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Kawerau District Council will be
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1 Karakia Timatanga | Opening Prayer

2 Apologies

3 Leave of Absence

4 Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Any member having a “conflict of interest” with an item on the Agenda should declare it, and when that item is being considered, abstain from any discussion or voting. The member may wish to remove themselves from the meeting while the item is being considered.

5 Meeting Notices

6 Nga Mihimihi | Acknowledgements

7 Public Forum

**8 Representation Review Initial Proposal – Receipt of Submissions
(Communications & Engagement Manager) (101200)**

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Attached is a report from the Communications and Engagement Manager covering the Representation Review Initial Proposal – Receipt of Submissions.

Recommendations

- 1. That the report “2024 Electoral Processes: Representation Review Hearings” be received.*
- 2. That Council receives the submissions within the scope of Council’s initial proposal, as adopted on 17 July 2024.*
- 3. That Council hears those submitters who wish to be heard, and then considers all submissions as to whether the initial proposal is confirmed or amended when Council resolves its final proposal.*
- 4. Council provides reasons for any amendments to the initial proposal, and reasons for any rejection of submissions are provided as required for inclusion in the final proposal public notice.*

9 Karakia Whakamutunga | Closing Prayer

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Chief Executive Officer

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<u>Meeting:</u>	Extraordinary Council
<u>Meeting Date:</u>	11 September 2024
<u>Subject:</u>	2024 Representation Review Initial Proposal – Hearing and Submissions Report
<u>File No.:</u>	101200

1 **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to receive and consider the submissions on Council's initial proposal for the review of representation arrangements (number of councillors, wards, etc.) that will apply for the triennial local elections in 2025.

Please note: Election Services' Electoral Officer Dale Ofoske and Ben Roser will attend the Extraordinary Meeting via zoom.

2 **Summary**

Formal engagement and consultation for the initial proposal occurred from 22 July 2024 to 26 August 2024. A total of 104 submissions were received, and of these, three submitters wish to be heard.

The majority of submissions (60 or 57.69%) support and strongly support the initial proposal.

35 submitters (33.65%) oppose or strongly oppose the initial proposal. Of these, six submitters support a two-ward system, and the remaining 29 submitters wish to retain the current arrangements with no Māori wards (which does not form part of the representation review).

Following the hearing of submitters, Council will need to consider this report and issues raised by submitters and indicate its preferred representation arrangements (confirmation of the initial proposal or an amended initial proposal) for adoption as the final proposal at Council's on 25 September 2024 meeting.

3 **Background**

Section 19H of the Local Electoral Act 2001 (LEA) requires local authorities to undertake a representation review at least once every six years. A representation review must consider the following three key principles:

- (i) Communities of interest
 - *sense of belonging*
 - *functionality*
 - *ability of the elected body to represent the interests and reconcile the conflicts of all its members*

- (ii) Effective representation
 - *how communities of interest can be effectively represented*
 - *best number of councillors*
 - *should councillors be elected from wards, 'at large' or a mixture?*
 - *names of wards, boundaries*
 - *should there be community boards?*

- (iii) Fair representation (+/- 10% rule for wards)
 - *population equity (plus/minus 10% of average representation)*
 - *means each elected member represents about the same number of people within a plus/minus 10% rule*
 - *does not apply between general wards and Māori wards*

The last representation review was undertaken in 2021 for the 2022 and 2025 triennial elections. However, the introduction of Māori representation means a new review must be completed in 2024 for at least the 2025 triennial elections.

Council resolved on 6 September 2023 to retain the First Past the Post (FPP) electoral system for the 2025 local elections.

On 22 November 2023, Council resolved to establish Māori representation via Māori ward(s). Council reaffirmed its decision to introduce Māori ward(s) for the 2025 election at an Extraordinary Meeting on 14 August 2024. This meets the requirements of the new Local Government (Electoral Legislation and Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Act 2024 (LGEAA).

The Act requires a binding referendum or poll to be held at the local triennial elections in 2025. The outcome of the poll would apply for the 2028 and 2031 local elections. Another poll cannot be demanded by 5% of electors (256 electors) or the Council until after the 2031 elections.

The review of representation arrangements must be an appropriate reflection of the district's communities of interest and comprises the following decisions:

- Whether Council keeps the current arrangements: one mayor, eight councillors and no community board(s)?

- Currently, there are no wards as the Mayor and councillors are elected 'at large' from the entire district. However, this will change for 2025 following the decision to introduce Māori ward(s) in November 2023. This will result in one or more Māori ward(s) and general ward(s).

Māori representation is being introduced based on the Local Electoral Act 2001 (LEA) legislative formula using Māori and general electoral populations (not electors):

$$nmm = mepd / (mepd + gepd) \times nm$$

where -

nmm is the number of Māori ward members

mepd is the Māori electoral population or estimated Māori electoral population of the district (3,430)

gepd is the general electoral population or estimated general electoral population of the district (4,390)

nm is the proposed number of total number members of the territorial authority (other than the Mayor)

So, with the statistics above and the current arrangements (of a Mayor plus eight councillors), the calculation $[nmm = 3,430 / (3,430 + 4,390) * 8]$ would provide for four¹ Māori ward councillors and four general ward councillors. Both the Māori ward and general ward councillors can be elected from 1-4 wards.

The total electoral population is 7,820. As of 2022, there were 5,215 electors (people enrolled to vote).

4 **Engagement and Consultation Overview**

4.1 Early Engagement for the Representation Review

Early engagement was undertaken between March and May 2024. The engagement comprised both circulating information as to the scope of the representation review and options for how councillors could represent the community, and gathering feedback from the community.

Presentations to community organisations were well received and additional ‘drop-in’ sessions were available for the community to attend. Council also took the opportunity to gather further feedback on the representation review via the Mahere ā Tau | Annual Plan 2024-2025 engagement sessions, providing information and gathering feedback via these community and stakeholder hui. Council received 70 survey responses via online channels and printed forms.

Two options were tabled with the community during the early engagement, albeit a number of questions were also asked regarding number of councillors, wards and geographic boundaries:

Option 1: Mixed system (combination model)

- the Mayor elected ‘at-large’ (elected by all electors by both the Māori and general electoral rolls) and
- two councillors elected ‘at-large’ (elected by all electors (on both the Māori and general electoral rolls)) and
- three Māori ward councillors (elected by electors on the Māori electoral roll) and
- three general ward councillors (elected by electors on the general electoral roll) and
- no community boards

OR

Option 2: Ward system

With the current arrangements of the Mayor and eight councillors, the second option would be for the district to reflect the population demographics and Local Electoral Act calculation, which provides for a 50:50 allocation of representation of general

¹ If the number of the Māori ward members (other than the mayor) calculated under subclause (1) includes a fraction, the fraction must be disregarded unless it exceeds a half. If the fraction exceeds a half, the number of Māori ward members must be the next whole number above the number that includes the fraction. Ref.LEA2001-Sch1A-2(3).

ward and Māori ward councillors, based on an even number of councillors around the table. Keeping the current number of councillors at eight, this would comprise:

- the Mayor elected 'at-large' (elected by all electors by both the Māori and general electoral rolls) and
- four Māori ward councillors (elected by electors on the Māori electoral roll) and
- four general ward councillors (elected by electors on the general electoral roll)
Note: 50:50 representation is based on an even number of councillors and the Local Electoral Act (LEA) legislative formula using Māori and general electoral populations (not electors). and
- no community boards

The analysis of all feedback from the early engagement showed the community's preference to:

- **Retain eight (8) councillors plus the Mayor** (supported by 75% of the respondents who gave feedback)
- **Keep the district as one ward** mainly due to the geographic area of the rohe (supported by 76% of the respondents who gave feedback)
- **Retain the status quo with no community boards** (*supported by 70% of respondents who gave feedback*)
- **Introduce a mixed 'combination model' system** (supported by 60% of respondents) comprising: *the Mayor; two councillors elected 'at large'; three councillors representing a district-wide Māori ward and three councillors representing a district-wide general ward, and no community board.*

Feedback from the community reflected that this mixed system would provide positives. Feedback stated that irrespective of individual views regarding Māori wards, this mixed combination system offered open and transparent democracy with two 'at large' councillors, while still providing for specific Māori representation with three Māori ward councillors at the table that would honour Council's decision for specific Māori representation.

Notes:

The introduction of Māori representation means there will be at least one general ward and at least one Māori ward for the 2025 election. There were respondents who did not accept this decision had already been made by Council.

