

Attachment 3-

Online & Written Submissions - Not presenting at the hearing

Part 1 - Online Submissions



Respondent No: 2

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Sep 08, 2021 15:47:07 pm

Last Seen: Sep 08, 2021 15:47:07 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name** not answered

Q2. **Īmēra - Email** not answered

Q3. **Ethnicity** not answered

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number** not answered

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

not answered

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

not answered

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

not answered

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the Māori Ward?**

not answered

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

not answered

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"?**

not answered

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

No Maori Wards

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te** Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. **I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

We already have an excellent representation of Rotorua. We do not need Maori Wards



Respondent No: 3

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Sep 08, 2021 17:44:41 pm

Last Seen: Sep 08, 2021 17:44:41 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Dr Nathanael Melia

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

not answered

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

not answered

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

not answered

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

not answered

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the Māori Ward?**

not answered

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

not answered

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

not answered

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

not answered

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?**

Kao - No

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. **I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

Representation should be 50:50 Māori and general to uphold treaty agreements. Major should not be Pakeha, this is a Māori center of culture.



Respondent No: 4

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Sep 08, 2021 19:37:29 pm

Last Seen: Sep 08, 2021 19:37:29 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Hamish

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

not answered

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

not answered

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

not answered

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

not answered

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the Māori Ward?**

not answered

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

not answered

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

not answered

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

Option one

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te**

Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

I do not support this proposed representation as it infringes on voting rights of equal suffrage.

Q14. **I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

Option one is the clear democratic option



Respondent No: 6

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Sep 12, 2021 17:40:39 pm

Last Seen: Sep 12, 2021 17:40:39 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Graham Bidlake

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

not answered

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

not answered

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

not answered

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

not answered

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the Māori Ward?**

not answered

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

not answered

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

not answered

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

Maori 30% of the population = 3 seats. The "Rest" 70% of the population = 7 seats. Again Maori have a choice of the roll they are on the "Rest" don't have this option. This model is democratic, one person one vote. Also why am I being asked my ethnicity? This should be irrelevant!!

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te**

Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

Option 3 is not democratic. Only the Mayor, one person one vote is democratic in this model. I also believe Maori having a choice of which roll they are on allows the possibility of manipulating the vote and also giving candidates the opportunity to group together to choose which ward to stand in again giving the chance to also manipulate the vote. Every time I have voted in council elections the ethnicity of candidates in my eyes has been irrelevant. I believe that option 3 is driving a racist wedge into our elections and I hope this is not going to further divide the people of Rotorua. Also not all of Rotorua residents are proficient with technology so please allow face to face discussions (not behind closed doors).



Respondent No: 7

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Sep 14, 2021 07:13:48 am

Last Seen: Sep 14, 2021 07:13:48 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name** Chris Turner

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number** not answered

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

not answered

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

not answered

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

not answered

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the Māori Ward?**

not answered

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

not answered

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"?**

not answered

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

Option 1

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te** Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. **I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

No because it is a fair, equitable and clear representation of the community.



Respondent No: 8

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Sep 14, 2021 07:56:26 am

Last Seen: Sep 14, 2021 07:56:26 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name** Wiremu Kingi

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number** not answered

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

not answered

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

not answered

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

not answered

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the Māori Ward?**

not answered

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

not answered

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"?**

not answered

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

Everyone should vote on every aspect and NOT based on race. This council is so caught up with this and not focusing on what's happening within this town. I know so many people who have left this town because its turned to slum and don't want to bring their kids up in Rotorua.

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te** Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

Why are you proposing to separate the two different races. This is wrong on so many levels



Respondent No: 9

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Sep 14, 2021 14:53:43 pm

Last Seen: Sep 14, 2021 14:53:43 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. Ingoa - Name

N/A

Q2. Īmēra - Email

Q3. Ethnicity

Q4. Nama waea - Phone number

not answered

Q5. He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?

not answered

Q6. He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?

not answered

Q7. He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?

not answered

Q8. He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the Māori Ward?

not answered

Q9. He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?

not answered

Q10. He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"?

not answered

Q11. As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...

That RLC reconsider their chosen proposal for option 3, based on the fact that it is undemocratic does not ensure equal vote value, one vote one person with consideration of the populations of each Maori general roll voters. This is not the democracy all New Zealanders regardless of ethnicity, have fought for - RLC have neglected to recognise the total picture and fairness. There are two distinct wards, where option one balances voting for each ward's population of voters equally proportionate equity (equal value of each vote is upholding democracy and equity regardless of ethnicity, religion or social status - option 3 corrupts democracy as we know it. RLC Council must demonstrate impartiality - listen to the voter consensus rather than pursue what I consider a predetermined outcome that is undemocratic, and seen to be favouring a small sector.

