

Whangarei District Council

Representation Review 2018

Workshop 2, 28 February 2018

Programme Overview

- Welcome and introductions
 - Background
 - Criteria
 - Options
 - Informal preliminary consultation
 - Timetable
 - Next steps
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Representation Review

- Background
 - Workshop 1 (16 August 2017)
 - 3 parts of the review: electoral system, Māori wards, representation review
 - 3 considerations for representation review: communities of interest, effective and fair representation
 - status quo complies with fair representation
 - process, logistics, community engagement
 - timetable
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Representation Review

- retain FPP electoral system (12 September 2017)
- no to Māori wards (26 October 2017)
- generally happy with status quo
- need to undertake the process correctly
- undertake informal consultation
- formal process 1 March – 31 August 2018

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- Communities of interest
 - need to be identified
 - area where one feels sense of community and belonging
 - access to daily goods and services
 - physical and topographical features
 - can change over time

Representation Review

- Effective Representation
 - consider how communities of interest are most effectively represented
 - total number of elected members
 - elected members elected from wards/'at large'/mix
 - ward names, boundaries
 - communities and community boards (retain, alter, disestablish, number, names, boundaries, membership, subdivisions)

Representation Review

- Fair representation
 - population equity (+/- 10% of average)
 - generally means each elected member represents about same number of people (within +/-10%)
 - current ward arrangements comply

Representation Review

- Options
 - Option 1 (status quo)
 - 13 councillors, 6 wards, no community boards
 - Bream Bay Ward (2)
 - Denby Ward (3)
 - Hikurangi-Coastal Ward (2)
 - Mangakahia-Maungatapere Ward (1)
 - Okara Ward (4)
 - Whangarei Heads Ward (1)

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Ward Boundaries 2013

Representation Review

- Population Statistics (Estimated Resident Population 30 June 2017)

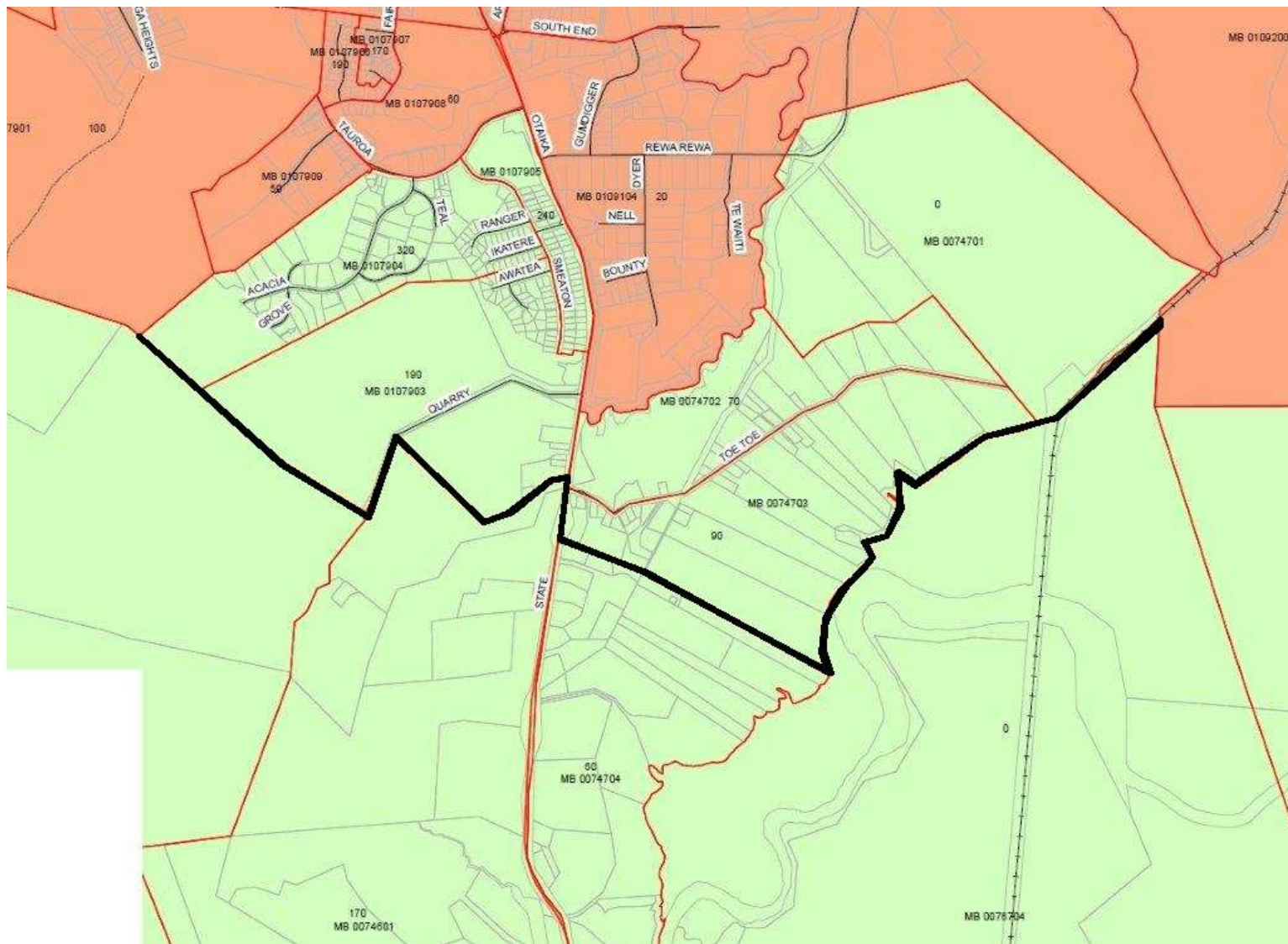
Option 1: status quo: 89,710/13 members = 6,901 +/- 10% = 6,211 – 7,591