Early feedback considered that the current 'at large' representation encompassing the entire Kawerau rohe is an appropriate reflection of the district's communities of interest. Therefore, changes to the wards geographically have not been considered.

Feedback from the community conveyed the belief that elected members and the Mayor can and do effectively represent the community without duplication of roles or additional cost of introducing a community board.

4.2 Initial Proposal – Formal Consultation and Submissions

The community feedback from the early engagement (outlined above) formed the basis for the Initial Proposal resolved at the Council's Extraordinary Meeting for formal consultation on 17 July 2024. The initial proposal is:

Mixed system with eight councillors plus the Mayor: comprising two 'at-large' councillors, three councillors representing the Kawerau Māori Ward and three councillors representing the Kawerau General Ward, with both wards retaining the current district-wide geographic boundaries, and no community board.

Council carried out a robust process of formal consultation from 22 July to 26 August 2024 with Tūwharetoa ki Kawerau Kaumātua and the community comprising face-to-face meetings and stakeholder presentations, drop-in sessions, and the provision of online (website and social media) and printed material delivered to homes via the Council Pānui. A total of 104 submissions were received.

Submissions Hearing – three submitters have indicated they wish to speak to their submissions (*refer to Appendix 1*).

Summary of Submissions (*refer to Appendix 2 for full analysis of submissions*):

- Retaining 8 councillors, plus the Mayor
 - 76.92% (80) submitters support maintaining eight councillors
 - 14.42% (15) submitters oppose maintaining eight councillors
 - 8.65% (9) submitters did not have a view
- Preferred number of councillors?
 - 74.04% (77) submitters prefer 8 councillors
- View on the Initial Proposal – Mixed System
 - 57.69% (60) submitters support the initial proposal
 - 33.65% (35) submitters oppose the initial proposal
 - 8.65% (9) submitters did not have a view
- Is there another option you prefer over the initial proposal?
 - 57.69% (60) submitters support the mixed system
 - 5.77% (6) submitters support the two wards model
 - 27.88% (29) submitters support retaining the current system (with only one ward and no Māori representation which does not form part of the representation review)
 - 8.65% (9) submitters did not have a view

Please refer to Appendix 4 for the table of 104 submissions received.

5 Process Overview

The representation review is the third step in the electoral process required to be completed by Council. The following timeline outlines the actions already undertaken and the next steps required by Council:

Representation Review – actions to date

- Council Workshop 1 (overview)
- Preliminary community engagement
- Council Workshop 2 (summary of consultation, scenarios)
- Council Workshop 3 (further information re mixed combination)
- Extraordinary Meeting (resolve initial proposal)
- Public notice of initial proposal
- Submission period
- Extraordinary Meeting: Submission Hearing & Deliberations

Representation Review - next actions

- Council meeting (resolution for final proposal)
- Public notice of final proposal
- Appeal/objection period
- LGC hearing placeholder (if required)
- LGC determination (if required)
- Triennial Elections and poll on Māori wards

Timeline

21 Feb 2024
 April-May 2024
 19 June 2024
 10 July 2024
 17 July 2024
 22 July 2024
 22 July-26 Aug 2024
 11 Sept 2024

Timeline

25 Sept 2024
 30 Sept 2024
 30 Sept–4 Nov 2024
 30 January 2025
 by 10 April 2025
 9 Sept to 11 Oct 2025

6 Policy and Plan Considerations

The representation arrangements review is legislated by the Local Electoral Act 2001 and the subsequent review and amendments in 2023 and the Local Government (Electoral Legislation and Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Act. The representation options are somewhat limited as there is a need to meet legislative requirements. Council has focused efforts to ensure interested and affected people have the opportunity to formally provide their preferences.

7 Risks

Council must complete the legal requirements for engagement throughout the representation arrangements review, albeit we are guided by Election Services and have allowed sufficient time for a thorough and robust process. There is a risk that an objection or appeal received following notification of the final proposal would trigger the determination by the Local Government Commission.

8 Financial Considerations

Funding has been set aside in the Annual Plans for 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 to undertake the representation review. Funding has also been provided for in the 2024-2025 budget for the 2025 triennial elections. The Remuneration Authority reviews the [remuneration settings](#) for local government every three years. This includes assessment of each council's place on its appropriate size index (i.e. regional, unitary or territorial index) and the issuing of revised indices, plus decisions on each council's governance remuneration pool and minimum allowable councillor remuneration for each council.

9 **Legal Considerations**

Representation reviews are a statutory process prescribed in the Local Electoral Act 2001 and the Local Government (Electoral Legislation and Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Act. Election Services are the subject matter experts and will continue guiding council to ensure that we meet all legal obligations.

10 **Significance and Engagement**

When making decisions, Council will consult Tangata Whenua, Kaumātua and Iwi. Council will ensure it meets its obligations with regard to the principles relating to local authorities contained in s14 of the Local Government Act, Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy. Guidance of Tangata whenua via Council Cultural Advisor Te Haukākawa Te Rire for the naming of the Kawerau Māori Ward and the Kawerau General Ward.

A comprehensive process of engagement and consultation has been carried out by the Council comprising kanohi-ki-te-kanohi hui | face-to-face meetings with Tūwharetoa ki Kawerau Kaumātua, Tarawera High School senior students, and community groups. In addition, information has been provided via printed pānui delivered to residents, online and advertised via social media, print and radio.

Acknowledgement to Council's Cultural Advisor Te Haukākawa Te Rire for his attendance, and also attendance of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, elected members, chief executive and senior leadership team at respective hui.

11 **Conclusion**

Receiving the submissions on the initial proposal gathered during the formal consultation period should be followed by deliberations to ascertain the feedback and compile the final proposal.

The final proposal will be prepared and tabled in a report to the Council Meeting on 25 September 2024; after which public notification will occur and the formal objection/appeal period will commence from 30 September to 4 November 2024.

12 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. That Council receives the "2024 Representation Review Initial Proposal Hearing and Submissions Report".
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Kawerau District Council – Representation Review 2024 Initial Proposal Hearing for Submitters

Submitters Speaking:

Time: 10 Minutes

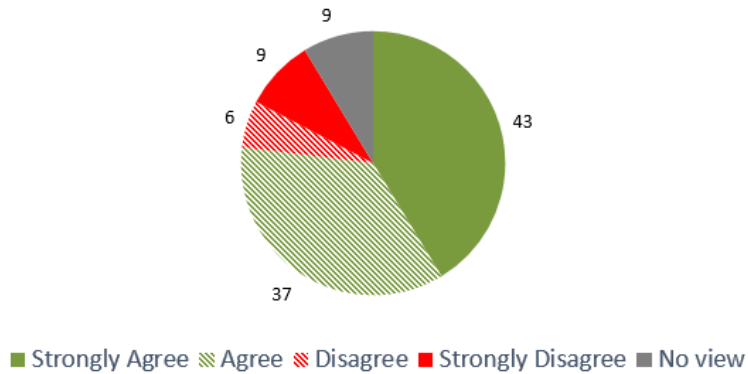
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11:20am	REYNOLDS Jenny	
11:30am	BARTLE Bret	Requests submission to be read please (due to health issues)

Appendix 2 –

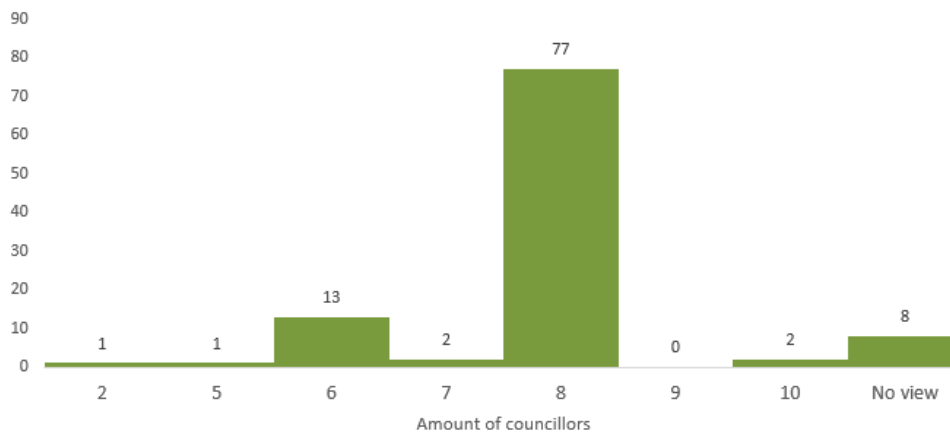
Kawerau District Council – Representation Review 2024 Initial Proposal Submission Overview