Q12. Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te

Ae - Yes

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

I am most surprised that this form does not have a layout that has submitter's name, contact details and date (etc) when page 2 even invites attendance to present, but has not requested even a contact to notify the submitter - or is that a deliberate oversight?

Q14. I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

Following careful study of all the initial options RLC circulated and researching the two electoral rolls, General roll (Maori ward and General ward), I judge the alternative option 1 is the most democratic option, when comparing the electoral populations of each roll group. The option 1 proposal is the most democratic for all voters in the district, as I firmly believe all votes should have equal value. i.e. one vote each determines equal value.



Respondent No: 11

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Sep 14, 2021 15:03:51 pm

Last Seen: Sep 14, 2021 15:03:51 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name** Sheree Malaquin

Q2. **Īmēra - Email** N/A

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number** not answered

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

not answered

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

not answered

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

not answered

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the Māori Ward?**

not answered

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

not answered

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

not answered

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

N/A

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te** Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

We support option 1 as the most democratic option put forward. This option is one vote one person. Options two and three could cause racial division, and also reduces rural people a fair voting representation, especially as rural populations are sparser than urban, and therefore have less representation. With option 1, all voters on both Maori and general rolls have the right to put forward candidates and vote accordingly. One Vote One Person. With options 2 and 3, introducing at a large ward does not give a fair percentage representation at all. If a large ward is introduced, we cannot see the necessity of having wards at all, as we have a high percentage of bicultural councillors on Council now. Therefore, option 1 is the only option that should be considered. Options two and three are undemocratic.

Q14. I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

N/A



Respondent No: 12

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Sep 15, 2021 17:48:47 pm

Last Seen: Sep 15, 2021 17:48:47 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Gayle Hunt

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

not answered

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

not answered

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

not answered

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

not answered

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the Māori Ward?**

not answered

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

not answered

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

not answered

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

No segregated seats.

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te**

Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. **I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

You get less votes if you are on the Maori roll. That's not fair. All voters should be able to vote for whom they want. Experience not race.



Respondent No: 13

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Sep 16, 2021 11:33:11 am

Last Seen: Sep 16, 2021 11:33:11 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name** Brian Brown

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number** not answered

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

not answered

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

not answered

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

not answered

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the Māori Ward?**

not answered

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

not answered

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"?**

not answered

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

If you choose to vote in the Maori ward you should only have 2 votes in the general ward. In a democracy everyone has the same voting rights. It doesn't appear like that here.

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te** Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. **I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

I find it difficult to see why one sector of our community should have 9 votes & the rest 7.



Respondent No: 14

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Sep 17, 2021 08:56:14 am

Last Seen: Sep 17, 2021 08:56:14 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Kingsley Ridings

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

not answered

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

not answered

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

not answered

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

not answered

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the Māori Ward?**

not answered

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

not answered

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

not answered

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

The mayor and lapdog resign

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te**

Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. **I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

Council has predetermined the outcome!



Respondent No: 15

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Sep 17, 2021 12:42:12 pm

Last Seen: Sep 17, 2021 12:42:12 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name** frank simmons

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number** not answered

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

10councillors 1mayor

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

no maori ward there are enough maori elected through general wards, all 10 councillors from general ward

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

everybody equal own choice to vote for any or all councillors

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the MāoriWard?**

no maori ward ,we are all supposed to be equal no racial divide, as much as maori want this extra influence

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

not needed

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

not answered

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

keep council as is 10 councilers 1 mayor and no extras ;ie te arawa input as we do not vote them in,

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te** Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. **I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered



Respondent No: 16

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Sep 17, 2021 13:44:57 pm

Last Seen: Sep 17, 2021 13:44:57 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Tony

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

not answered

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

no more than 9

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

no all in one .we all one people

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

just at large

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the MāoriWard?**

no representation is for all people

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

yes everyone has right to vote

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

not answered

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

you only need 7 with the mayor .pay them well and can not do more than 2 elections cycles .and have to have a break for at lease one cycles . keep the old hats out

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te**

Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga?Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. **I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered



Respondent No: 17

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Sep 17, 2021 15:26:04 pm

Last Seen: Sep 17, 2021 15:26:04 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name** Sam

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number** not answered

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

not answered

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

not answered

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

not answered

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the Māori Ward?**

not answered

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

not answered

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

not answered

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

Representatives standing for maori ward seats should not also be allowed to stand for general seats.

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te** Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. **I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

It is unfairly bias - maori representatives have an advantage over non-maori in that they can stand for multiple seats that others can not being non-maori



Respondent No: 18

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Sep 17, 2021 16:38:40 pm

Last Seen: Sep 17, 2021 16:38:40 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Kim Poynter

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

not answered

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

not answered

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

not answered

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

not answered

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the Māori Ward?**

not answered

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

not answered

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"?**

not answered

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

the current system in place now.

