

Submissions

On 9 July 2024, the Far North 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 86 submissions on its proposal with the following key themes:

- The number of councillors appointed to community boards should not increase;
- The name of the Whatuwhiwhi Subdivision of the Te Hiku Community Board should be changed to Karikari-Awanui Subdivision.

Final Proposal

Having considered all of the submissions, Council resolved on 8 August 2024 to amend its initial proposal to the following final proposal for at least the 2025 triennial local authority elections:

- a) The Far North District Council to comprise the mayor elected at large and 10 councillors elected under the ward system, specifically six general ward councillors and four Māori ward councillors.
- b) The Far North District Council be divided into four wards, these being:
 - (i) **Bay of Islands-Whangaroa General Ward** (three councillors), comprising the area in the current Bay of Islands-Whangaroa General Ward map as shown on Attachment 1;
 - (ii) **Kaikohe-Hokianga General Ward** (represented by one general ward councillor) comprising the area in the current Kaikohe-Hokianga General Ward map as shown on Attachment 1;
 - (iii) **Te Hiku General Ward** (represented by two general ward councillors) comprising the area in the current Te Hiku General Ward map as shown on Attachment 1;
 - (iv) **Ngā Tai o Tokerau Māori Ward** (four councillors), comprising the whole area of the district as shown on Attachment 2.
- c) The number of Māori ward councillors complies with Schedule 1A of the Local Electoral Act 2001.
- d) The Far North District Council be divided into three subdivided communities, these being:
 - (i) **Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Community** subdivided into:
 1. **Kawakawa-Moerewa Subdivision** comprising the area in the current Kawakawa-Moerewa Subdivision map as shown on Attachment 3;
 2. **Kerikeri Subdivision** comprising the area in the current Kerikeri Subdivision map as shown on Attachment 3;
 3. **Paihia Subdivision** comprising the area in the current Paihia Subdivision map as shown on Attachment 3;
 4. **Russell-Ōpua Subdivision** comprising the area in the current Russell-Ōpua Subdivision map as shown on Attachment 3;
 5. **Waipapa Subdivision** comprising the area in the current Waipapa Subdivision map as shown on Attachment 3;
 6. **Whangaroa Subdivision** comprising the area in the current Whangaroa Subdivision map as shown on Attachment 3.
 - (ii) **Kaikohe-Hokianga Community** subdivided into:
 1. **Kaikohe Subdivision** comprising the area in the current Kaikohe Subdivision as shown on Attachment 3;
 2. **North Hokianga Subdivision** comprising the area in the current North Hokianga Subdivision as shown on Attachment 3;

3. **South Hokianga Subdivision** comprising the area in the current South Hokianga Subdivision as shown on Attachment 3.
- (iii) **Te Hiku Community** subdivided into:
1. **Doubtless Bay Subdivision** comprising the area in the current Doubtless Bay Subdivision as shown on Attachment 3;
 2. **Kaitāia Subdivision** comprising the area in the current Kaitāia Subdivision as shown on Attachment 3;
 3. **Whatuwhiwhi Subdivision** comprising the area in the current Whatuwhiwhi Subdivision map as shown on Attachment 3.
 4. **North Cape Subdivision** comprising the area in the current North Cape Subdivision as shown on Attachment 3.
- e) There be 19 community board members, being:
- (i) Seven members elected from the Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Community Board comprising:
1. **Kawakawa-Moerewa Subdivision** - one member
 2. **Kerikeri Subdivision** - two members
 3. **Paihia Subdivision** - one member
 4. **Russell-Ōpua Subdivision** - one member
 5. **Waipapa Subdivision** - one member
 6. **Whangaroa Subdivision** - one member
- and two members of the Council, one representing the Bay of Islands-Whangaroa General Ward and one representing the Ngā Tai o Tokerau Māori Ward appointed to the community board by Council.
- (ii) Six members elected from the Kaikohe-Hokianga Community Board comprising:
1. **Kaikohe Subdivision** - three members
 2. **North Hokianga Subdivision** - one member
 3. **South Hokianga Subdivision** - two members
- and two members of the Council representing either the Kaikohe-Hokianga General Ward or the Ngā Tai o Tokerau Māori Ward appointed to the community board by Council.
- (iii) Six members elected from the Te Hiku Community Board comprising:
1. **Doubtless Bay Subdivision** - one member
 2. **Kaitāia Subdivision** - three members
 3. **Whatuwhiwhi Subdivision** - one member
 4. **North Cape Subdivision** - one member
- and two members of the Council representing either the Te Hiku General Ward or the Ngā Tai o Tokerau Māori Ward appointed to the community board by Council.
- f) The three general wards, the number of general ward councillors per ward, the ward populations (estimated at 30 June 2023) and the population ratio per general ward councillor are as follows:

