag.*

*Local decisions made by locals.*

*The administration effort for five CBs for a district with a permanent resident population of less than 30,000 people is a significant burden. The duplication of effort to 5 CBs for issues that are reasonably common across the district is wasteful.*

*A local government expert made the point at a zone meeting last year that the whole city should have community boards to achieve fairer representation. There are areas in my city, such as the university precinct and South Dunedin, which could benefit from having a more active local government via community boards. The university area faces challenges with liquor bans and recycling/rubbish; in South Dunedin, the installation of a library has gained significant traction and the mitigation of climate change and future flooding are major issues. Community boards have the tools to aid Councils in dealing with these problems through better insight and consultation with the community/advocacy.*

## 5. Guiding Documents

172 respondents indicated the type of guiding documents their community board has. Less than half of Community Boards have a formal instrument of delegation, while a fifth of respondents indicated that their Community Board has no guiding documents. "Other" guiding documents mentioned by respondents included Strategic Plans, Standing Orders, Community Plans, Terms of Reference, and Council policies.

Answer Choices	Responses	
Board charter	34.88%	60
Instrument of delegation	42.44%	73
None	19.19%	33
Other (please specify)	27.33%	47

*Table 3: Guiding documents Community Boards possess*

## 6. Responsibilities

Community Boards in New Zealand have a widely varying set of delegated responsibilities. However, the trend is for Community Boards to advise their local councils, rather than exercise executive power themselves.

The only area Community Boards consistently have decision-making powers in the administration of community grants. Only 16.35% of respondents' Community Boards provide services on behalf of the local council to the constituents they represent. Similarly, only a third (36.2%) of respondents' Community Boards have the ability to form a community plan for the communities they represent, without having to involve the local council.

Domain	Decision-making	Advisory	No power delegated
Form a community plan	36.20%	46.63%	17.18%
Deliver a community plan	30.38%	47.47%	22.15%
Represent, and advocate for, the interests of a community	42.69%	53.22%	4.09%
Promote local cultural, sporting and/or enterprise events	34.39%	42.68%	22.93%
Undertake local cultural, sporting and/or enterprise events	23.72%	41.03%	35.26%
Consider one-off issues referred to the board by the council	45.83%	51.79%	2.38%
Maintain an overview of local services provided by the council	26.19%	60.71%	13.10%
Provide local services on behalf of the council	16.35%	35.85%	47.80%
Engage with local community organisations	45.24%	51.79%	2.98%
Provide leadership on local issues	45.51%	49.70%	4.79%
Lead the development of community assets, services, projects and/or programmes	29.63%	48.77%	21.60%
Advocate for local priorities in the process of forming the council budget	27.11%	63.25%	9.64%
Work with the council to set budgets for community assets, services, projects and/or programmes	21.34%	51.83%	26.83%
Prepare submissions to third-party organisations or authorities	35.63%	41.25%	23.13%
Administer grants to local groups	73.33%	12.12%	14.55%
Advise the council on engagement with the local community	32.32%	59.76%	7.93%

*Figure 2: Responsibilities of Community Boards*

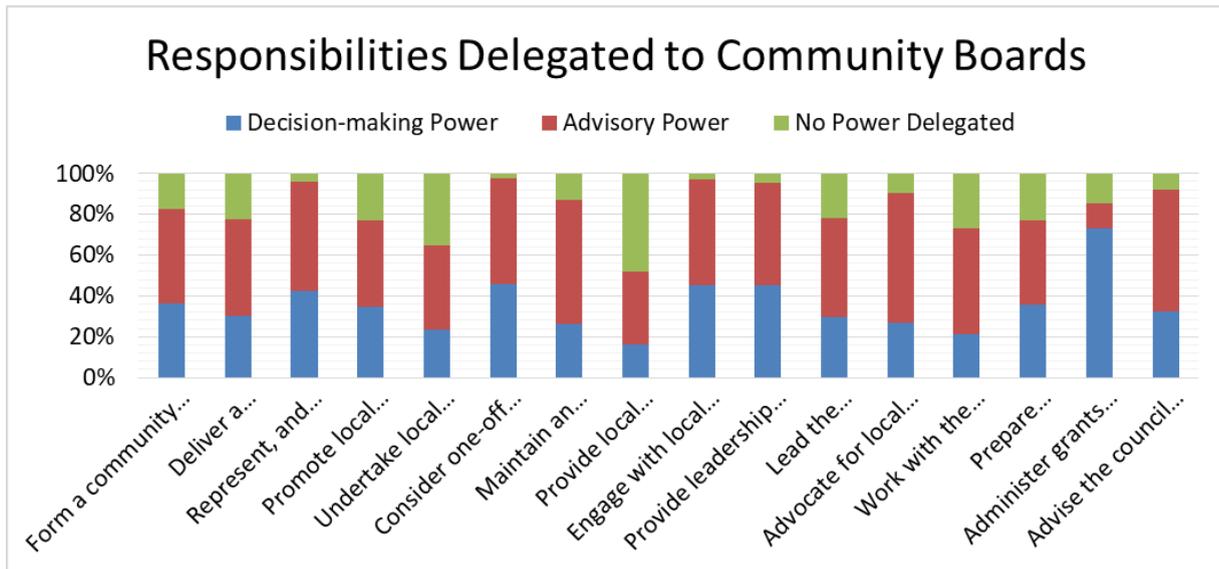


Table 4: Responsibilities of Community Boards

## 7. Planning and Policy Functions

Councils carry out most planning and policy functions. A small majority of Community Boards have the power to advise councils in this area. Notably, less than a third (30.63%) of respondents' Community Boards have executive powers with regard to community consultation as the following table outlines.