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te**

Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. **I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

I do not support separate wards. All ethnicities should be treated equally and democratically.



Respondent No: 19

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Sep 18, 2021 15:35:20 pm

Last Seen: Sep 18, 2021 15:35:20 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name** Sharyn Taylor

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number** not answered

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

not answered

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

not answered

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

not answered

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the Māori Ward?**

not answered

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

not answered

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

not answered

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

That we leave things as they are and allow the people to decide

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te** Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

We have enough people on council now and adding extra boundaries and wards are to me just another way of juggling things around to make sure that you the present council get elected in again... very clever. I do not trust this council to make unbiased decisions for ALL the people of Rotorua we have seen so many behind closed door decisions made that people are not in agreement with and it has been said by many people that this council does not listen to its people which I totally agree with. You have to many parties that you have to consult with before anything can be done in this area ie: building consents, infrastructure for services etc we are lagging behind other areas in the BOP because this council drags its feet on any crucial decision making. So no I do not support this council proposed representation arrangement for the 2022 elections because it will become just another layer of bureaucracy to be consulted with.



Respondent No: 20

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Sep 18, 2021 16:32:39 pm

Last Seen: Sep 18, 2021 16:32:39 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name** lindsay donald

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number** not answered

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

not answered

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

not answered

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

not answered

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the Māori Ward?**

not answered

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

not answered

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

not answered

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

existing

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te** Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. **I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

tried and proven democratic system in existence, superior to alternative



Respondent No: 21

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Sep 19, 2021 14:32:26 pm

Last Seen: Sep 19, 2021 14:32:26 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Martin

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

not answered

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

not answered

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

not answered

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

not answered

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the Māori Ward?**

not answered

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

not answered

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

not answered

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

Option 1

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te**

Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. **I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

The council's proposed option does not adhere to the principles or practice of democracy



Respondent No: 22

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Sep 19, 2021 15:08:56 pm

Last Seen: Sep 19, 2021 15:08:56 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Anaru

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

not answered

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

not answered

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

not answered

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

not answered

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the Māori Ward?**

not answered

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

not answered

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"?**

not answered

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

Continue with current system.

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te**

Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

No

Q14. **I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

No place in NZ for race based politics. I want the best people for the job.



Respondent No: 23

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Sep 19, 2021 15:09:24 pm

Last Seen: Sep 19, 2021 15:09:24 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Angela Sutherland

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

not answered

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

not answered

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

not answered

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

not answered

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the Māori Ward?**

not answered

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

not answered

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

not answered

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

Continue with status quo.

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te**

Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

No

Q14. **I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

No place in NZ for race based politics. We are all New Zealander's. Adequate representation already.



Respondent No: 24

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Sep 19, 2021 16:26:32 pm

Last Seen: Sep 19, 2021 16:26:32 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Michelle Neil

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

not answered

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

not answered

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

not answered

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

not answered

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the Māori Ward?**

not answered

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

not answered

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

not answered

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

Doesnt matter what your ratepayers want, you have already made your minds up.

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te**

Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. **I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

You have made your minds up already, you will not listen as to why the ratepayers do not want this proposal.



Respondent No: 25

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Sep 20, 2021 08:22:34 am

Last Seen: Sep 20, 2021 08:22:34 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Dot Anson

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

not answered

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

not answered

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

not answered

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

not answered

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the Māori Ward?**

not answered

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

not answered

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"?**

not answered

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

The first option is the fairest of the options. Anything that gives any ethnicity more votes than the % of population in the area would be unfair.

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te**

Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

Every resident should have one vote per person regardless of ethnicity. Anything else is could lead to one ethnicity having more say and power than they should.



Respondent No: 26

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Sep 20, 2021 08:31:04 am

Last Seen: Sep 20, 2021 08:31:04 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Huhana Clayton-Evans

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

not answered

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

not answered

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

not answered

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

not answered

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the Māori Ward?**

not answered

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

not answered

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

not answered

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

That everyone be educated about the role and responsibilities of Council and Councillors. One thing that Councillors should know is that theyre there for the people not for themselves.

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te**

Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

Not if it means that I cant vote for a tangata tiriti on the Council.

Q14. **I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

Voting for only. Maori cause youre in the Maori roll - wrong!



Respondent No: 27

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Sep 20, 2021 13:15:37 pm

Last Seen: Sep 20, 2021 13:15:37 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

David Fenton Butler

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

not answered

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

Too many councillors = too much complexity and bickering

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

It is racist to have particular wards allocated to a specific race. Maori should be elected to council the same as every other race.

