



Have
your say

Me pēwhea te whakakanohi i a koe anō?

How would you like to be represented?

Following the decision to create a Māori Ward last year, Council now needs to undertake a Representation Review.

This includes asking for your thoughts about how many Councillors we should have, whether they are elected from wards, districtwide or a combination of both, whether the district has Community Boards, and how the general and Māori ward(s) fit together.

Representation arrangements need to be fair, effective, and representative, with geographical areas (wards) divided so each councillor ends up representing roughly the same amount of people while ensuring communities of interest are represented.

Current Council structure

In Kāpiti, we currently have four general wards with seven elected Councillors and three districtwide Councillors elected by all voters of the district. In total this equates to ten Councillors. We also have one Mayor and five Community Boards with four board members elected by voters of the area they live in and the ability for a defined number of general ward Councillors to be appointed back to a Community Board (see map on page 4).

Establishing the new Māori ward

Considering the district's current population numbers and especially the number of electors (people) enrolled on the Māori electoral roll, it is very likely that only one Māori ward will be established to ensure fair representation. Māori ward boundaries could either align with the entire Kāpiti Coast District boundary or represent a specific geographical area within the district.

Who will I vote for?

In the 2025 elections, people on the Māori electoral roll will be able to vote in the new Māori ward instead of a general ward and people on the general electoral roll will vote in their general ward instead of the Māori ward. Both Māori and general electoral roll voters will still vote for the Mayor, districtwide Councillors, and community board representatives for the area they live in.

Will the Māori ward decision be reversed by central government?

Council's decision to establish a Māori ward was made prior to the new government signalling they propose to bring back polls for Māori wards, including requiring a vote on any wards set up without a poll at the next local elections.

It's currently unclear how this commitment will be implemented and in what timeframe. We must follow current legalisation, which is to run a representation review this year for the Māori ward to be in place for the 2025 local government elections.

Community drop-in sessions

5 March, 6–7pm

Supper Room, Ōtaki Memorial Hall

12 March, 6–7pm

St Peter's Hall, Paekākāriki

14 March, 5–6pm

Waikanae Library, Waikanae

19 March, 6–7pm

Te Raukura ki Kāpiti, Raumati

26 March, 5.30–6.30pm

Council Chambers, Paraparaumu

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There are several ways for people to provide their initial thoughts, including completing this survey, which can also be found on our website and at our libraries and service centres, and attending one of our drop-in sessions where you can chat to our elected members and staff.



For more information visit
[haveyoursay.kapiticoast.govt.nz/
RepresentationReview](https://haveyoursay.kapiticoast.govt.nz/RepresentationReview)

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How would you like to be represented?

Your feedback on the following questions will help shape Council's initial representation arrangement proposal that we'll come back to you for consultation on later this year.

1. **With the exception of the new Māori ward, do you think the existing representation arrangements provide fair and effective representation?** (representing our communities of interest in Kāpiti)

☐ Yes ☐ No

If No, tell us more:

2. **Is there anything that doesn't work well with the current arrangements?**

Refer to current Council structure map on page 4.

☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, tell us more:

3. We haven't decided how the Māori ward and its new Māori ward Councillor will be added to our representation arrangements. However, as part of this early engagement we have provided three concepts for you to consider.

Please let us know which one you think would provide us with the most representative and effective Council structure or alternatively let us know what other idea you think might work best, noting the decision to establish a Māori ward has been made and is not part of this review.

I prefer: (tick one)

☐ Concept 1 ☐ Concept 2 ☐ Concept 3

	Potential representation concepts		
Current Council structure No current Māori ward Councillor	Concept 1 Add Māori ward Councillor to current structure and increase the number of Councillors around the Council table by one.	Concept 2 Replace one districtwide Councillor with a Māori ward Councillor and retain the same number of Councillors around the Council table.	Concept 3 Replace one general ward Councillor with a Māori ward Councillor and retain same number of Councillors around the Council table.
1 Mayor	1 Mayor	1 Mayor	1 Mayor
10 councillors  3 districtwide Councillors 7 general ward Councillors	11 councillors  3 districtwide Councillors 7 general ward Councillors 1 Māori ward Councillor – covering the entire district	10 councillors  2 districtwide Councillors 7 general ward Councillors 1 Māori ward Councillor – covering the entire district	10 councillors  3 districtwide Councillors 6 general ward Councillors 1 Māori ward Councillor – covering the entire district Note: The impact on ward boundaries would be more significant depending on which ward Councillor was replaced.
20 Community Board Members	20 Community Board Members	20 Community Board Members	20 Community Board Members

4. Separate to the potential concepts presented, are there any other concepts the you'd like us to consider?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please explain your choice in the comment section:

5. Should ward Councillors be appointed back to Community Boards and, if so, how?

- ☐ Retain current structure (a defined number of general ward Councillors are appointed back)
- ☐ Retain the current structure and appoint the Māori ward Councillor back to Community Boards
- ☐ Only appoint the Māori ward Councillor back to Community Boards
- ☐ Do not appoint Councillors to Community Boards

Please explain your choice in the comment section:

Current Council structure

- ☐ **Mayor (1)**
- ☐ **Districtwide Councillors (3)**
- ☐ **Ōtaki Ward**
1 ward Councillor
- ☐ **Waikanae Ward**
2 ward Councillors
- ☐ **Community Board Boundaries:**
- Ōtaki Community Board**
4 community board members,
plus 1 ward Councillor
- Raumati Community Board**
4 community board members,
plus 1 ward Councillor
- Paekākāriki Community Board**
4 community board members,
plus 1 ward Councillor
- Waikanae Community Board**
4 community board members,
plus 1 of the 2 ward Councillors
- Paraparaumu Community Board**
4 community board members,
plus 2 of the 3 ward Councillors
- ☐ **Paraparaumu Ward**
3 ward Councillors
- ☐ **Paekākāriki-Raumati Ward**
1 ward Councillor



Note: Community board boundaries typically align with our ward boundaries, with the exception of Paekākāriki and Raumati which are two separate community boards.