Domain	Decision-making	Advisory	No Power Delegated	Not Applicable
Development of governance statements	6.92%	25.16%	54.72%	13.21%
Preparation of the Long-Term Council Community Plan	10.49%	67.90%	17.90%	3.70%
Development of Community Outcomes	16.35%	58.49%	20.75%	4.40%
Policy/bylaw development	6.92%	55.97%	33.96%	3.14%
Community consultation	30.63%	63.13%	5.63%	0.63%
Preparation of annual plan/report	13.38%	49.68%	31.85%	5.10%
Setting harbour/airfield fees	3.14%	12.58%	37.11%	47.17%
Managing reserve licences	8.97%	18.59%	46.79%	25.64%

Table 5: Planning and Policy Functions of Community Boards

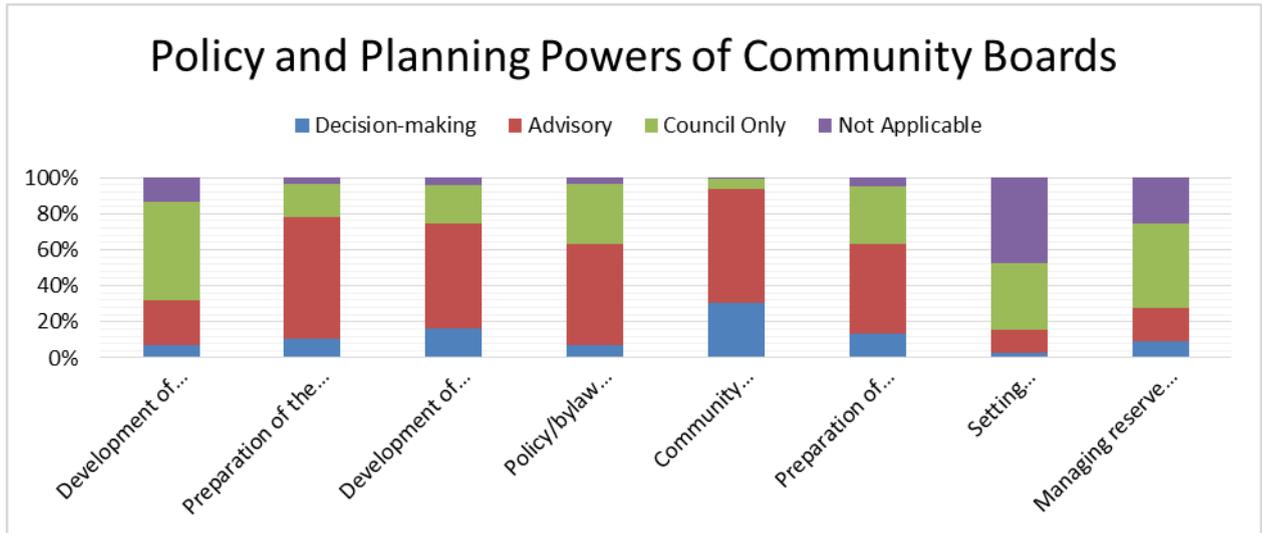


Figure 3: Planning and Policy Functions of Community Boards

## 8. Regulatory Functions

With the notable exception of civil defence, Community Boards usually do not exercise either decision-making or advisory powers with regard to regulatory functions. Around a third of respondents' Community Boards advise a council on their civil defence strategy and around a quarter advise a council on traffic control. Few Community Boards exercise executive power in any regulatory domain, though a few certainly do. 8.7% of respondents' Community Boards exercise executive power with regard to civil defence.

Domain	Decision-making	Advisory	Council Only	Not Applicable
Building controls	2.50%	6.25%	83.13%	8.13%
Dog registration	1.85%	8.64%	82.72%	6.79%
Health inspection	1.25%	4.38%	86.88%	7.50%
Noise control	1.88%	8.75%	82.50%	6.88%
Liquor licensing	1.25%	18.75%	71.88%	8.13%
Gambling consents	1.25%	12.50%	76.88%	9.38%
Traffic control	5.70%	24.68%	62.66%	6.96%
Civil defence	8.70%	33.54%	50.31%	7.45%
Fire prevention	1.85%	16.67%	70.99%	10.49%