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

Elected members are fine

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the Māori Ward?**

It is racist to have particular wards allocated to a specific race. Maori should be elected to council the same as every other race. If the Maori wards cannot be disestablished, what is the point of seeking public feedback? Why did this process not take place before they were established?

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

There should be no differentiation as to how Maori and non-Maori get to vote

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

I presume you mean Ratepayers Associations. They seem to be the only ones showing any sign of common sense or community representation so we need to retain them.

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

Keep it simple. Get rid of the 6 Assistant Chief Executives Sack half the council staff and cut costs There is huge wasted expenditure in RLC - please cut costs by simplifying all processes. K.I.S.S. The question (11) below is a waste of time - I have heard of people making submissions and having their submission edited before they present it. This is not democracy. i think the RLC should be totally ashamed of themselves for the way business is conducted and people's voices are selectively excluded. We finance the council and the council have an obligation to make it's running cost effective. Currently it certainly is not cost effective, not efficient, and not democratic.

Q12. Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing? Kao - No

Q13. I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

not answered

Q14. I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

not answered



Respondent No: 28

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Sep 21, 2021 22:06:00 pm

Last Seen: Sep 21, 2021 22:06:00 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Graham Southall

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

Ok with 10 councillors any more would be overkill due to the city population

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

Ok with frame work

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

There shouldn't be a split in wards should be the best person selected/voted regardless of background or ethnicity.

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the MāoriWard?**

There shouldn't be a split in wards should be the best person selected/voted regardless of background or ethnicity.

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

Ok

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

Ok with this

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

There shouldn't be a split in wards should be the best person selected/voted regardless of background or ethnicity.

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te** Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. **I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered



Respondent No: 29

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Sep 21, 2021 22:23:06 pm

Last Seen: Sep 21, 2021 22:23:06 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Brian Brown

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

Looks about right

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

Appears okay

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

Okay

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the Māori Ward?**

Would appear to be on the right track

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

Good idea.

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

Should be kept

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

Shouldn't those enrolled in the Maori roll, be entitled to 2 votes from General ward, to make then have 8 votes the same as non Maori.

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te**

Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. **I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered



Respondent No: 30

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Sep 22, 2021 13:58:03 pm

Last Seen: Sep 22, 2021 13:58:03 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Graham Bidlake

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

I,as with most KIWIS don't speak Maori. Is this an email address???? Mine is ..

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

Happy with 10 councilors and 1 Mayor.

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

I believe in one person one vote. The Maori ward should have 3 representatives and the General ward 7 representatives. This is Very Simple. This idea of having an At Large ward I find very confusing, fearing that this will drive away potential voters because no one understands what's going on.

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

Democracy would require 7 representatives NOT four on the general ward.

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the Māori Ward?**

Your maths above is extremely confusing. I have no idea about what you're doing multiplying the 6 councilors by .28 the % of Maori. Please keep this simple to encourage people to vote and stop confusing the voters with gobbly gook. .28% represents 3 Maori Ward seats.

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

Not at all interested in At Large Wards. I believe this will corrupt the democratic process. The more complex the options the more cynical and alienated voters will become. Keep things simple NO confusion.

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"?**

To retain the present system.

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

Again I stress to be a democratic voting system we should have 3 Maori Wards and 7 General Wards. Also why do you need to know my ETHNICITY?? Is this questionnaire influenced by Race??

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te**

Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

not answered

Q14. I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

not answered



Respondent No: 31

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Sep 23, 2021 10:02:31 am

Last Seen: Sep 23, 2021 10:02:31 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Dot Anson

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

10 plus the mayor is more than enough.

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

I am happy with 1 Maori Ward as there are about 30% Maori in the council area. This should be 3 seats for this ward. The rest should be general ward (70% general) and therefore 7 seats. This would be the only option that would be equitable. The possibility of an unfair proportion of either general or Maori representatives would not represent the current population in the council area.

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

This is too open to miss representation of the population. See above comment.

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the Māori Ward?**

As stated previously I am happy with a Maori ward and this should be 3 seats. The rest should be general.

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

This is unnecessary if you allow for 3 seats in the Maori ward. They would represent the 30% of Maori in the area. The rest should be general. Why make it more complicated than it needs to be. Eliminate the possibility of either being misrepresented in numbers.

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"?**

I'm unsure if these are needed at all. If the council can not represent the community at large, the councillors should not be there at all.

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

I think we need to have 1 mayor, 10 councillors: including a Maori ward of 3 seats (30%) and 7 general seats (70%) this is the only way to ensure fair representation of the area.

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te**

Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

not answered

Q14. I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

not answered



Respondent No: 32

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Sep 23, 2021 15:05:25 pm

Last Seen: Sep 23, 2021 15:05:25 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Andrea Hammond

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Not sure what this is supposed to be for - what is Imera?