General Ward	Population	No. Councillors	Average	% Variation
Bay of Islands-Whangaroa	26,500	3	8,833	9.37%
Kaikohe-Hokianga	8,060	1	8,060	-0.21%
Te Hiku	13,900	2	6,950	-13.95%

In accordance with section 19V(2) of the Local Electoral Act 2001, the population that each general

councillor represents must be within the population range of 8,077 plus or minus 10% (7,269 - 8,884) unless community of interest considerations justify otherwise.

Only the representation of the Te Hiku General Ward falls outside the stipulated range. To comply would transgress natural features (Whangape Harbour, the Maungataniwha Range and a variety of forestry blocks).

The three communities, the number of members per community, the community board populations (estimated as at 30 June 2023) and the population ratio per member are as follows:

Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Community Board	Population	No. Councillors	Average	% Variation
Kawakawa-Moerewa Subdivision	5,080	1	5,080	2.27%
Kerikeri Subdivision	10,800	2	5,400	8.71%
Paihia Subdivision	5,320	1	5,320	7.10%
Russell-Ōpua Subdivision	4,150	1	4,150	-16.45%
Waipapa Subdivision	5,070	1	5,070	2.07%
Whangaroa Subdivision	4,350	1	4,350	-12.42%

In accordance with section 19V(2) of the Local Electoral Act 2001, the population that each member represents must be within the population range of 4,967 plus or minus 10% (4,470 – 5,464) unless community of interest considerations justify otherwise.

The Russell-Ōpua Subdivision and Whangaroa Subdivision fall outside the stipulated range. For the Russell-Ōpua Subdivision, to comply would unite communities of interest with few commonalities, with Russell-Ōpua being a very rural and isolated peninsula area connected by water. For the Whangaroa Subdivision, to comply would unite communities of interest more appropriately aligned with the current Waipapa and Kerikeri Subdivisions

Kaikohe-Hokianga Community Board	Population	No. Councillors	Average	% Variation
Kaikohe Subdivision	9,170	3	3,057	9.56%
North Hokianga Subdivision	2,700	1	2,700	-3.23%
South Hokianga Subdivision	4,870	2	2,435	-12.72

In accordance with section 19V(2) of the Local Electoral Act 2001, the population that each member represents must be within the population range of 2,790 plus or minus 10% (2,511 - 3,069) unless community of interest considerations justify otherwise.

Only the South Hokianga Subdivision falls outside the stipulated range. To comply would transgress a natural feature (Hokianga Harbour) and would unite communities of interest with few commonalities (townships of Kaikohe and Ōkaihau).

Te Hiku Community Board	Population	No. Councillors	Average	% Variation
Whatuwhiwhi Subdivision	3,880	1	3,880	0.09%
Doubtless Bay Subdivision	4,310	1	4,310	11.18%
Kaitāia Subdivision	11,700	3	3,900	0.60%
North Cape Subdivision	3,370	1	3,370	-13.07%

In accordance with section 19V(2) of the Local Electoral Act 2001, the population that each member represents must be within the population range of 3,877 plus or minus 10% (3,489 – 4,264) unless community of interest considerations justify otherwise.

The North Cape Subdivision and Doubtless Bay Subdivision fall outside the stipulated range. For the North Cape Subdivision, to comply would unite communities of interest with few commonalities (Awanui and

Kaitaia). For the Doubtless Bay Subdivision, to comply would divide communities of interest (Taipa and Oruru).

Appeals and objections

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.

Any person may lodge an appeal against the Council's decision. An objection must specify the matters to which the objection relates.

Appeals and objections should be addressed to:

ReplyPaid Authority 6124
Representation Review 2024
Far North District Council
Memorial Avenue
Kaikohe

Appeals and objections can also be emailed to: submissions@fndc.govt.nz

Appeal and objection forms, which are available at Council Offices and Libraries, and from the Council website www.fndc.govt.nz, should state your name, address, telephone number and email address (if you have one) and should reach the Council no later than 4.00pm on Thursday 12 September 2024.

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