Table 6: Regulatory Functions of Community Boards

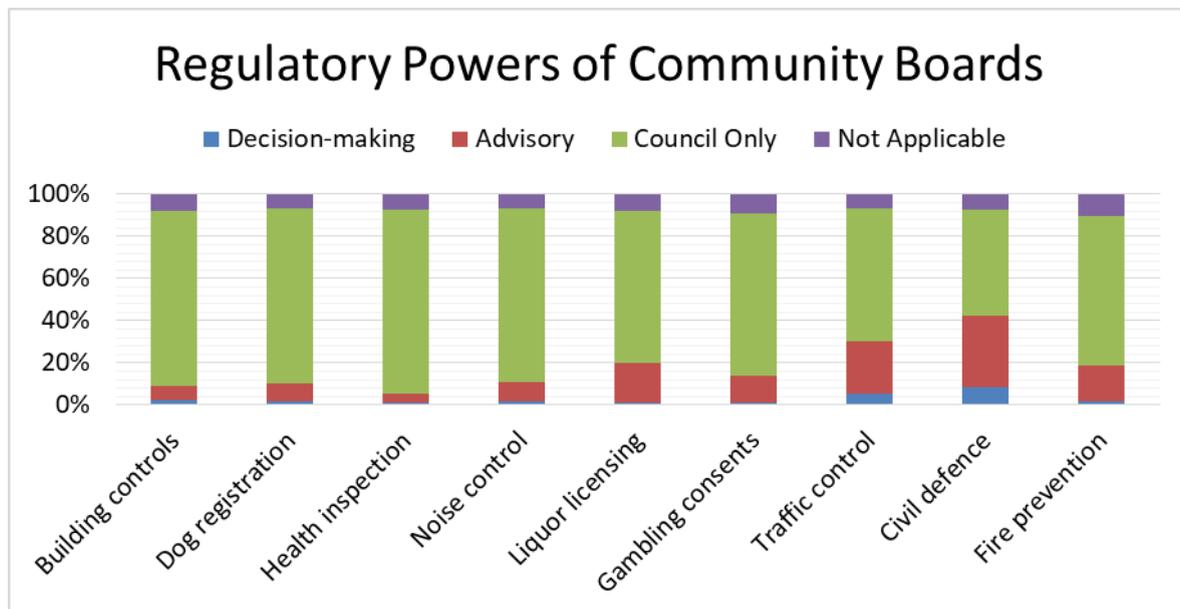


Figure 4: Regulatory Functions of Community Boards

## 9. Resource Management Functions

Around half of all Community Boards have the power to advise their local council on the preparation of the local district or city plan. As with regulatory functions, most Community Boards do not have the power to enforce the district plan. Less than 1 in 20 of respondents' Community Boards have executive powers with regard to resource management.

Domain	Decision-making	Advisory	Council Only
Preparation of the district/city plan	4.38%	61.25%	34.38%
Decisions on designations within the district/city plan	3.77%	52.20%	44.03%
Enforcement of the district plan	3.77%	19.50%	76.73%
Control of subdivisions	3.75%	15.63%	80.63%
Control of activities on rivers and lakes	4.43%	22.15%	73.42%
Natural hazards protection	3.14%	25.79%	71.07%
Hazardous substances protection	3.14%	11.32%	85.53%
Heritage orders	1.90%	24.68%	73.42%

Table 7: Resource Management Functions of Community Boards

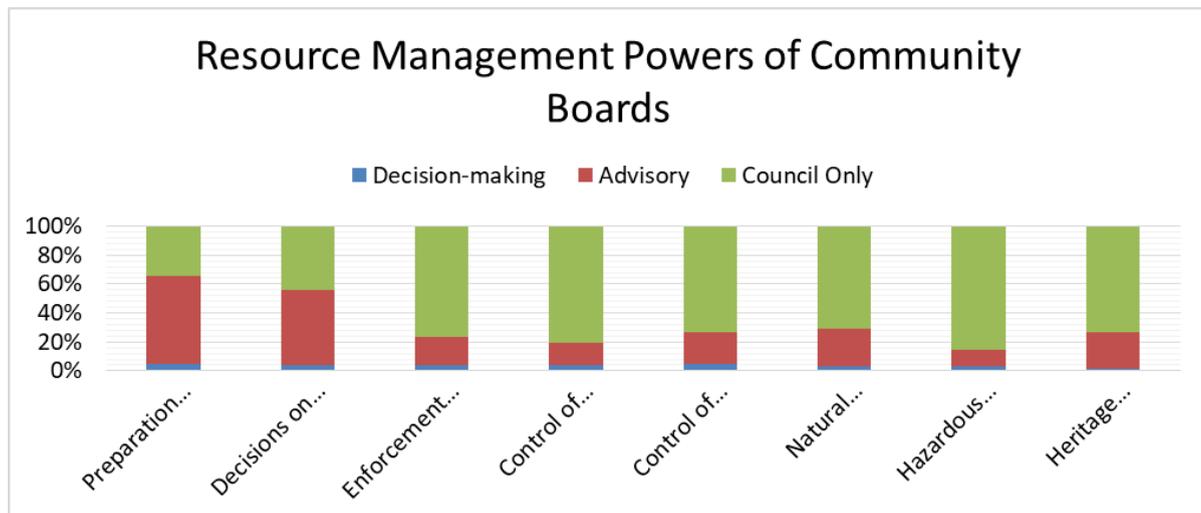


Figure 5: Resource Management Functions of Community Boards

## 10. Service Functions

There is variation in the service functions Community Boards provide. Some service functions are wholly the preserve of the local council; for others, many Community Boards either advise councils on those services' provision, or provide them themselves.