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

The number of councillors is appropriate for a city the size of Rotorua, but it would be preferable if there was a limit on the number of terms a councillor can be on council. There are a number of councillors who seemingly do not wish to stand down from council, even though it is fairly apparent that they are no longer achieving much on behalf of voters.

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

Separatist representation (ie Maori vs non-Maori) is unnecessary. Anyone elected to the council should be voted in on their ability to do the job, not their ethnicity.

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

All Councillors should be elected via the General Ward.

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the Māori Ward?**

It is separatist and divisive and heading towards apartheid. What happened to "together, together" or is that only applicable when convenient?

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

All Councillors should be elected by ALL voters.

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

The Community Boards should be retained, and possibly expanded. The "nominated councillor" for each should be someone who is actually living in that part of the community.

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

There seems little point suggesting anything given that the addition of Maori Wards has been presented as a non-negotiable. I hope the Council pays attention to all feedback received and makes adjustments according to the requirements of the electorate. I am offended by the way the questions are largely presented in Maori, and then SOME are translated to English. It is intimidating to the majority of people who do not understand Maori, it is a language used by a small minority and should not be used in place of English which most people understand and would prefer. Also question 3 around ethnicity - why are there only 2 choices and why is there no option not to answer? This is also intimidating and offensive.

Q12. Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing? Kao - No

Q13. I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

not answered

Q14. I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

not answered



Respondent No: 33

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Sep 23, 2021 16:00:57 pm

Last Seen: Sep 23, 2021 16:00:57 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

malcolm campbell

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

There should be a greater number of councillors to ensure that there is coverage to eliminate ANY possible sway one side or the other(demographically).

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

This current proposal in my view is slanted out of local control.....or should i say we need more accountability and control for the existing council.....greater numbers may help assist in stopping there being a majority over rule similar to what we have seen over previous years.....ie... more councillors , more diversity.....more discussion !! Maybe added extras in the ` elected at large ' area ??

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

Increase the general Ward to say 6 members

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the MāoriWard?**

Too many under this regime..its only 1.68.....round it down = 1 !!

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

Increase this to 6 also.....

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

Fine as they are.....

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

I'm guessing this is in part just a ` Lip-service ' form for those of us wanting to say something because we are fed up with the way councils operate these days. It's unfortunate that in this day and age of ` woke politics ' that we as the ratepayers/tax payers have to put up with people who pretend to be looking after the betterment of all when in fact there appears to be hidden agendas. Yes....i am a disgruntled person wondering where you as our local guardians are leading us.....it's too late i think i already have that answer..... :(PS.....not sure why or what the ref. to whether or not i am of maori heritage counts here.....are we not to be treated as a united personsobviously not . :(

Q12. Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing? Kao - No

Q13. I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

not answered

Q14. I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

not answered



Respondent No: 35

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Sep 24, 2021 08:04:19 am

Last Seen: Sep 24, 2021 08:04:19 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Samual

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

How do we vote no confidence on our mayor

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

To Many - We don't need to divide this town more so.

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

Not Good. Everyone is leaving this town and being replace with homeless. Hurry up and sort this out!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

Not Good

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the MāoriWard?**

Not Good

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

Not Good

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

Leave it alone

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

Leave it alone

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te** Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. **I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered



Respondent No: 36

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Sep 24, 2021 12:18:36 pm

Last Seen: Sep 24, 2021 12:18:36 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Greg

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Gardiner

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

Keep the number the same

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

I disagree with the proposal

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

I disagree with the wards system

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the Māori Ward?**

Separate wards are unnecessary, all councillor's should be elected on their individual merit's.

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

As stated in my previous answer

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

Keep the status quo

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

Anything that reduces the excessive rates we have to pay in this city!

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te** Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. **I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered



Respondent No: 37

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Sep 24, 2021 12:21:20 pm

Last Seen: Sep 24, 2021 12:21:20 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

James

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

10 is probably a good number or even 8

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

Too confusing. There should just be an At Large ward as we have previously had.

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

There should be a at large ward.

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the MāoriWard?**

This is too confusing - our Council has excellent representation from competent Maori who are voted by Maori and non-Maori alike. It would be bad if I was on the general ward and couldn't vote for a Maori candidate who I thought did an excellent job because they could only be voted on by people on the Maori electoral or vice versa.

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

Everyone should be at large

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

I don't think there should be community boards or if they are, they don't get a decision vote as they only represent a certain segment of society.