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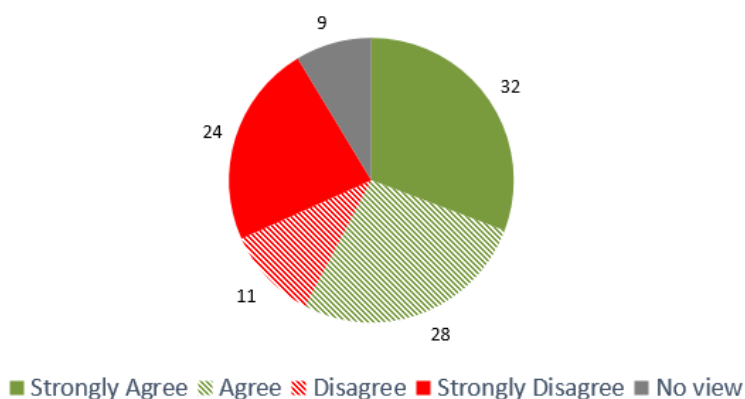
What is your view on maintaining eight councillors plus the Mayor to represent Kawerau District Council

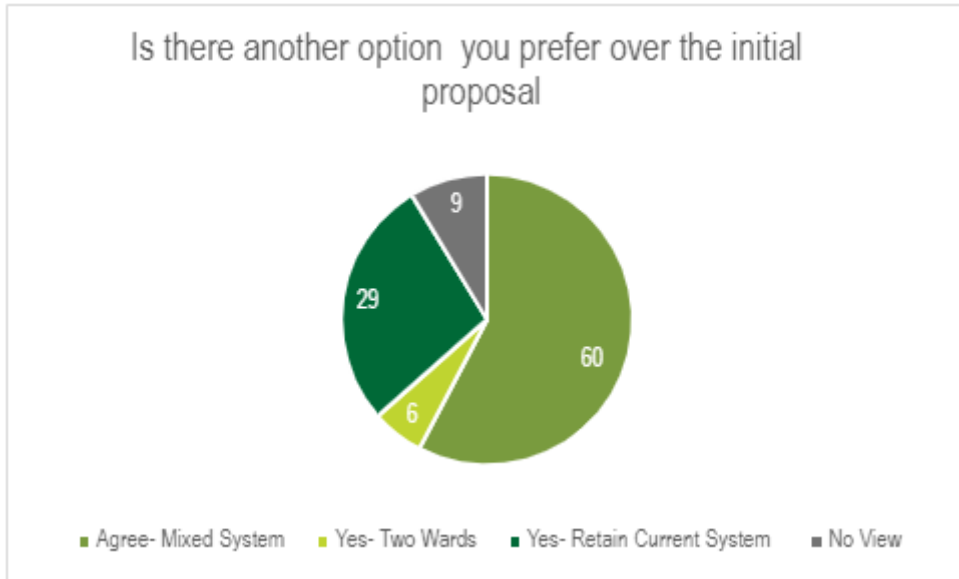


What is your preferred number of councillors

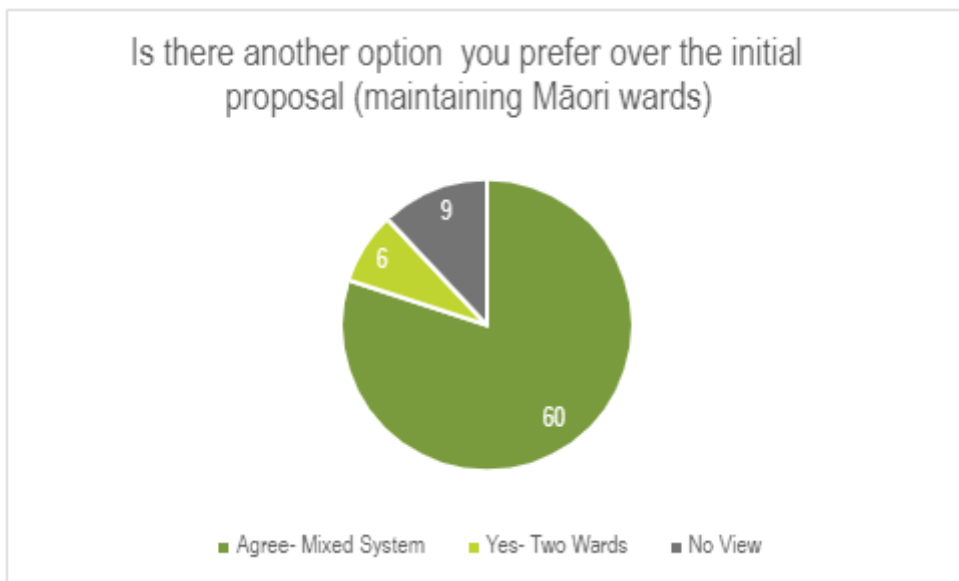


What is your view on the initial proposal - The Mixed System



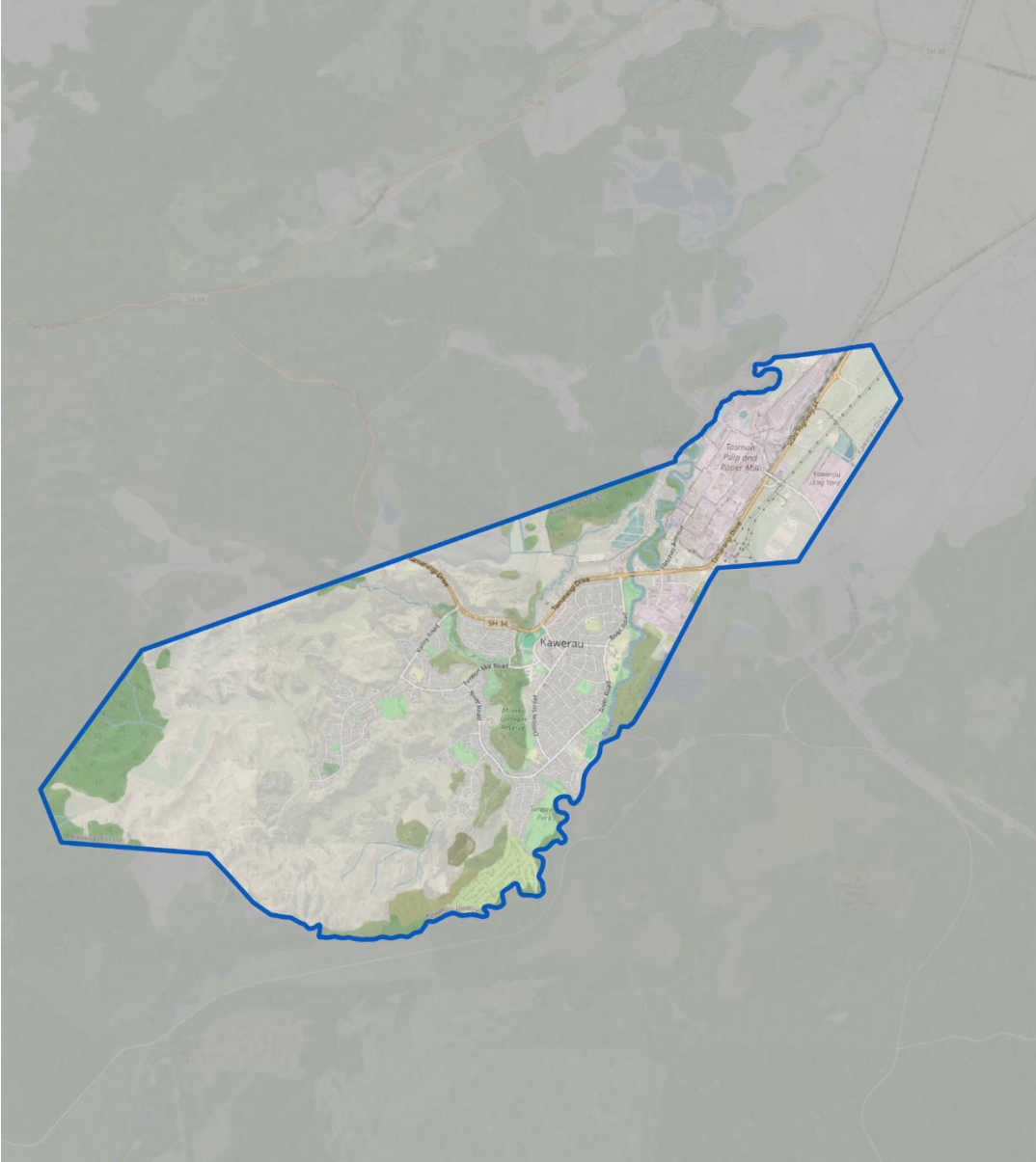


Please Note: The above graph shows that 60 of the 104 submitters agree with introducing the Mixed System; 6 submitters prefer the two-ward system; and 29 submitters stated their preference to retain the current electoral system in place this triennium (not having Māori Wards).



