

# REPRESENTATION REVIEW 2022

Rural Community Board Workshop

Date: 27 September 2021

Time: 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Venue: Energy Events Centre

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Te Kaunihera o ngā Roto o Rotorua

2022 REPRESENTATION REVIEW

*Council is the voice of local people, representing and balancing a range of interests. It's important our community feels they're represented fairly and effectively.*

# 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

# INITIAL PROPOSAL

**1 Mayor + 10 Councillors**

**Consists of :-**

**1 Mayor elected “At Large”**

**1 Māori ward with 2 seats**

**1 General ward with 4 seats**

**4 “At large” seats**

**and**

**Retain Rotorua Lakes Community Board**

**Retain Rotorua Rural Community Board**

# PROs AND CONs OF INITIAL PROPOSAL

## Pro's

- 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 ward electors get to vote for 8 out of 10 Councillors (excluding the Mayor) - 80% of total votes available.
- Māori ward electors get to vote for 6 out of 10 Councillors (excluding the Mayor) - 60% of total votes available.

## Con's

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

# ALTERNATE PROPOSAL

**1 Mayor + 12 Councillors**

**Consists of :-**

**1 Mayor elected “At Large”**

**1 Rural ward with 1 seat**

**1 Māori ward with 3 seats**

**1 General ward with 5 seats**

**3 “At large” seats**

**and**

**Retain Rotorua Lakes Community Board**

**Retain Rotorua Rural Community Board**



# PROs AND CONs OF ALTERNATE PROPOSAL

## Pro's

- Provides for geographical coverage of communities with ward-elected members.
- Provides for communities of interest spread across the district.
- Provides an option for General and Māori electors to vote (at large).
- Provides an option for rural residents to vote for a rural ward.

## Con's

- May not accurately represent current communities of interest.
- Potential for perception that the ward member represents their ward only.
- The number of elected members increases from 10 to 12 (excluding the Mayor).
- General ward electors get to vote for 8 out of 12 Councillors (excluding the Mayor) - 67% of total votes available.
- Māori ward electors get to vote for 6 out of 12 Councillors (excluding the Mayor) - 50% of total votes available.
- Rural ward electors get to vote for 4 out of 12 Councillors (excluding the Mayor) - 33% of total votes available.

# Questions