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

Status Quo

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te**

Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

not answered



Respondent No: 39

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Sep 24, 2021 19:50:06 pm

Last Seen: Sep 24, 2021 19:50:06 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Kerry Starling

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

10 is a good number

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

It is undemocratic, unrepresentative and should be rejected. It is being promoted as part of a co-governance agenda to give Maori more opportunity to be over-represented on Council relative to their proportion of the Rotorua population. I would prefer non race based politics but, given we are stuck with Māori Wards, I would rather see the 10 Council seats apportioned based on enrolment on the general role and Māori role - 7:3.

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

See earlier comments

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the Māori Ward?**

See earlier comments

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

See earlier comments

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

Retain the Community Boards

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

See earlier comments

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te**

Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

not answered



Respondent No: 40

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Sep 25, 2021 17:08:36 pm

Last Seen: Sep 25, 2021 17:08:36 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Craig Wilson

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

We dont need a bigger council - you are voted on to make decisions, not appoint or pass on these decisions to other non voted representatives

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

About right

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

We dont need any more representation. Just make decisions and get on with it

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

Not needed

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the MāoriWard?**

Not needed - representatives should be elected

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

We dont need any more

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

Same as before not needed

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

Stay the same - but limit the number of times a person can be a council - say 3 terms max.

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?**

Kao - No

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

not answered



Respondent No: 42

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Sep 29, 2021 10:12:16 am

Last Seen: Sep 29, 2021 10:12:16 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Andrew Trott

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

My preference is 12 councillors - 6 elected from general ward, 2 elected from Maori ward, 4 elected at large, 1 elected Mayor

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

See above

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

Should be 6 elected members from a general ward.

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the Māori Ward?**

Should be 12 councillors total with 2 from Maori ward

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

N/A

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"?**

N/A

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

N/A

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te** Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. **I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered



Respondent No: 43

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Sep 29, 2021 10:18:08 am

Last Seen: Sep 29, 2021 10:18:08 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name** Brian Goddard

Q2. **Īmēra - Email** N/A

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

I think 15 elected councillors.

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

N/A

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

N/A

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the Māori Ward?**

I am strongly against a Maori ward. You should only be on any Council by Merit voted on by people of your town, city.

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

I agree with this.

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

N/A

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

N/A

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te** Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. **I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered



Respondent No: 44

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Sep 29, 2021 11:23:38 am

Last Seen: Sep 29, 2021 11:23:38 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Mitch Collins

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

Any more Councillors would probably dilute strength. Any less, probably affect diversity in thought.

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

Simplicity is often most effective. I would propose General Wards and Maori Wards only.

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

Status Quo

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the MāoriWard?**

Maori Political structure more complex. Not sure 2 members is enough.

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

Will this be expected to achieve 28% representation (i.e. 1 in 4 members) given recent voting turnout?

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

From my experience of working within a Local Community Association and with the Lakes Community Board, I find that the Community Boards are made up of a few elected members, from a small pool of candidates - with very little competition and very little role expectation. The role of some appears to be to advance very small interests for small interest groups and they have no communication with the community at large. Their engagement with resident and ratepayer/community associations being superficial at best. As Secretary of LOCA I find we either get little response to correspondence as observed in repeated emails and RLCB minuted meeting items. It is often easier to go direct to Councillors, or to Council staff for any issues we have and have found the inclusion of the Community Board obfuscates some issues. Resources devoted to presenting to these groups would be better focused to presenting regular "town halls" and forums to support rural/lakes community associations that in some areas struggle for membership (i.e. Rotoma).

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

I propose abandoning the Community Boards. If these members feel they need they need representation, there is strong potential for them to get elected as a Councillor, where they can best represent the community with full resources and commitment. Residents of Rural and Lakes areas have displayed that can still have access to Council services and representation without them.

Q12. Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing? Kao - No

Q13. I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

not answered

Q14. I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

not answered



Respondent No: 45

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Sep 29, 2021 13:40:59 pm

Last Seen: Sep 29, 2021 13:40:59 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name** Grant Chapman

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

10 is OK but 12 would see a greater diversification and diminish the influence of personal agenda power groups.

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

I applaud the idea of introducing Maori Wards based on the percentage of population and the balance coming from the General Ward. I am strongly opposed to including an At Large component.

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

The General Ward should be the balance of 100% less the Maori Ward percentage.

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the Māori Ward?**

I fully support the introduction of Maori Wards based on the percentage of the local population, the balance of representatives from the General Ward and no At Large ward.

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

I am totally opposed to At Larger Wards. I only support Maori Wards and General Wards

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

I fully support the two existing Community Boards and consider a third Suburban Ward is necessary.

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

I only support Maori and General Wards based on percentages. As previously noted, I am against the existing proposal that includes At Large wards.

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te** Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

not answered



Respondent No: 46

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Sep 29, 2021 15:21:02 pm

Last Seen: Sep 29, 2021 15:21:02 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Barbara Gatley

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

10 councillors plus the Mayor seems to have worked well over the past years. Please don't make the council too big. We have had a good range of ethnicity and age in the present council.