Please Note: With the introduction of Māori Wards, Council must introduce at least the Kawerau Māori Ward and the Kawerau General Ward for the upcoming triennial election. Therefore, the 29 submitters preference does not fall within the scope of the current representation review. The above graph shows the split of submitters who prefer the Mixed System (60 submitters) and the six submitters opting for the Two Ward system, and nine submitters who did not express a view.

Appendix 3: Kawerau District map.



Representation Review 2024: Initial proposal for formal consultation

- Submissions are open from 22 July – 26 August
- Hearing for submitters 11 September 2024
- Final proposal on 25 September 2024

Table of submissions to the Representation Review, Initial Proposal

Thank you to all 104 submitters and those who wish to speak at the Hearing 11 September 2024.

Council asked the community for feedback on Representation in Kawerau with the following questions:

1. What is your view on retaining eight (8) councillors plus the Mayor to represent the Kawerau District?
2. OR what is your preferred number of councillors?
3. What is your view on the initial proposal – the mixed system where:
 - Everyone can vote for the mayor
 - Everyone can vote for two (2) 'at-large' councillors
 - Electors (voters) on the Māori roll can vote for three (3) Kawerau Māori Ward councillors
 - Electors (voters) on the general roll can vote for three (3) Kawerau General Ward councillors
 - No community boards
4. Is there another option you prefer over the initial proposal or do you agree with the initial proposal?

#	Submitter's Name and/or Organisation	Attend Hearing	Submitters response/s to Initial Proposal questions	Council Response
01	Graeme Storer	YES	<p>Q1. Strongly Agree</p> <p>Q2. Respondent skipped this question</p> <p>Q3. Strongly Agree</p> <p>Ref. Māori Wards Repeal Legislation</p> <p>Tēnā koutou katoa,</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to present this submission on the proposed Māori Wards Repeal Legislation. I feel this is particularly important in Kawerau, where nearly 60% of the population is Māori.</p> <p>My name is Graeme Storer, and I moved to Kawerau nearly four years ago.</p> <p>I appreciate that Kawerau District Council (KDC) recognises the importance of having Māori perspectives engaged in local governance and informing important decision-making at District Council level.</p> <p>This is evidenced in what was a considered process of public consultation (consistent with sections 19H and 19I of the Local electoral Act for reviewing representative arrangements) that the KDC carried out last year, before voting to establish Māori wards in 2025.</p> <p>During the consultations, council representatives reached out to a range of communities, meeting them 'on their home ground'. In the hui I attended, not all members of the public were 'keen' of the idea of establishing Māori wards. Council representatives listened to their concerns. They explained the reasons behind establishing Māori wards. They explained how the electoral process would work. They helped us understand that the result would remain 'one-person-one vote.' It was an example of inclusive democracy in action.</p> <p>I am disturbed that the coalition government is setting out to disrespect local government decision making and to legislate binding referenda on Māori wards.</p>	

			<p>My key concerns are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed binding referenda will be inherently unfair, in that they will likely enable a non-Māori majority to determine whether Māori have a voice. • Introducing a poll on Māori wards will stir division and flame racist rhetoric of the kind experienced by Māori in earlier polls, such as in 2018 in Whakatane. It will undermine social cohesion. • Māori Wards are the only wards to which a referendum will apply. They should be treated in the same way as other wards, none of which rely on referendums to justify their existence. • The Coalition campaigned on empowering local government to make decisions about their own communities and to strip away central government red tape and unnecessary regulation. • Councils, already struggling with holding down rates, will have to pay for the referendum. These costs will be passed onto ratepayers or sliced out of planned activities. • No one is being “forced” to introduce Māori Wards, it is a considered choice made by locally-elected community representatives. This proposed referenda removes this autonomy from local communities and councils. • More than 50 mayors and regional council chairpersons have criticised the repeal bill. They tell us that the legislation is a distraction from the hard work councils are doing and that dis-establishing Māori wards before the next local council election in 2025 will likely be detrimental to the smooth operation of the Councils. Choosing not to heed their voices is both dismissive and discriminatory. <p>While it is still early days, there are indications that Māori ward representatives bring a wider perspective and insight of issues about how best to enhance relationships with iwi and hapū who can see themselves reflected in decision making. This will build confidence in our democratic processes and create opportunities for further engagement of iwi and hapū. The repeal bill will wipe away these gains.</p> <p>Māori ward representatives do not operate in a vacuum. Every councillor is required to make decisions that consider the whole community, irrespective of background. It is the sum-total of their insights and perspectives that allow for informed and collaborative decision making. Having Te Ao Māori perspectives and local iwi/hapū views represented amongst these perspectives improves the quality of decisions made for everyone, not just Māori.</p> <p>It is my firm belief that Māori wards offer Māori a fitting way to contribute to decision-making in the running of their local council and allow us to honour Te Tiriti o Waitangi. The wards invite greater Māori participation in local government and allow for a more generous and inclusive democracy as promised in Te Tiriti o Waitangi.</p> <p>Recommendations: That the Kawerau District Council launch a campaign: Vote <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> to Māori Wards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To inform voters of the importance of Māori Wards by provide succinct and concrete examples of where Māori Wards are producing positive outcomes. • To dispel the misplaced fear that Māori will get extra votes (i.e. that pākehā will lose out in some way). • To expand understanding of how a more inclusive and participatory democracy will contribute to social cohesion within our district. <p>Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa Graeme Storer, PhD (Te Whakatōhea, Ngāti Pākehā)</p> <p>Q4. <i>Respondent skipped this question</i></p>	
	<p>Name</p> <p>02 Valarie</p>	<p>Hearing</p> <p>YES</p>	<p>Submitters response to hearing topics</p> <p>Q1. Strongly Agree</p> <p>Q2. <i>Respondent skipped this question</i></p> <p>Q3. Strongly Agree: I believe we should have Māori and other cultures to respect the Te Tiriti o Waitangi act and to respect all other cultures not just European</p> <p>Q4. <i>Respondent skipped this question</i></p>	<p>Response</p>

	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
03	Jenny Reynolds	YES	<p>Q1 - Q4. Respondent skipped these questions</p> <p>SUBMISSION TO THE KAWERAU DISTRICT COUNCIL ON MĀORI WARDS AND REPRESENTATION REVIEW</p> <p>Back when Māori Wards were first proposed for this council I spoke against introducing them because we have had good representation of Māori on council and have had a long history of Māori Councillors, right back to Monica Lanham's day.</p> <p>However moving forward this may not always be the case.</p> <p>The biggest enemy of good representation in apathy and eligible voters not registering to vote or not exercising their right to vote.</p> <p>In 1990 Bishop Whakakahuihui Vercoe spoke out in front of the Queen at Waitangi to declare that the treaty had not been honoured and that Māori people had been marginalised in their own country.</p> <p>Today the Crown is again undermining the treaty by trying to get rid of Māori Wards with legislation that is before the house.</p> <p>Although I put a submission in against Māori Wards when council were looking at Māori Wards in 2023, on reflection I believe that if council wants to honour the Treaty of Waitangi the way forward is to introduce Māori Wards.</p> <p>Because our population is approx. 50/50 I believe that we should have 1 General Ward and 1 Maori Ward each represented by 4 councillors. Nominations are not dependent on what roll the nominee is on, but what roll the nominators are on.</p> <p>If you end up diluting the nomination process by forming an At Large Ward I think it reduces the effect of Māori Wards and at a later stage people may wonder why we have a Maori Ward, when prior to 22 November 2023 we only had one at Large Ward</p> <p>To honour the Treaty, the Māori World view -Tikanga and the Tangata Whenua of Kawerau I believe that Kawerau needs 1 Māori Ward with 4 Councillors and 1 General Ward with 4 Councillors and no Community Boards.</p> <p>The Kawerau District Council needs to do more to encourage people to enroll to vote and education on the electoral process. This can be done through the council newsletter, on the council website and by including a flyer to the rates notices when they are posted out. There could also be flyers at the council offices and isite.</p>	
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04	Bret Bartle WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SOMEONE READ IT ON HIS BEHALF AS HE CAN NOT BE THERE DUE TO HEALTH REASONS	NO	<p>Q1. Disagree</p> <p>Q2. 6: The savings in salary would go towards rates reduction. Rates increase of 12 to 15% are ridiculous when inflation is a third of that. It would also help to streamline administration expenditure. No community boards</p> <p>Q3. Disagree</p> <p>Q4. Disagree: OTHER OPTIONS: #Other Options I think the system should be based on Roll Registration, for example if the total registrations should have 6000 between the Māori roll and the general roll. 1000 on Māori and 5000 on the general roll, or vice versa, 6 councillors. The result would be 1 councillor for the smaller roll, 5 for the larger roll. Reason- it is proportional, and fair, otherwise the smaller roll would get 3 councillors per 1000 people and the larger roll would get 3 councillors per 5000 people.</p> <p>#Other option Do away with the Māori wards all together. EVERYONE gets one vote to vote in any 6 councillors. They get in on experience and merit and they work for good of the WHOLE community. There is no separatism, and everyone can see that it is open, transparent and fair. After all we are supposed to be ONE country, ONE people as per the Treaty of Waitangi 1840</p>	

