

# Elected Member Forum 6 August 2021

**YOUR  
CHOICE**

**REPRESENTATION  
REVIEW**

**20  
22**



**MĀU E  
WHIRIWHIRI**



**2022  
TE AROTAKE  
WHAKAAHUAHANGA**

**ROTORUA  
LAKES COUNCIL**  
Te Kaunihera o ngā Roto o Rotorua

**2022 REPRESENTATION REVIEW**

# KARAKIA

Tūtawa mai i runga  
Tūtawa mai i raro  
Tūtawa mai i roto  
Tūtawa mai i waho  
Kia tau ai te mauri tū  
Te mauri ora, ki te katoa  
Hāumi e. Hui e. Tāiki e!

I summon from above  
I summon from below  
I summon from within  
I summon the surrounding environment  
The universal vitality and energy to infuse  
and enrich all present  
Enriched, unified and blessed

# AGENDA

Recap

Principles

Options

Māori ward/s

Proposal

# What is a representation review?

“take a fresh look at the **structure** of its membership and the **way** they are elected”

**Fair** and **effective** representation

- How many elected members should we have?
- Should elected members be elected from across the whole district or split into wards?
- If wards are introduced, what should the boundaries be?
- If we have wards, how many elected members should we have per ward?
- Should Community Boards be introduced/retained?
- Number of seats for Māori Ward/Wards

# Why are reviews important?

- They ensure our electoral arrangements are fair
- They ensure equality of access
- They enable citizens to discuss the nature of effective representation in our district
- They contribute to our experience of democracy not just locally but also nationally



# Principles

- Keep it simple
- Māori ward/s + General & “at large”
- 10 total members
- 1 ward with 3 Māori ward members

# 2022 Representation arrangements



## Two Wards Model



7 elected  
from 1  
general ward



3 elected  
from  
Māori ward/s



1 Mayor

**10 councillors + 1 Mayor**

# PROs AND CONs OF OPTION 1

## Pro's

- Aligns with 3 of the proposal principles\*
- Provides for geographical coverage of communities with ward-elected members.
- Provides for communities of interest spread across the district.
- General electors get 7 votes which excludes the Mayor out of a possible 10 votes (70% of total votes available)

## Con's

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- Keep it simple, 10 total members, 1 ward with 3 Māori ward members

\*Keep it simple, 10 total members, 1 ward with 3 Māori ward members

# 2022 Representation arrangements

## Option 2

### Mixed Model (wards and at large)



6 elected  
from 1  
general ward



3 elected  
from  
Māori ward/s



1 elected  
at large



1 Mayor

# 10 councillors + 1 Mayor

# PROs AND CONs OF OPTION 2

## Pro's

- Aligns with all 4 of the proposal principles\*
- Provides for geographical coverage of communities with ward-elected members.
- Provides for communities of interest spread across the district.
- Provides an option for both General and Māori electors to vote (at large).
- General electors get a total of 7 votes which excludes the Mayor out of a possible 10 votes (70% of total votes available)
- Increases Māori electors right for options to vote by 1 (this equates to an increase of 10% of the total votes available)

## Con's

- May not accurately represent current communities of interest.
- Potential for perception that the ward member represents their ward only.
- Māori electors get a total of 4 votes which excludes the Mayor out of a possible 10 votes (40% of the total votes available)

\*Keep it simple, Māori ward/s + General & “at large”, 10 total members, 1 ward with 3 Māori ward members

# 2022 Representation arrangements



## Mixed Model (wards and at large)



4 elected  
from 1  
general ward



2 elected  
from  
Māori ward/s



4 elected  
at large



1 Mayor

**10 councillors + 1 Mayor**

# PROs AND CONs OF OPTION 3

## Pro's

- Aligns with 3 of the proposal principles\*
- Provides for geographical coverage of communities with ward-elected members.
- Provides for communities of interest spread across the district.
- Provides an option for both General and Māori electors to vote (at large).
- General electors get a total of 8 votes which excludes the Mayor out of a possible 10 votes (80% of the total votes available)
- Māori electors get a total of 6 votes which excludes the Mayor out of a possible 10 votes (60% of the total votes available)
- Increases both the General and Māori electors voting opportunities (General is an increase of 10% as opposed to options 1 & 2, Māori is an increase of 30% to option 1 and 20% to option 2)

## Con's

- May not accurately represent current communities of interest.
- Potential for perception that the ward member represents their ward only.

\*Keep it simple, Māori ward/s + General & “at large”, 10 total members

# Māori wards



# Discussion