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

This seems to be a very fair framework.

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

I agree with a General Ward. I would not like to see Rotorua split into small wards again as we have had in the past. A General Ward gives voters a good range of candidates to choose from.

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the Māori Ward?**

This seems to be a fair way to determine the number of councillors representing the Maori Ward

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

I do not know whether candidates for election may stand in both the General Ward or Maori Ward and the "At Large" ward. I agree in principle with an "At Large" ward but would like more detail.

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

no comment

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

No comment

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te** Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

not answered



Respondent No: 47

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Sep 30, 2021 09:19:04 am

Last Seen: Sep 30, 2021 09:19:04 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. Ingoa - Name N/A

Q2. Īmēra - Email N/A

Q3. Ethnicity

Q4. Nama waea - Phone number N/A

Q5. He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?

N/A

Q6. He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?

N/A

Q7. He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?

N/A

Q8. He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the Māori Ward?

N/A

Q9. He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?

N/A

Q10. He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"

N/A

Q11. As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...

That Maori Roll Vote for their two Maori Wards and have 8 other votes from General Wards. General Electoral Voters Vote for 10 non Maori Ward candidates (General Ward). i.e. Everyone gets to have 10 votes and Maori Wards ensure that they have guaranteed election of two candidates. Maori already have extra voting privileges in the form of their representatives who inform and vote on council policy. If Maori voters think that 1) their Maori candidates are not strong enough to get elected or 2) that 2 Maori wards do not reflect their population percentage, there should be another Maori ward and their vote would be reduced by General Ward.

Q12. Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing? Kao - No

Q13. I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

not answered

Q14. I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

not answered



Respondent No: 50

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Sep 30, 2021 19:11:55 pm

Last Seen: Sep 30, 2021 19:11:55 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Lorraine Willoughby

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

I think the city would benefit from having more councilors because we have welcomed and accepted many families from around the world and they should be represented.. Their cultural views may enrich ours.

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

I am strongly of the opinion that Maori as first people's should always be part of any dialog in relation to our motu and not be disestablished.

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

As long as there is diversity, otherwise no.

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the MāoriWard?**

2 Maori councilors is not enough.

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

I agree that everyone deserves the right to vote.

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

Yes

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

not answered

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te** Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

not answered



Respondent No: 51

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Sep 30, 2021 19:32:39 pm

Last Seen: Sep 30, 2021 19:32:39 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Alexandra Madden

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

I don't think we should have changed to wards but as we are stuck with it, I prefer a democratic proportional representation of our community i.e 28% Maori, 72% general. Anyone can stand for council and we have very capable Maori councillors so there is already a representation of our community.

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

There should be 7 seats in the general ward. There is nothing stopping anyone from standing for council.

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

there should be 7 seats in the general ward.

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the MāoriWard?**

If we have to have Maori Wards, there should be 3 seats for the 28% Maori roll to make it fair and democratic.

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

This is not fair or democratic. I find it totally unacceptable. It is also an insult to Maori, making an assumption that they are not capable of standing for themselves.

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

status quo please

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

I would prefer option 1

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te**

Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

not answered



Respondent No: 52

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Oct 01, 2021 15:10:02 pm

Last Seen: Oct 01, 2021 15:10:02 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Richard Evans

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

10 is fine

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

Maori ward is very bad. One person, one vote. Why not a ward for Dutch descendants?

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

Pakeha and Maori, one vote only.

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the MāoriWard?**

If you get Maori on General Ward + 2 on Maori Ward, then that is unbalanced. Best to scrap Maori Ward altogether.

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

Only ratepayers should have a vote.

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

Good.

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

One ratepayer - one vote. Non ratepayers get no vote.

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te** Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. **I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered



Respondent No: 53

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Oct 01, 2021 15:43:23 pm

Last Seen: Oct 01, 2021 15:43:23 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Deborah Haley

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

I see no reason for there to be any change in number of Councillors

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

Notwithstanding ratepayers views, Council's decision to intro Maori Wards has been made, so must be accepted. However I believe the At Large Ward disproportionately boosts the voting power of those on the Maori roll and therefore should not be used as this gives an unfair advantage to those Maori voters.

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

I believe it would be democratic and fair for there to be 7 seats in the General Ward which matches the 72% on the electoral roll.

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the Māori Ward?**

As there are 28% on the Maori Electoral roll, to be democratic and fair there should be 3 seats in the Maori Ward

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

The "At Large" seats are not acceptable. They provide unequal voting power and infringe the principle of equal voting.

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"?**

These are policy advisory boards of Council and no change is warranted. No to any proposed change.