56.13% of respondents' Community Boards provide grants to local community groups, while another 20.0% of respondents' Community Boards advise a council on the provision of grants. 17.42% of respondents' Community Boards have executive powers concerning the provision of parks, reserves, camping grounds and gardens, while 48.39% of respondents' Community Boards have advisory powers concerning the same. Community Boards usually do not have the power to advise councils on domains such as waste services, employment promotion and economic development.

Domain	Decision-making	Advisory	Council Only
Harbour works	2.70%	16.22%	81.08%
Road and land transport works	3.82%	40.76%	55.41%
Land drainage	4.58%	29.41%	66.01%
Refuse and recycling collection	3.85%	39.10%	57.05%
Sewage systems	4.58%	22.88%	72.55%
Storm water drainage	5.84%	26.62%	67.53%
Trade waste	3.25%	14.94%	81.82%
Water supply	5.16%	26.45%	68.39%
Vehicle testing	0.70%	2.10%	97.20%
Parks, reserves, camping grounds, gardens	17.42%	48.39%	34.19%
Cemeteries	12.42%	32.03%	55.56%
Sports and recreation activities	13.25%	41.06%	45.70%
Sporting facilities	12.67%	46.00%	41.33%
Community hubs	14.57%	46.36%	39.07%
Community grants	56.13%	20.00%	23.87%
Tourism and i-SITES	4.64%	28.48%	66.89%
Libraries	3.92%	28.10%	67.97%
Housing and accommodation	1.33%	20.00%	78.67%
Employment promotion	0.65%	14.38%	84.97%
Economic development	1.97%	25.00%	73.03%

*Table 8: Service Functions of Community Boards*

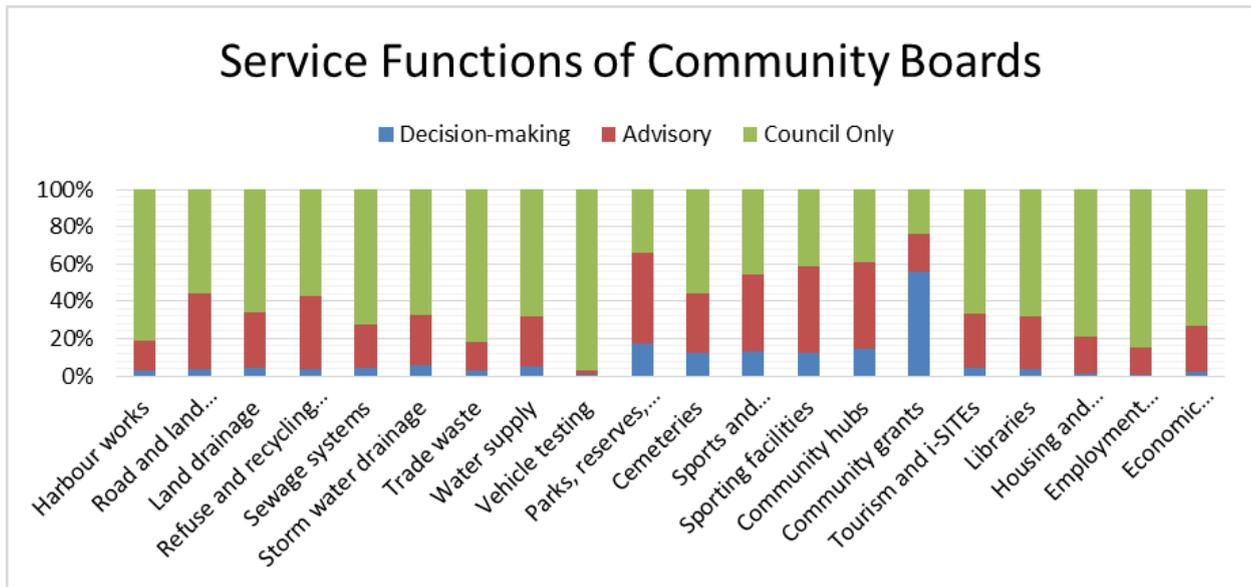


Figure 6: Service Functions of Community Boards

## 11. Effectiveness of Community Boards

Community Board members generally have a positive view of the effectiveness of their Community Board. 76.0% of respondents thought that Community Boards were “very effective” or “effective” at advocating for their local communities. 72.55% of respondents thought that Community Boards were very effective or effective at engaging with community organisations. However, only 44.4% of respondents thought their Community Board could be considered effective at delivering a Community Plan, and only 47.4% of respondents thought their Community Board was effective at leading the development of community assets and projects.

48.0% of respondents thought that more training would make their Community Board more effective at their role. 54.6% of respondents thought that being delegated more decision-making powers by council would make their Community Board more effective.