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05	Andrew Bluett	NO	<p>Q1. Strongly Agree</p> <p>Q2. 8; It's worked before and the numbers work for mixed representation at the table.</p> <p>Q3. Strongly Agree: NZ has to honour the Treaty and we are a Partnership. This works for me.</p> <p>Q4. Strongly Agree: Mixed System</p>	
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06	Neil Walker	NO	<p>Q1. Strongly Agree</p> <p>Q2. Respondent skipped this question</p> <p>Q3. Strongly Disagree - The current system is the best. It works well, why change it. We can't afford to have another councillor on the payroll.</p> <p>Q4. Strongly Disagree: OTHER OPTION: Maintain system currently in place.</p>	<i>Note: the Remuneration Authority provides the pool (budget) for the district. The number of councillors does not increase or decrease this total budget.</i>
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
07	Allan Clarke	NO	<p>Q1. Agree</p> <p>Q2. Respondent skipped this question</p> <p>Q3. Strongly disagree - Constituents should be represented by all candidates and not by ideologies.</p> <p>Q4. Strongly Disagree: OTHER OPTION: Constituents should have the right to vote for all representations on Council. - Council representations primary role is to manage infrastructure for the community of Kawerau.</p>	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
08	Naomi Thompson	NO	<p>Q1. Strongly Agree</p> <p>Q2. Respondent skipped this question</p> <p>Q3. Strongly Agree</p> <p>Q4. Respondent skipped this question</p>	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
09	Pietra Brett Kelly	NO	<p>Q1. Respondent skipped this question</p> <p>Q2. Respondent skipped this question</p> <p>Q3. Disagree - We need to work towards equal representation of tangata whenua. In this instance, the operation of governance needs to consider itself, that it is not providing a situation where Māori feel comfortable and so a two-ward system needs to be implemented. This will achieve a healthier community, where all are represented and have a say in their own lives and those of their community. We will never progress if we don't acknowledge tangata whenua.</p> <p>Q4. Disagree: The two ward system - We need a fairer system of governance that acknowledges the Tangata Whenua.</p>	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
10	Diana Ruri	NO	<p>Q1. Agree</p> <p>Q2. Respondent skipped this question</p> <p>Q3. Agree - In a community as small as Kawerau, I would hope that the councillors would be capable of representing their community. I believe community boards are essential. But the question of how community boards funding is being spent is another consideration - I do believe there are too many entities not actually achieving outcomes, so I think definitions are important here. Retain Māori representation - that is the highest priority - in the KDC acknowledging that they are a treaty partner, under the government, and therefore have a responsibility to ensure the obligations of Te Tiriti are being met</p> <p>Q4. Respondent skipped this question</p>	<i>Note: Kawerau does not currently have community boards, nor have a budget for them.</i>
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
11	Piripi	NO	<p>Q1. Strongly Agree</p> <p>Q2. It's well represented and doesn't split the small amount of votes we get even more.</p>	

			<p>Q3. Strongly Disagree - We have a good mix already and this will split the votes even more for no real purpose.</p> <p>Q4. Strongly Disagree: OTHER OPTION - The system we already have - As stated previous answers.</p>	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
12	Janet Fookes	NO	<p>Q1. Strongly Agree</p> <p>Q2. Respondent skipped this question</p> <p>Q3. Strongly Disagree - I believe we are currently operating with a group of councilors who represent the whole community well. It seems wrong to choose councilors according to race...I don't choose using those guidelines. Thank you.</p> <p>Q4. Strongly Disagree: OTHER OPTION- I prefer the present system of one mayor and eight councilors. - It's tried and true and everyone in the community has an opportunity to stand and offer their services on Council.</p>	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
13	Melissa	NO	<p>Q1. Disagree</p> <p>Q2. changing times</p> <p>Q3. Strongly Agree - equal representation which in theory and hopefully practice means every base is covered and everyone is happy.</p> <p>Q4. Respondent skipped this question</p>	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
14	Thomas John Grason	NO	<p>Q1. Strongly Agree</p> <p>Q2. I do not agree with the Māori Ward concept. I believe that all Ratepayer Voters should be able to vote for any standing Candidate.</p> <p>Q3. Strongly Disagree – As Above.</p> <p>Q4. Strongly Disagree: OTHER OPTION - Everyone can vote for Mayor ALL electors (Voters) can vote for eight (8) candidates - I do not believe in separate wards based on Ethnicity. All candidates should register on the General roll and All Electors (Voters) should then be able to vote for the eight (8) candidates of their choice.</p>	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
15	Murray Fookes	NO	<p>Q1. Strongly Agree</p> <p>Q2. 8 - I believe that this system works as the voters will vote for those that can best serve all the community.</p> <p>Q3. Strongly Disagree - I do not believe we need a race-based system. Councilors should be voted for their abilities to serve the community and not for their race.</p> <p>Q4. Strongly Disagree: OTHER OPTION - This appears to be a trick question. I prefer our current system not the ward system. - It is the fairest nonracial system.</p>	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
16	Elaine McGlinchey	NO	<p>Q1. Strongly Agree</p> <p>Q2. This number of councillors has worked well for some time. "If it ain't broke, don't fix it"</p> <p>Q3. Strongly Agree - I think this is a fairer way of ensuring equal representation.</p> <p>Q4. Respondent skipped this question</p>	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
17	Melodie Emery	NO	<p>Q1. Agree</p> <p>Q2. 8</p> <p>Q3. Strongly Agree</p> <p>Q4. Strongly Agree: Mixed system</p>	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
18	Melvin Briscoe	NO	<p>Q1. Agree</p> <p>Q2. 10 - How many do we need to pay for</p> <p>Q3. Strongly Agree - Everyone can vote for the mayor. TICK Everyone can vote for two 'at large'</p>	

