

Representation Review

YOUR
CHOICE

REPRESENTATION
REVIEW

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2022
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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

3 step process

Electoral system - First Past the Post (FPP) - 2017 following by-election. Set for 2019 2022 election

Establish Māori ward - May 2021 – the Local Electoral (Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Act 2021 (the Amendment Act) came into effect.

Representation Review – May 2021 to April 2022

Review considerations

- Number of councillors
- Framework - wards, at large or mixed model
- Boundaries of wards (if wards)
- Number of councillors per ward
- Should Community Boards be introduced/retained?

Draft preferred proposal

31 August 2021

- 1 Mayor elected at large
- 1 Māori ward with 2 seats
- 1 General ward with 4 seats
- 4 “At large” seats

Rotorua Lakes Community Board
Rural Community Board

Framework – Wards, “at large” or a mixed model arrangement

Proposal - mixed model.

Establish one Māori Ward, one general ward and an “**at large**” component (candidates voted on from everyone across the district).

At large works to address (to some degree the disproportion between Māori electoral voters and general electoral ward voters a Māori Ward creates

“**At large**” - Everyone regardless of what electoral roll you are on will have the opportunity to vote for candidates

Early engagement – people want the opportunity to vote for the maximum number they possibly can to be seen to be “fair” and **represent needs and interests**

Voting would therefore look like this out of a possible total of 10 votes:

Voter electoral roll	Māori ward	General ward	At large	Total votes
Māori electoral roll	2		4	6
General electoral roll		4	4	8
2019 elections			10	10

Timetable

Phase one	Awareness, engagement and development of initial proposal
May 2021 to Aug 2021	Develop a draft initial proposal that will be presented to council to consider releasing for consultation. The initial draft proposal will be developed from the input received from the elected members and the community.
31 August 2021	Council adopts the draft proposal for public consultation
Phase two	Consultation – have your say on the proposal
8 October 2021	Feedback closes
19 Oct 2021	You can attend a hearing if you want to tell the council in person what you think.
16 Nov 2021	After considering what people said in their submissions, the council will make a final decision on its representation arrangements for the 2022 elections and adopt a final proposal.
Phase three	Objection/appeals/final decision
19 Nov to 20 Dec 2021	The public has the right to make an objection or appeal during this period before the proposal is sent to the Local Government Commission (LGC)
By 10 Apr 2022	If objections or appeals are made, the LGC must make a final determination on the representation arrangements

Questions