Respondents had an opportunity to add a comment to their quantitative response for this question. A selection of these responses are given below:

*The tail wags the dog. Council staff tend to lead and take over.*

*We can do all that we are asked/delegated.*

*The effectiveness of the CB often depends on the quality or lack of information provided by Council.*

*I would say, our board has enough work and more delegation to the board is not appropriate. There has to be a clear remuneration - workload matrix. Our council wants to delegate but our remuneration remains the same. In fact our board has a multi-million dollar project delegated to it for oversight - it is too much to ask.*

*We would like to be more involved in making submissions however we do not have the resources (time, staff, expertise) to do this well and in a timely manner. Deadlines are often very very tight.*

*Communication was an issue between council and community boards - that has been addressed and there is a big improvement.*

*We generally deliver on what we have delegations for.*

*We would welcome real responsibility.*

*Very effective - we need more authority to achieve this though.*

*Board Chairs should be able to attend committee meeting workshops and have speaking rights.*

*Guidance and tools needed for effective community engagement. This is an area for many councils and community boards that needs improvement.*

*Course and training in team work, strengths of members etc.*

*Knowing that the council is listening and that we as a community do not get the scraps - that we add value to the district.*

Domain	Very Effective	Effective	Average	Ineffective	Very Ineffective	Not Applicable
Forming a community plan	20.13%	27.92%	26.62%	7.79%	5.84%	11.69%
Delivering the community plan	9.80%	34.64%	24.18%	12.42%	3.92%	15.03%
Representing, and advocating for, the interests of a community	33.77%	42.21%	17.53%	3.90%	2.60%	0.00%
Considering one-off issues referred to the board by the council	36.36%	44.16%	13.64%	1.95%	1.30%	2.60%
Maintaining an overview of local services provided by the council	18.95%	47.71%	20.92%	5.23%	3.27%	3.92%
Providing local services on behalf of the council	10.53%	26.32%	11.84%	10.53%	1.32%	39.47%
Engaging with community organisations	33.99%	38.56%	20.26%	4.58%	2.61%	0.00%
Providing leadership on local issues	30.92%	37.50%	21.05%	5.92%	3.95%	0.66%
Leading the development of community assets, services, projects and/or programmes	19.08%	28.29%	24.34%	9.87%	4.61%	13.82%
Preparing submissions to third-party organisations or authorities	13.16%	30.92%	26.97%	11.84%	1.97%	15.13%
Administering grants to local groups	43.14%	34.64%	7.19%	0.65%	1.96%	12.42%
Advising the council on engagement with the local community	30.52%	37.01%	18.18%	6.49%	5.19%	2.60%