			councillors Electors on the Māori roll can vote for three māori ward councillors - NO ALL RACES Electors on the general roll can vote for three general ward councillors - NO ALL RACES No Community boards - YES	
			Q4. Disagree: OTHER OPTION - Why don't you come into the 21 century. Why don't you vote for New Zealanders. Why keep splitting them up into Māori and the rest. Pure race discrimination. Like the USA - 1 race only not white men, soucx Indian, other tribes etc- All Americans	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
19	Elly Schwarzer	NO	Q1. Strongly Disagree Q2. 2 - 2 is more than enough it's a small town. They are all feeding at the ratepayer trough Q3. One people - No Māori wards Q4. 1 Mayor and two councillors is more than enough. No Māori wards we are all people	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
20	Paul Huxfone	NO	Q1. Strongly Agree Q2. <i>Respondent skipped this question</i> Q3. Strongly Agree Q4. <i>Respondent skipped this question</i>	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
21	David Nicoll	NO	Q1. <i>Respondent skipped this question</i> Q2. 7 Q3. Disagree: See below, but the 'At Large' councillor could be strategically useful; but you only need 1 Q4. Disagree: OTHER OPTION: 3x Māori ward councillors 3x General ward councillors 1x at large councillor	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
22	Heather Kuka	NO	Q1. Strongly Agree Q2. <i>Respondent skipped this question</i> Q3. Strongly Agree Q4. <i>Respondent skipped this question</i>	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
23	Rod Hamilton	NO	Q1. I do not have a view Q2. <i>Respondent skipped this question</i> Q3. I do not have a view: I don't live there. I only have a rental property there. Q4. OTHER OPTION: Can we have fewer councilors? How many people do you need to run a small town? It would save money having 2 of each councilor.	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
24	Christine Pollard	NO	Q1. Agree Q2. <i>Respondent skipped this question</i> Q3. Disagree: Māori ward councillors should be elected like normal councillors, but not as extra Māori ward Q4. Disagree: OTHER OPTION: Normal voting without Māori wards: Status quo	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
25	Debbie Croad	NO	Q1. Disagree Q2. 6: Kawerau is a small town with limited variability in the services provided across the board. 8 Councillors and a Mayor is excessive without diverse changes in living styles and geographical area. Q3. Agree: I don't think there needs to be specific Māori representation for Kawerau and I think we should all vote the same. There is fair and reasonable representation without specific Māori councillors already. Q4. <i>Respondent skipped this question</i>	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
26	Valerie Natana	NO	Q1. Agree	

			<p>Q2. That is a sufficient number of councillors from both electoral rolls (i.e. the Māori and general and also the 2 district-wide councillors). I think this provides perspectives from all angles/scenarios when there are matters up for consideration. The "bigger picture" perspective.</p> <p>Q3. Agree: Fairer - less chance of corruption</p> <p>Q4. Respondent skipped this question</p>	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
27	Lawrence Ryder	NO	<p>Q1. Strongly Agree</p> <p>Q2. 8: Keep the status quo. Works ok.</p> <p>Q3. Strongly Disagree: There is already strong Māori representation on the council i.e., the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and a few councillors.</p> <p>Q4. Strongly Disagree: OTHER OPTION: Status Quo. Works ok as it is. All the changes are too confusing. It is undemocratic to have Māori ward councillors.</p>	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
28	W K [Bill] Gibson	NO	<p>Q1. Agree</p> <p>Q2. Respondent skipped this question</p> <p>Q3. Agree: Well, If you insist on introducing institutionalised racism, then this should be the least divisive</p> <p>Q4. Respondent skipped this question</p>	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
29	Huia and Rongo MacDonald	NO	<p>Q1. Agree</p> <p>Q2. Support the initial proposed mixed 'combination model'</p> <p>Q3. Strongly Agree: Support balanced approach of initial proposed mixed 'combination model'</p> <p>Q4. Respondent skipped this question</p>	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
30	Katishe McCauley	NO	<p>Q1. Agree</p> <p>Q2. Respondent skipped this question</p> <p>Q3. Strongly Agree</p> <p>Q4. Respondent skipped this question</p>	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
31	Basil Rose	NO	<p>Q1. Strongly Agree</p> <p>Q2. Respondent skipped this question</p> <p>Q3. Strongly Disagree: We are one and don't need to be divided. Council has a large percentage of Māori councillors</p> <p>Q4. Strongly Disagree: OTHER OPTION: There should be 1 mayor, and 8 councillors voted by EVERYBODY not by wards</p>	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
32	P. Taylor-Rose	NO	<p>Q1. Strongly Agree</p> <p>Q2. Respondent skipped this question</p> <p>Q3. Strongly Disagree</p> <p>Q4. Strongly Disagree: OTHER OPTION: Propose one where everyone has the right to vote</p>	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
33	Sean Armstrong	NO	<p>Q1. I do not have a view</p> <p>Q2. Respondent skipped this question</p> <p>Q3. Strongly Agree</p> <p>Q4. Respondent skipped this question</p>	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
34	Tony Lewis and Christine Petersen	NO	<p>Q1. Strongly Agree</p> <p>Q2. 8: We feel that that the council should be one ward. All nominees for council need to stand up and put their ideas for the future of Kawerau to the community, as it is the responsibility of these councillors to represent the wellbeing of all the people, the council property and prosperity of Kawerau.</p>	

			<p>Q3. Strongly Disagree: The Kawerau district is the smallest in the country by size, as we don't have any outlying wards. As a whole the council has handled all the issues as it stands. As a community we all have a responsibility to do our share to take care of our town.</p> <p>Q4. Strongly Disagree: OTHER OPTION-One Mayor and 8 at large councillors, no wards and voted equally by all and no community boards: It is the fairest way to represent all of the Kawerau community without division.</p>	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
35	Robert Stuart	NO	<p>Q1. Strongly agree</p> <p>Q2. Respondent skipped this question</p> <p>Q3. Strongly Disagree</p> <p>Q4. Respondent skipped this question</p>	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
36	Cheryl Craig-Clarke	NO	<p>Q1. Agree</p> <p>Q2. 8: I think 8 is a good number to represent our town</p> <p>Q3. Agree: It seems the fairest system to me</p> <p>Q4. Agree: Mixed System: I think we need to remove more barriers, not construct more. Take away the "us and them" and reduce division</p>	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
37	Michael Jaram	NO	<p>Q1. Strongly Agree</p> <p>Q2. Respondent skipped this question</p> <p>Q3. Strongly Agree</p> <p>Q4. Respondent skipped this question</p>	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
38	Jocelyn Coburn	NO	<p>Q1. Agree</p> <p>Q2. Respondent skipped this question</p> <p>Q3. Agree</p> <p>Q4. Agree: Mixed System</p>	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
39	Hendrik Westeneng	NO	<p>Q1. Agree</p> <p>Q2. 8</p> <p>Q3. Strongly Agree</p> <p>Q4. Respondent skipped this question</p>	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
40	S Abbott (5th generation kiwi)	NO	<p>Q1. Respondent skipped this question</p> <p>Q2. 7: The number is to many for our population</p> <p>Q3. Strongly Disagree: If you are a New Zealand Citizen, we must all be equal what is happening is creating division</p> <p>Q4. Respondent skipped this question</p>	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
41	Lynette White	NO	<p>Q1. Strongly Agree</p> <p>Q2. Respondent skipped this question</p> <p>Q3. Agree</p> <p>Q4. Agree: Mixed System</p>	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
42	DID NOT PROVIDE NAME	NO	<p>Q1. Agree</p> <p>Q2. Respondent skipped this question</p> <p>Q3. Strongly Agree</p> <p>Q4. Strongly Agree: Mixed System</p>	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
43	DID NOT PROVIDE NAME	NO	<p>Q1. Agree</p> <p>Q2. Respondent skipped this question</p> <p>Q3. Strongly Agree</p> <p>Q4. Strongly Agree: Mixed System</p>	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
44	Angela Mikara	NO	<p>Q1. Strongly Agree</p> <p>Q2. 8: I don't see any reason for change</p>	

			Q3. Strongly Agree: It's good to have open opinion for all!!	
			Q4. Strongly Agree: Mixed System	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
45	Ian R Wilson	NO	Q1. Strongly Disagree Q2. 6: Reduce Council administrative cost to Rate Payers Q3. Strongly Disagree: Council must reduce administrative costs continuing rate increases are unacceptable to ratepayers Q4. Strongly Disagree: OTHER OPTION - six councillors from general roll	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
46	Chris Reynolds	NO	Q1. Agree Q2. 8: eight councillors work at present, soon the "only necessary change" principle, leave it at 8 Q3. Disagree: It is not the end of the world as we know it, but introducing different TYPES of wards is an extra complexity for voters to get their head around. Q4. Disagree: Two Wards: To my mind, this is the least change from the current arrangement. Instead of one ward electing all eight councillors, we have two similar wards, each electing half the eight councillors , and avoid having two types of wards	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
47	Robyn Stakes	NO	Q1. Agree Q2. <i>Respondent skipped this question</i> Q3. Agree Q4. Agree: Mixed System	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
48	Tracey Joan-Nicholls	NO	Q1. Strongly Agree Q2. <i>Respondent skipped this question</i> Q3. Disagree: No Community boards, not quite sure why. And why 2x "at large" councillors? I'm still unable to select what the other roll decides. And I'm against Māori ward seats. it's not democratic Q4. Disagree: Two Wards: Simpler	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
49	Gail Dobbin	NO	Q1. Strongly Agree Q2. <i>Respondent skipped this question</i> Q3. Agree: Being on the general roll I will still get to vote for Māori councillors if they are "at large". I hope we still get the quality of Māori councillors we currently have Q4. <i>Respondent skipped this question</i>	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
50	A.J. Petersen and J.M. Petersen	NO	Q1. Agree Q2. 8 Q3. Agree: All councillors and the mayor to be elected by the rate payers. We do not need or require unelected Māori wards as decided for by the Labour govt. This legislation is being revoked by the collation govt Q4. Agree: Mixed System: Māori wards are undemocratic	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
51	Mrs Marlene Kranz	NO	Q1. Strongly Agree Q2. <i>Respondent skipped this question</i> Q3. Strongly Agree Q4. <i>Respondent skipped this question</i>	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
52	Marie and Dave Moncur	NO	Q1. Strongly Agree Q2. 8: Status quo should remain Q3. Strongly Disagree: The electors should be able to elect from the full complement of people standing for election as councillors. Not a segregated form as implied by wards	