- Status quo wards comply with fair representation (+/- 10% rule)

Ward	Pop	Cnrs	Average	Fits Rule	% Variation
Bream Bay	13,500	2	6,750	Yes	-2.18%
Denby	21,400	3	7,133	Yes	+3.37%
Hikurangi-Coastal	13,250	2	6,625	Yes	-4%
Maungakahia-Maungatapere	6,330	1	6,330	Yes	-8.27%
Okara	28,300	4	7,075	Yes	+2.52%
Whangarei Heads	6,930	1	6,930	Yes	+0.42%

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- Option 2 (modified status quo)
 - 13 councillors, 6 wards (modified boundaries), no community boards
 - Bream Bay Ward (2)
 - Denby Ward (3)
 - Hikurangi-Coastal Ward (2)
 - Mangakahia-Maungatapere Ward (1)
 - Okara Ward (4)
 - Whangarei Heads Ward (1)



Representation Review

- Population Statistics (Estimated Resident Population 30 June 2017)

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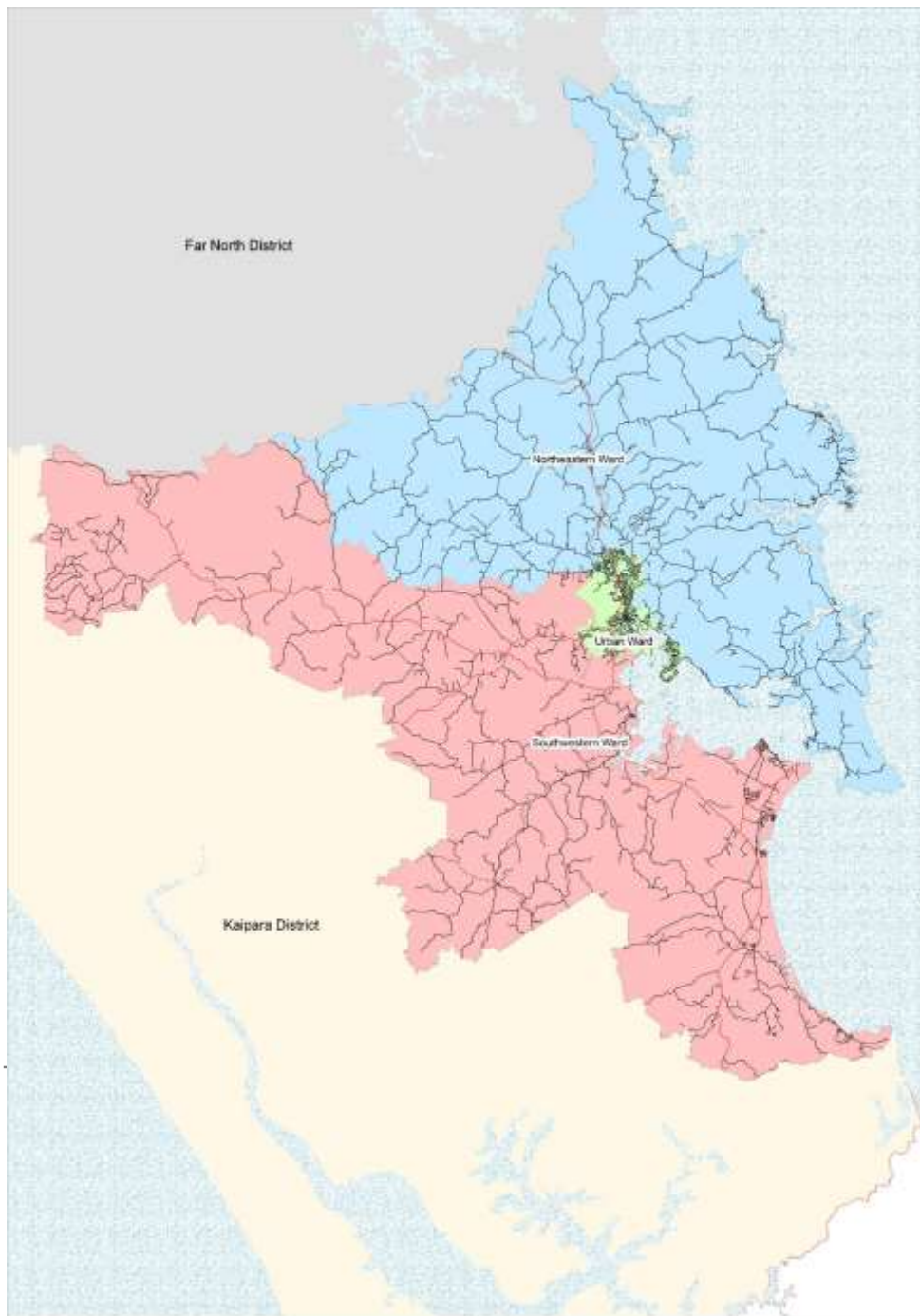
- Status quo wards comply with fair representation (+/- 10% rule)