*Table 9: Effectiveness of Community Boards*

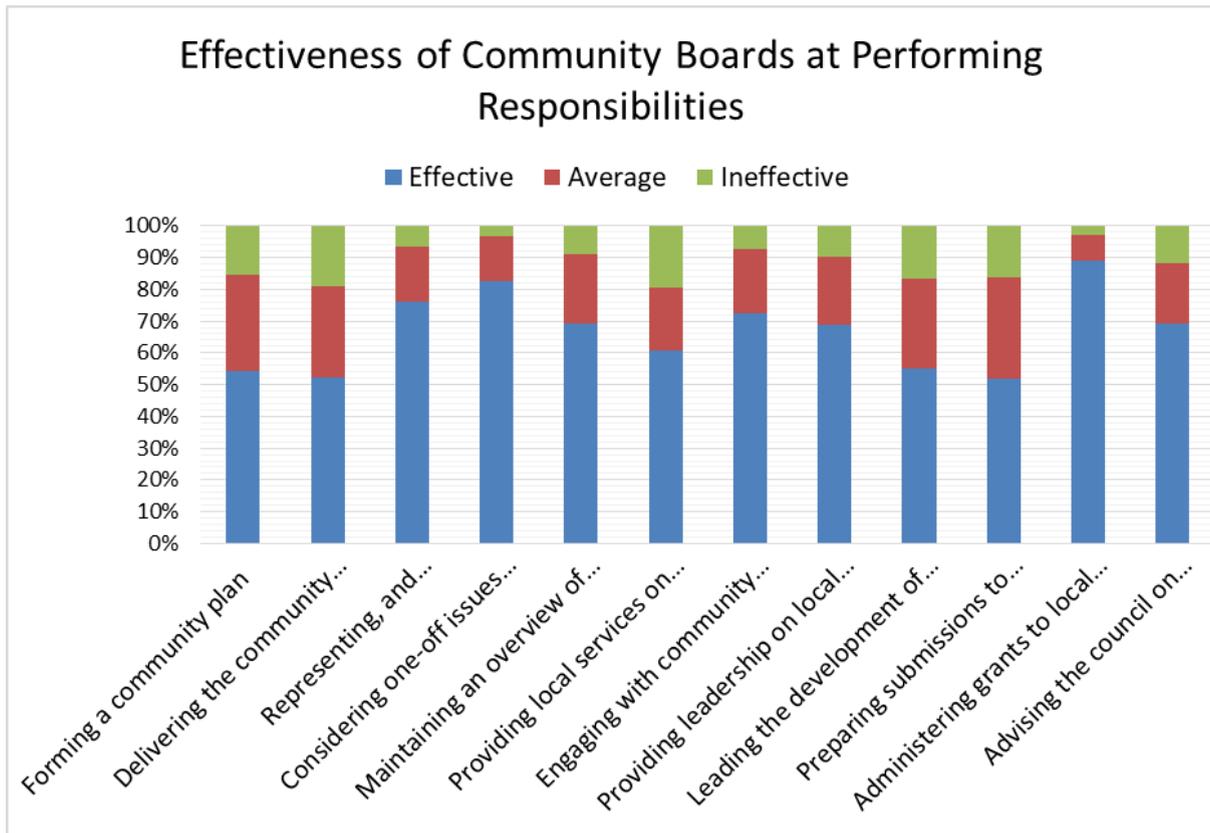


Figure 7: Effectiveness of Community Boards

## 12. Vision and Priorities

75.82% of respondents confirmed that their Community Board has set itself a vision and priorities. It was most likely that a Board created these priorities itself. 22.67% of respondents' Community Boards set their vision and priorities following the creation of a consulted community plan. 21.34% of respondents' Community Boards' priorities were primarily shaped by council priorities.

Vision and priorities set by:	Proportion
Community-led planning	14.67%
Consulted community plan	22.67%
Set by community boards themselves	41.33%
Set by council	21.34%

Table 10: Vision and Priorities of Community Boards

### 13. Public Criticism

Very respectful or respectful	Average	Disrespectful or very disrespectful
71.2%	22.2%	6.5%

*Table 11: Quality of the relationship between respondents' Community Board and the council*

Community Boards were much more likely to publicly criticise Councils than Councils criticise a Board. While only 7.19% of respondents indicated that a council had ever publicly criticised their Board, 17.65% of respondents indicated that their Board had ever publicly criticised the council.

Despite this, the majority of respondents believed their Community Board had a positive relationship with the council. Only 6.5% of respondents believed that their Board's relationship with the council could be characterised as disrespectful or very disrespectful.

49.7% of respondents thought that their Board's relationship with the council could be improved by better training in community engagement for council staff, councillors and Community Board members. 48.4% of respondents thought that reviews of community board effectiveness could improve the council-Board relationship more effective. 39.9% of respondents thought that assistance with community planning, including the development of a community plan, would make the council-Board relationship more effective.

### 14. Representation

Around half of all Community Boards in a given council area had no Māori members. 47.0% of respondents indicated that the Community Boards in a given council area had at least one Māori member between them. The Community Boards in one council area had seven Māori members, the highest proportion in the country.

In contrast to Māori representation, most council areas have three or more female members of the Community Boards within that council area. Some Boards have 100% female membership. Only 2.6% of council areas lack female representation on that area's Community Boards.

Māori members in a council area's Community Boards	Percentage of council areas
0	53.0%
1	31.5%
2	10.8%
3	1.5%
4+	3.1%
Female members in a council area's Community Boards	Percentage of council areas
0	2.6%
1	15.0%
2	20.3%
3	21.6%
4+	40.5%
Youth members in a council area's Community Boards	Percentage of council areas
0	85.5%
1	13.1%
2+	2.8%

*Tables 12: Representation on Community Boards*

85.5% of Community Boards have no youth membership (defined as members under the age of 25). Some Community Boards, which have no elected youth members, co-opt a youth member onto the Board as a Youth Representative; other community boards give this role to a younger member of the Board, often in their early 30s.

## Discussion

### 1. Demographics

Since this survey's respondents came from almost every council area with one or more Community Boards, this survey gives a higher degree of confidence in its results. However, the high number of respondents from a few council areas should be noted. Among the four council areas with the most respondents, Thames-Coromandel District Council and Christchurch City Council in particular are known for delegating a higher level of executive power to the Community Boards within their council areas. Therefore, if the results of this survey were to be skewed one way or the other, they would likely tend towards over-reporting the executive power Community Boards possess.

A disproportionately large proportion of the 205 respondents were Chairs or Deputy Chairs of Community Boards. It is not clear whether this could skew the results toward a more positive view of the effectiveness of Boards.

### 2. Ideal Number of Community Boards

We find it somewhat alarming that only 21% of respondents believe the population of their council area should be represented by an increased number of Community Boards – especially since this survey also found that 47.8% of respondents' council areas did not have a Community Board to represent every citizen. It appears that a significant proportion of Community Board members are not sufficiently convinced of the necessity of their Board to insist that every citizen should have a Board to represent them. This result reflects a level of a lack of confidence in Community Boards. If so, as outlined in the following sections, this may well be due to Community Boards lacking much in the way of executive power.

### 3. Guiding Documents

Nearly 1 in 5 of respondents' Community Boards lack any kind of document to guide their activities and define their role. This proportion is higher than expected. Of those Boards who do have a guiding document, many use a council policy or Strategic Plan as their guidance. These two groups of Community Boards, those who have no guiding documents and those who use council documents to guide their activities, can be reasonably expected to function as a subcommittee of the council instead of as an independent body.