			Q4. Respondent skipped this question	
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53	Waikite Apiata	NO	Q1. Agree Q2. Respondent skipped this question Q3. Agree: I view the proposal as a trial. It could possibly benefit both the public and the council ensuring a balanced representation Q4. Agree: Mixed System	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
54	Robeit Taylor Makamaka	NO	Q1. Agree Q2. 8 Q3. I do not have a view Q4. Agree: Mixed System	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
55	Lesley Denton	NO	Q1. Agree Q2. Respondent skipped this question Q3. Agree Q4. Agree: Mixed System	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
56	Paula King	NO	Q1. Agree Q2. Respondent skipped this question Q3. Agree Q4. Agree: Mixed System	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
57	DID NOT PROVIDE NAME	NO	Q1. Strongly Agree Q2. 6: I do not know their duties if six can maintain the portfolios, so be six the rates are escalating beyond ability to PAY Q3. Everyone should vote for the mayor. The ones for 6 councillors should be able to look after the issues and the portfolio. The councillors at large should be the mayor and deputy mayor Q4. OTHER OPTION: What is the work that the Māori wards look after. Same as the general ward councillors need more info on the duties of councillors. Prefer another option!	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
58	John Smith	NO	Q1. Agree Q2. 8: As recommended Q3. Strongly Agree: Fair, our district has equal reps Q4. Strongly Agree: Mixed System	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
59	Kyra Walker	NO	Q1. Agree Q2. Respondent skipped this question Q3. Agree: The only concern I have is, how many Māori people are on the Māori roll compared to those on the General roll? This matter having more General voters outweighing our Māori voters will be totally unfair. Q4. Respondent skipped this question	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
60	Mike Godfery	NO	Q1. Agree Q2. 8 Q3. Disagree: I see nothing wrong with the existing (past) system which has given us mixed representation. Why change something if it already works. Q4. OTHER OPTION: Retain current system: I see nothing wrong with the existing (past) system which has given us mixed representation. Why change something if it already works.	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
61	Walter and Mary Kennedy	NO	Q1. Strongly Agree Q2. Respondent skipped this question Q3. Respondent skipped this question	

			Q4. Respondent skipped this question	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
62	Doug and Sue Kennedy	NO	Q1. Strongly Agree Q2. Respondent skipped this question Q3. Respondent skipped this question Q4. Respondent skipped this question	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
63	Trevor Brewer and Elspeth Lewis	NO	Q1. Respondent skipped this question Q2. Respondent skipped this question Q3. Respondent skipped this question Q4. These proposals are too complicated. We would like everybody to be able to vote for ALL candidates, not separating from Māori ward candidates and general ward candidates. We all live here and care about the town! Shouldn't be separate issues	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
64	Phil Kilroy	NO	Q1. Agree Q2. 8 Q3. Agree Q4. Agree: Mixed System	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
65	Anna Kilroy	NO	Q1. Agree Q2. Respondent skipped this question Q3. Strongly Agree: I don't support the two-ward system as per 4 proposal. 3- This is a fairer option which lets everyone vote for mayor and two others. I believe we already have good Māori representation for Kawerau Council Candidates. Candidates should be standing and voted for by experience/ knowledge / passion for our community not solely race Q4. Strongly Agree: Mixed System	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
66	Ian Drayton	NO	Q1. Disagree Q2. 5: This is a small town why do we need so many. I think five (5) including the mayor Q3. Disagree: Why do we need so many? Q4. Respondent skipped this question	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
67	Tony Cranston	NO	Q1. Strongly Agree Q2. Respondent skipped this question Q3. Strongly Disagree: I do not think there should be special Māori seats. They should be general seats. Special Māori seats is racist. Q4. OTHER OPTION: 1 Mayor and 8 councillors elected democratically not special Māori representation. As far as I am concerned that is racist and not part of a democracy.	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
68	Cheryl Dymock	NO	Q1. Agree Q2. 8: A committed team with good work ethics Q3. Strongly Disagree: Councillors should be voted according to their popularity NOT their race Q4. OTHER OPTION: Mixed system on popularity and merit not "them" and "us" mentality	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
69	Jader Rosa	NO	Q1. I do not have a view Q2. I really don't know what a councillor does. I think it should be explained Q3. Agree: I do not really know what the purpose of a community board. It should be explained. Q4. Respondent skipped this question	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
70	Hiraina Takurua Grant	NO	Q1. Strongly Agree Q2. Respondent skipped this question Q3. Agree Q4. Respondent skipped this question	

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71	Paia Kingi	NO	<p>Q1. Strongly Agree</p> <p>Q2. Respondent skipped this question</p> <p>Q3. Strongly Disagree: Would like another option.</p> <p>Q4. Strongly Disagree: The two ward system: To have more representation for Māori.</p>	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
72	Judy Fergusson	NO	<p>Q1. Strongly Agree</p> <p>Q2. Respondent skipped this question</p> <p>Q3. Disagree: We are a Democracy, and this is setting up a system based on race.</p> <p>Q4. Disagree: OTHER OPTION: One Mayor and eight councillors voted at large by all eligible voters on the electoral roll.: This is an unnecessary step to take and will add to costs to administer. It is undemocratic and does not reflect the initial vote result from rate payers with a majority vote to keep status quo and not add Māori wards. Extra Māori representation is unnecessary where the majority on council is Māori already. This balance is likely to increase in the future so will give Māori increasing say.</p>	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
73	K Asquith	NO	<p>Q1. Agree</p> <p>Q2. Respondent skipped this question</p> <p>Q3. Strongly Disagree: To run Māori wards means a referendum under new laws, during a time when we have already had HUGE rate hikes, and a cost-of-living crisis this is a totally unreasonable cost to place on rate payers at this time. Stick with the system we have, it is working, we have a really good representation of Māori across our council under the system we already have. No to a waste of rate payers' money</p> <p>Q4. Strongly Disagree: OTHER OPTION: NO to Māori wards, it means a referendum, and that means rate payers will pay even bigger rates. Stick with original system: As mentioned, as of new laws, Māori wards need a referendum, that will cost Rate payers money, already we have had a huge rate hike, and a cost-of-living crisis.</p>	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
74	Gary Grbich	NO	<p>Q1. Strongly Agree</p> <p>Q2. 8: Happy way thinks are run now.</p> <p>Q3. Strongly Agree: Happy with the way it's run now, they do a great job for the people.</p> <p>Q4. Respondent skipped this question</p>	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
75	Shikyralee Ohlson	NO	<p>Q1. Strongly Agree</p> <p>Q2. Respondent skipped this question</p> <p>Q3. Strongly Agree</p> <p>Q4. Respondent skipped this question</p>	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
76	Queenie KareKare	NO	<p>Q1. Strongly Agree</p> <p>Q2. Respondent skipped this question</p> <p>Q3. Strongly Agree: This model provides equal representation of our Kawerau community.</p> <p>Q4. Respondent skipped this question</p>	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
77	Karena KareKare	NO	<p>Q1. Strongly Agree</p> <p>Q2. Respondent skipped this question</p> <p>Q3. Strongly Agree</p> <p>Q4. Respondent skipped this question</p>	
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78	Kaareen Hotereni	NO	<p>Q1. Agree</p> <p>Q2. Respondent skipped this question</p> <p>Q3. Agree</p> <p>Q4. Respondent skipped this question</p>	