Ward	Pop	Cnrs	Average	Fits Rule	% Variation
Bream Bay	12,590	2	6,295	Yes	-8.78 %
Denby	21,400	3	7,133	Yes	+3.37%
Hikurangi-Coastal	13,250	2	6,625	Yes	-4%
Maungakahia-Maungatapere	6,330	1	6,330	Yes	-8.27%
Okara	29,210	4	7,303	Yes	+5.83%
Whangarei Heads	6,930	1	6,930	Yes	+0.42%

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– Option 3

- 13 councillors, 3 wards, no community boards
 - Urban Ward (7)
 - » Denby and Okara combined
 - Northeastern Ward (3)
 - » Hikurangi Coastal and Whangarei Heads combined
 - Southwestern Ward (3)
 - » Bream Bay and Mangakahia-Maungatapere combined



OPTION 3

Urban Ward – 7
councillors

Northeastern Ward –
3 councillors

Southwestern Ward –
3 councillors

Representation Review

- Population Statistics (Estimated Resident Population 30 June 2017)

Option 3: 89,710/13 members = 6,901 +/- 10% = 6,211 – 7,591

- Status quo wards comply with fair representation (+/- 10% rule)

Ward	Pop	Cnrs	Average	Fits Rule	% Variation
Urban (Denby & Okara Wards)	49,700	7	7,100	Yes	+2.88%
Northeastern (Hikurangi-Coastal & Whangarei Heads Wards)	20,180	3	6,727	Yes	-2.52%
Southwestern (Bream Bay & Mangakahia-Maungatapere Wards)	19,830	3	6,610	Yes	-4.22%

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– Option 4

- 9 councillors, 3 wards, no community boards
 - Urban Ward (5)
 - » Denby and Okara combined
 - Northeastern Ward (2)
 - » Hikurangi Coastal and Whangarei Heads combined
 - Southwestern Ward (2)
 - » Bream Bay and Mangakahia-Maungatapere combined



Wards Boundaries

OPTION 4

Urban Ward – 5
councillors

Northeastern Ward – 2
councillors

Southwestern Ward – 2
councillors

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- Population Statistics (Estimated Resident Population 30 June 2017)

Option 4: 89,710/9 members = 9,967 +/- 10% = 8,970 – 10,963

- Status quo wards comply with fair representation (+/- 10% rule)