### 4. Responsibilities

This pattern, of Community Boards empowered to act as an advisory arm of the council but not act independently, is repeated in the survey findings concerning the responsibilities of Community Boards. Only 16% of respondents' Community Boards provide services to their local communities, and 48% of respondents' Boards do not have even have the power to advise councils on the provision of council services in their communities. 73% of respondents' Community Boards may provide community grants from their budget without council oversight. However, only a third of respondents' Boards may lead the creation of a community plan themselves.

The responsibilities Community Boards have can also be determined by looking at the areas respondents identify councils as having the least power. These areas were indicated by respondents to be, “Provide leadership on local issues”, “Represent, and advocate for, the interests of a community”, and “Consider one-off issues referred to the board by the council”. In these three areas, fewer than 5% of respondents indicated that their Community Board had “no power delegated”. This also fits with the pattern observed from the analysis of the responsibilities Boards do possess – that they currently exist mainly to guide councils on their relationships with local communities.

## 5. Planning and Policy, Regulatory, Resource Management and Service Functions

The same pattern is apparent in the planning and policy functions Community Boards perform. The respondents identified that Community Boards have the most power in the domain of community consultation. In this domain, only 5% of respondents’ Community Boards cannot advise councils or exercise executive power. In all other domains, Community Boards tended to either have an advisory role, or have no role. However, Community Boards are more likely to have decision-making powers with regard to planning and policy functions than with regard to regulatory or resource management functions.

Around half of respondents’ Community Boards and councils do not see a place for Boards to play in Civil Defence, either in an advisory or an executive role. However, this is the only domain the survey identified that Community Boards have an appreciable role with regard to regulatory functions. Councils and Community Boards see a role for Boards to play in the preparation of District Plans. In other resource management functions, Community Boards currently have no role.

It appears that Community Boards currently do not have the same powers as they possessed in Richardson’s 2008 study. In this study, 70.5% of Boards were found to possess advisory powers in planning and policy, with only 28% of functions being council only. Similarly, the proportion of Boards empowered to advise the council on resource management appears to have fallen too. In 2008, 38% of Community Boards had advisory powers in the domains of resource management. The proportion of Community Boards with the ability to advise councils on regulation appears to have remained broadly the same.

Community Boards are more likely to have decision-making or advisory powers with regard to the services their local council provides. A majority of Boards have either decision-making or advisory powers with regards to these areas. This mirrors the results of Richardson’s 2008 research. However, as with the other three areas, Community Boards appear to have released more responsibilities to their local councils since 2008. There is no legal barrier to the release of council funds to Community Boards to provide services on behalf of a council, and as the experience of Thames-Coromandel District Council has shown, such an approach has a number of associated benefits. Creative options such as this should be examined by councils facing a perceived relational deficit with their communities.

Arguably, Community Boards should not be exercising executive powers in relation to resource management and regulation. However, Councils should genuinely engage and

co-design with Community Boards on initiatives such as key planning changes and community level zoning proposals. Community Boards should be invited to give input on local regulation priorities and recommend governance decisions which are appropriate to their communities. On this survey's three-point scale, it would be hoped that every Community Board would at least exercise advisory powers.

## 6. Effectiveness of Community Boards

Interestingly, despite the loss of powers over the last decade, most Community Board members view their Board as effective. Members were especially positive about the local leadership their Board provided, evidenced as the giving of grants, representing the community to a council, and considering one-off issues referred to the Board by council. Community Board members were least likely to believe that their Board was effective in forming and putting into action a community plan, although members still generally felt positively about their Board's abilities in this area. Other areas respondents believed their Board could improve in include making submissions to third-party organisations, and leading the development of local assets.

The relatively high chance that a Board has criticised its local council may reflect the frustration some Boards feel at the loss or lack of the decision-making or advisory powers which Boards could utilise to better their communities. Board members collectively identified two actions which would increase the effectiveness of Boards further: the transfer of more decision-making powers to Boards, and more training to increase the governance abilities of Board members.

## Conclusions

*"If councils are to attract talented and enthusiastic local leaders then we need to be able to offer them something substantial to do, that is, the opportunity to make a real difference in their communities. This is the salience question. The new government has a unique opportunity to create a local government system that is strongly 'localist' and brings citizens back into the public realm in a meaningful way – our civic culture demands it."*

*(Dr Mike Reid, 2018)*

Whilst this comment from Dr Reid was aimed at redressing the balance of power from Central to local government, the same observation can be applied to redressing the balance between councils and local community governance through Community Boards.

Community Boards have declined by 30% in the last decade as the role of the Board has been increasingly unclear to councils and to Boards themselves. Over the decade councils have become more centrist and have removed powers from their Boards. That Boards would view themselves as effective even with this reduction of powers indicates that Boards lack an understanding of the role they could take in community leadership.

