

Notice of Representation Arrangements Review Final Proposal



Submissions

On 11 September 2024, the Kawerau District Council considered the submissions received on its initial proposal regarding the representation arrangements for the Council to apply for at least the 2025 triennial local authority elections.

The Council received 104 submissions on its initial proposal. Of these:

- 60 were in support of the initial proposal
- 35 were opposed to the initial proposal
- 9 did not have a view

Those opposed to the initial proposal identified the following issues:

- 2 submitters considered that the number of councillors should be ten
- 2 submitters considered that the number of councillors should be 7
- 13 submitters considered that the number of councillors should be 6
- 1 submitter considered that the number of councillors should be 5
- 1 submitter considered that the number of councillors should be 2
- 6 submitters considered that councillors should be elected only from wards and no councillors elected at large
- other submitters opposed the initial proposal for reasons that are out of scope of the representation review (opposition to the introduction of a Māori ward).

Final Proposal

Having considered all of the submissions, Council resolved on 11 September 2024 to adopt its initial proposal as its final proposal for at least the 2025 triennial local authority elections, specifically:

- a) The Kawerau District Council to comprise the mayor elected at large and eight councillors, these being:
 - (i) **Kawerau Māori Ward**, represented by three Māori ward councillors, with the ward boundaries aligning with the district's boundaries as shown on Attachment 1.
 - (ii) **Kawerau General Ward**, represented by three general ward councillors, with the ward boundaries aligning with the district's boundaries as shown on Attachment 1.
 - (iii) In addition, Kawerau District Council will elect two councillors at large.
- b) The number of Māori ward councillors complies with Schedule 1A of the Local Electoral Act 2001.
- c) There be no community boards.

The Council considers that the number of councillors, being eight, and the basis of election, being six councillors elected from two wards and two councillors elected at large ensures fair and effective representation of both local communities and the district as a whole.

Appeals

Any person who made a submission on Council's initial proposal may lodge an appeal against the Council's decision. An appeal must relate to the matters raised in that person's submission.

Appeals should be addressed to:

Kawerau District Council
Private Bag 1004
Kawerau 3169
New Zealand

Appeals can also be emailed to: submissions@kaweraudc.govt.nz

Appeals should state your name, address, telephone number and email address (if you have one) and should reach the Council no later than 5.00pm on Monday 4 November 2024.

The collection and use of personal information by the Kawerau District Council is regulated by the Privacy Act 2020. Please note that your name, your appeal, and any attachments will be treated as public information and may be published on the council's website and made available to elected members and members of the public as part of the consultation process.

Your contact details (address, phone number, email) will only be used for administrative purposes.

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Kawerau District Council
20 September 2024

Attachment 1 – Kawerau district map