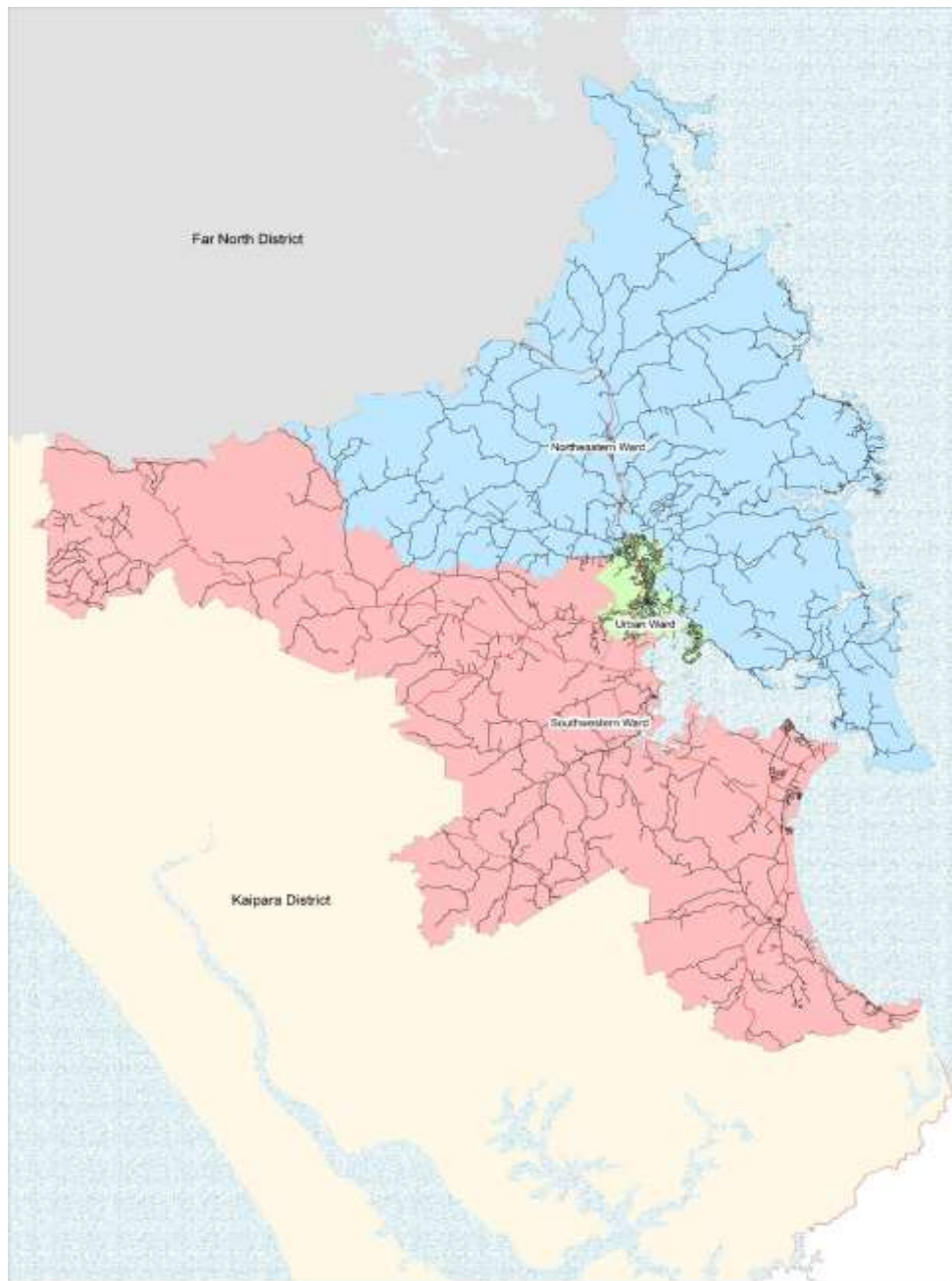
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- Option 5: At large (no wards), 5-29 councillors, no community boards
 - no +/- 10% criteria to meet
 - community boards could be introduced to provide local representation

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- Option 6: mix at large and wards
 - 13 councillors, 4 elected at large, 9 from 3 wards
 - no community boards
 - Urban Ward (5)
 - Denby and Okara combined
 - Northeastern Ward (2)
 - Hikurangi Coastal and Whangarei Heads combined
 - Southwestern Ward (2)
 - Bream Bay and Mangakahia-Maungatapere combined



Wards Boundaries

OPTION 6

Urban Ward – 5 councillors

Northeastern Ward – 2
councillors

Southwestern Ward- 2
councillors

4 councillors elected at
large

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- Population Statistics (Estimated Resident Population 30 June 2017)

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Representation Review

- Informal preliminary consultation
 - community and commercial/business groups
 - Māori
 - period March – May 2018
- Formal consultation June – September 2018

Timetable

Council Workshop 1 (overview)	16 August 2017
Council Workshop 2 (briefing)	28 February 2018
Te Karearea Meeting (briefing)	21 March 2018
Key stakeholders' pre-consultation	March – May 2018
Council Workshop 3 (options considered)	May 2018
Council meeting (initial proposal)	31 May 2018
Public notice	6 June 2018
Submission period	6 June – 6 July 2018
Hearings	30 July – 3 August 2018
Council meeting (final proposal)	6 - 10 August 2018
Public notice	15 August 2018
Objection/appeal period	15 August – 14 September 2018
Forward material to LGC (if required)	1 October 2018
LGC decision (if required)	by 10 April 2019

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- Next steps
 - preferred option(s)
 - extent and content of preliminary informal consultation
 - ward names (if applicable), Māori names?

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