This survey was designed to answer two questions:

1. *What roles and responsibilities do Community Boards in New Zealand have?*
2. *How effective are Community Boards at performing those?*

The current roles and responsibilities of Community Boards have been extensively detailed in this report's Findings. In broad and general terms, they are to provide a council with a closer connection, and a conduit for consultation, to a community. In this, this survey has found that Community Boards in New Zealand appear to operate in a way which is broadly in line with the intent of the Local Government Act which established them.

Despite having quite a clear niche to fill in many communities, it is our view that Community Boards do not currently operate at their peak potential effectiveness. A number of barriers and opportunities exist. There are a number of specific activities, such as community planning, where Boards feel they could be better trained and supported. Scepticism from councils, and a reluctance or inability to devolve power, are also barriers.

Community Boards cannot be expected to perform effectively if the Board possesses few executive or advisory powers and lacks guiding documents. Despite this, most Community Board members believe their Board performs effectively. It may be that Community Boards feel that they are effective, overall, because they have accepted an advisory and advocacy role.

Two big questions emerge for New Zealand Community Boards:

1. *Does New Zealand local government want to value and develop Community Boards further?*
2. *What will their future role be?*

The development of the role of Boards has stagnated, and over the decade - regressed. Whilst Boards see themselves as effective in local advocacy and advice, this assessment is arguably not necessarily shared to the same extent by the councils. The evidence for

this is generalised but based on a 30% reduction in Boards over the decade, and a successive reduction in their responsibilities from councils in that same period. Boards could be seen as very effective in a role not as valued as it used to be.

This report takes the view that if Boards continue to have local advocacy and advice as their central role then they will decline further around the country. The future role will need to change. One potential future development of Boards is the devolving of services and decision-making as is seen in Boards in Wanaka, Thames-Coromandel and Christchurch City. Under this scenario, local Community Boards take leadership at the local level and council takes leadership of more district or city-wide matters.

The Thames-Coromandel model is the most devolved amongst this model and is based on the international Community Improvement District (CID) model which emerged from the United States in the 1970s. These five Boards are the only CIDs in Australasia which enable a high degree of decision-making over local assets, facilities, services, levels of service and local funding of the local services under a community centred leadership group.

It is the view of this report that although the model is highly innovative and suitable to the needs of many more New Zealand communities, the future of Community Boards will not be in service delivery but in place-shaping.

Effective community governance models are emerging as alternatives to Community Boards including appointed Advisory Boards such as the Smart and Connected Boards of Marlborough District<sup>3</sup>, the pilot Community Advisory Board Model the author is establishing in Tasmania, and Business Improvement Districts in a number of New Zealand urban centres. A very comprehensive survey of other forms of community governance internationally was provided by Peter McKinley in 2014<sup>4</sup>.

A common thread we see is that although the structures of community governance may differ as may the form of election or appointment of members, there is a movement toward community governance taking leadership in place-making. If Community Boards are to have a future role in New Zealand community governance they must evolve and move beyond advisory and advocacy roles to community place-shaping as their primary purpose.

The four platforms of refreshed Community Boards of the future will be:

- **Role:** the primary role will be place-shaping
- **Position:** Community Boards will be recognised as taking local leadership whilst councils take leadership of more city-wide or district-wide matters in a co-design model
- **Purpose:** the future Community board will exist to deliver on a prioritised Community Plan and not generate its own priorities disconnected from the community it serves
- **Relationship:** the Boards will discuss with their councils role and scope in their local areas to develop a formal Community Board Charter in a conversation of equals.

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<sup>3</sup> Refer to Colin Bass of Business Lab, Nelson.

<sup>4</sup> McKinley, P. (2014) An Overview of Developments in Community and Neighbourhood Governance. <http://www.lgnz.co.nz/assets/KnowHow-pdf-documents/An-Overview-of-Developments-in-Community-and-Neighbourhood-Governance.pdf>

## Recommendations

Our report recommends the following:

### 1: Community Board Executive Committee develop position paper

The Community Board Executive Committee develop a position paper on the future role of Community Boards and establish what the aspiration could be in Boards taking a lead in community place-shaping, and a Good Practice Guide to highlight the innovation and excellence in the sector.

### 2: Community Boards sign Localist Declaration

Community Boards of New Zealand develop and sign up to a Localist Declaration which outlines their primary role to be in community place-shaping, and their position as the local leaders in communities.

### 3: Community Boards adopt Board Charters

Every Community Board have a formal Board Charter with their council which clarifies role, scope, delegations, how council and staff will relate to Boards, how Boards relate to council. This Charter be developed through a conversation of equals between Council and Boards in each area.

### 4: Councils recognise and support capability of Community Boards

Council recognise that democracy and place-shaping is more resilient when they empower Boards to take local leadership of local affairs and decisions. Councils to actively build the capability of Boards in local place-shaping.

### 5: Community Boards develop Community Plans

Community Boards each develop an inclusive and engaging Community Plan with a small number of priorities which drive the priorities of the Board itself. The role of a Board be re-shaped to delivering the priorities in the Community Plan. Boards not develop strategies and priorities which are not related to the priorities of their communities.

*“Guidance and tools needed for effective community engagement. This is an area for many councils and community boards that needs improvement.”*

(Survey respondent)