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79	Queenie Roberts karekare	NO	<p>Q1. Strongly Agree</p> <p>Q2. Respondent skipped this question</p> <p>Q3. Strongly Agree</p> <p>Q4. Respondent skipped this question</p>	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
80	Lyn Hughes Kawerau and Districts Grey Power Association Incorporated	NO	<p>Q1. Agree</p> <p>Q2. Respondent skipped this question</p> <p>Q3. Agree: The mixed system of voting offers the opportunity for the current residents of the Kawerau we live in today to have broader representation (than the 2-ward system). This option gives voters a greater number of candidates to vote for (5/8 not 4/8). Kawerau and Districts Grey Power agrees there should be no community boards as the Kawerau District is too small in area and does not have disparate geographical issues to have a need for community boards. Since the inception of the coalition Government Kawerau Grey Power feels that it is essential for KDC to establish the preferred mixed system of voting in legislation as a protective measure against any changes this, and future, central government may make that would adversely erode governance at the local community level.</p> <p>Q4. Respondent skipped this question</p>	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
81	Maree Harding Peter Harding Family Trust	NO	<p>Q1. Agree</p> <p>Q2. Respondent skipped this question</p> <p>Q3. Agree</p> <p>Q4. Agree: Mixed System: A fair system with only interested parties will put these hand up</p>	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
82	Kriscina Kerr	NO	<p>Q1. Agree</p> <p>Q2. Respondent skipped this question</p> <p>Q3. Agree</p> <p>Q4. Respondent skipped this question</p>	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
83	D DYER	NO	<p>Q1. Strongly Disagree</p> <p>Q2. 6</p> <p>Q3. Agree</p> <p>Q4. Agree: Mixed System</p>	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
84	Broughton Ranapia Hardie avenue	NO	<p>Q1. Strongly Agree</p> <p>Q2. Respondent skipped this question</p> <p>Q3. Agree</p> <p>Q4. Respondent skipped this question</p>	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
85	DID NOT PROVIDE NAME	NO	<p>Q1. Strongly Agree</p> <p>Q2. Respondent skipped this question</p> <p>Q3. Respondent skipped this question</p> <p>Q4. Respondent skipped this question</p>	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
86	Bryn Slade	NO	<p>Q1. Disagree</p> <p>Q2. 6</p> <p>Q3. Strongly Agree</p> <p>Q4. Strongly Disagree: OTHER OPTION: 1 mayor 2 Māori ward councillors 2 General ward councillors 2 'at large' councillors</p> <p>This may save the ratepayers some money</p>	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
87	Sabine Slade	NO	<p>Q1. Disagree</p> <p>Q2. 6: 1 mayor 2 Māori ward councillors 2 General ward councillors</p>	

			2 'at large' councillors	
			Q3. Strongly Agree	
			Q4. Strongly Agree: Mixed System: Having only six councillors would be a great cost saving for the Council	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
88	Dave and Judi Tucker	NO	Q1. Agree	
			Q2. <i>Respondent skipped this question</i>	
			Q3. Agree	
			Q4. Agree: Mixed System	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
89	Kim	NO	Q1. Strongly Agree	
			Q2. <i>Respondent skipped this question</i>	
			Q3. Disagree: As a ratepayer of Kawerau I would like the opportunity to vote for all people standing for Council - not just some. Nor do I see that creating division in Council will give us a more efficient, effective Council	
			Q4. OTHER OPTION: Keep the current system. Given the make-up of our Council the 'wards' idea is a complete waste of time. The current democratic system means that between the community candidates and community voters you get a representation of our community	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
90	Beryl Clinch	NO	Q1. Agree	
			Q2. I am concerned slightly that the mayor may always have the last say and if she is not transparent may work her own agenda	
			Q3. Agree: I am sure without stipulating "Māori ward councillors" we would get Māori candidates	
			Q4. Agree: Mixed System	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
91	Trish Brady	NO	Q1. I do not have a view	
			Q2. The number of councillors, plus the mayor, seems about right. I have a bit of an idea what their workload is like, but don't know enough to say whether we need more or less councillors	
			Q3. Agree: The two-ward system seems to be simple and straight forward, practical and possibly easier for people to understand, but I prefer the 'mixed system' proposal, because it seems to be more flexible and open to various possibilities when it comes to choosing candidates. A couple of possible combos could be two candidates of Māori descent being chosen 'at large' which, if Faylene were to remain as mayor, would give six Māori representatives. There's even a long shot possibility of three Māori candidates standing in the general role and being voted for, so the whole lot could be people of Māori descent... or maybe two Pakehas, or couple of Indian candidates, or a Chinese and a Korean, or Pakeha and a Māori, and so on and so on. It's not as rigid as the other one.	
			Q4. Agree: Mixed System	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
92	Graham Burr	NO	Q1. Strongly Agree	
			Q2. <i>Respondent skipped this question</i>	
			Q3. Strongly Disagree	
			Q4. Strongly Disagree: OTHER OPTION: Retain Current System	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
93	Bob Masefield	NO	Q1. Strongly Disagree	
			Q2. 6: For a small district community 6 councillors are more than adequate to represent current ratepayer's interest	
			Q3. Strongly Disagree: This proposal is racist and divisive where three representatives are being given an ethnic advantage based on race, that disenfranchises half of the electorate entitled to vote	

			Q4. Strongly Disagree: OTHER OPTION: I prefer the status quo the current system where every person standing for Council is elected on their individual merit, I fail to see why you ethnicity requires special privilege and separate representation where dependent on what electoral roll you are on under Councils preferred proposals you are only entitled to vote for half a Council, It is every electors and ratepayer's democratic right to be able to elect the whole Council to represent them based on what they bring to the Council table on behalf of the entire community.	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
94	Brain and Dawn Cunam	NO	Q1. Agree Q2. Respondent skipped this question Q3. Strongly Disagree Q4. OTHER OPTION: Retain Current System	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
95	Kristine Windle	NO	Q1. Strongly Agree Q2. 8: why change something that isn't broken Q3. Strongly Disagree: mayor and councillors should be democratically elected as Kawerau is a multicultural diverse town and I think we should stick to the status quo Q4. Strongly Disagree: Status quo should be adhered too	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
96	DID NOT PROVIDE NAME	NO	Q1. Strongly Disagree Q2. 6: Too many on Council not required. Q3. Strongly Agree: Where is the democracy Q4. Strongly Agree Mixed System: as above	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
97	DID NOT PROVIDE NAME	NO	Q1. Strongly Disagree Q2. 6: Far too many on Council Q3. Strongly Agree: Where is the democracy Q4. Strongly Agree: Mixed system	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
98	Charlene Smithlin	NO	Q1. Strongly Disagree Q2. 6: There's always far too many in Council Q3. Strongly Agree: If you can't vote for the people you want on Council where is the democracy Q4. Strongly Agree: Mixed System: as above	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
99	Gayle Bourk	NO	Q1. Strongly Disagree Q2. 6: Because size of Kawerau is sufficient for 6 Q3. Strongly Agree: Where is the democracy Q4. Strongly Agree: Mixed System: as above	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
100	DID NOT PROVIDE NAME	NO	Q1. Strongly Disagree Q2. 6 Q3. Agree Q4. Agree: Mixed System	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
101	Ethan TeTai	NO	Q1. Agree Q2. 10 Q3. Agree Q4. Disagree: Two Ward	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
102	Skarlett Slaw	NO	Q1. Agree Q2. Respondent skipped this question Q3. Disagree: Kawerau has one of the best representation of Māori on Council in NZ. Under the new system, you could actually undermine that - end up with less. We should not differentiate on the basis of race. We are all citizens of Kawerau	

			Q4. Disagree: OTHER OPTION: I prefer to stay with the current system where people stand for election by the entire mixed-race community. I would like to vote for candidates that may be on the Māori roll - but I am not enrolled on this roll - I want the BEST people not raced based	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
103	Brain Manning	NO	Q1. Strongly Agree Q2. <i>Respondent skipped this question</i> Q3. Strongly Disagree: I wish to vote for all the councillors Q4. <i>Respondent skipped this question</i>	
	Name	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
104	M. Helyar	NO	Q1. Strongly Agree Q2. 8: I like to vote for all of the councillors insuring we get the best people, and because it is the democratic way. Q3. Strongly Disagree: I am against preferential treatment for any group, religion or race, and see it as undemocratic Q4. Strongly Disagree: OTHER OPTION: (see answer above) Current system works fine. Racial wards are divisive and discriminatory, while Councils should be inclusive	