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

Option 1 with 7 seats for the 72% voters on the General Roll, 3 seats for the 28% on the Maori Roll, and no change to the election of the Mayor, the Community Boards or Te Tatau o Te Arawa.

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te**

Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

not answered



Respondent No: 54

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Oct 01, 2021 15:56:14 pm

Last Seen: Oct 01, 2021 15:56:14 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Rosalie Smith

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

No more than 10

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

Disagree with this framework. NZ was the first county to give women the vote. Suffrage is very important. One person one vote. Nobody's vote is worth more than anyone else's. The option of two Maori Wards and the rest General Wards is the fairest way. Dividing the population in any other way is divisive and not the way NZers want their country to be in the future.

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

The wards should be representative of the population. Therefore I strongly disagree with this model. Your survey is very biased. It only promotes one option. Very poor surveying.

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the Māori Ward?**

Potentially not proportionally representative, given the At Large component

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

Unnecessary to have At Large Councillors in this scenario. We had that and the Government decided to change it on a whim. Either everyone is At Large or we have proportional wards according to the population. Everyone At Large is no longer an option.

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"?**

What is wrong with the current system?

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

The Council are hell bent on disproportionate representation. You would have to question why. Democracy is about equality. One person. One vote. Your proposal skews that. From the options given, the option of 2 Maori wards which represents that percentage of voters, and the remaining wards for the General population no matter their ethnicity (including Maori who enrol in the General Roll), is the fairest of the options. The Government has insisted on Wards. In that case apportion the Wards according to the population enrolments on each roll.

Q12. Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing? Kao - No

Q13. I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

not answered

Q14. I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

not answered



Respondent No: 55

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Oct 02, 2021 10:40:04 am

Last Seen: Oct 02, 2021 10:40:04 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Gill Nelson

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

My choice. Option 1.

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

No to mixed model

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

No

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the MāoriWard?**

No

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

No

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

As they are

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

not answered

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te** Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. **I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered



Respondent No: 56

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Oct 02, 2021 11:01:53 am

Last Seen: Oct 02, 2021 11:01:53 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Suzanne Taylor

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

The total number of Councilors are a fair representation.

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

The Maori ward is representation of a Community of Interest and should continue. The General Ward should be a fair and equitable representation of the whole the community including all other Communities of Interest, especially the communities' that contribute considerable portion of the Rate Take. By the addition of a rural ward would support this particular Community of Interest.

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

This Ward would be better served by three seats instead of four. (General electoral voters minus rural voters).

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the MāoriWard?**

The Maori ward is representation of a Community of Interest with two seats and voted by those on the Maori Electoral Role.

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

"At Large" component - 4 seats, for everyone to vote for is supported.

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

Community Boards (Lakes and Rural) should be retained - a vehicle to gather rural voice and feedback to council.

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

1 Mayor plus 10 Councilors 1 General Ward 3 seats (General electoral voters minus rural voters) 1 A Large Ward with 4 seats (all can vote) 1 Maori Ward with 2 seats(Maori electoral role can vote) 1 Rural Ward with 1 seat (Rural only can vote)

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te**

Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga?Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

not answered



Respondent No: 57

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Oct 02, 2021 11:22:19 am

Last Seen: Oct 02, 2021 11:22:19 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Terry Taylor

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

Support 1 Mayor plus 10 Councillors.

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

Retail Mixed model as suggested by council but add a rural ward.

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

Support a General Ward with 3 seats instead of 4 seats.

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the Māori Ward?**

Support a Maori Ward with 2 seats.

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

Support an At Large ward with 4 councillors adds to the rural residents ability to vote for more people, as it does for Maori and General voters.

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

Support the retention of Rural and Lakes Community Boards.

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

1 Mayor and 10 Councillors 1 General Ward 3 seats (General electoral voters minus rural voters) 1 At large Ward with 4 seats (all can vote) 1 Maori Ward with 2 seats (Maori electoral role voters) 1 Rural Ward with 1 seat (Rural only can vote)

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te**

Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

not answered



Respondent No: 58

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Oct 02, 2021 11:33:03 am

Last Seen: Oct 02, 2021 11:33:03 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Martin Green

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

10

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

We do not need any more Councillors

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

We do not need a General Ward

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the Māori Ward?**

No councillors from the Maori Ward

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

No to the Ta Large proposal

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

We do not need Community Boards

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

Stay as is

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te** Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. **I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered



Respondent No: 60

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Oct 02, 2021 14:21:29 pm

Last Seen: Oct 02, 2021 14:21:29 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Timothy Madden

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

Stay at 10 - no change

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

I believe the framework undemocratic from the outset and an "At Large" component should not be used.

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

There should be 7 seats on the general ward to match the general electoral roll

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the Māori Ward?**

I disagree with the need for a Maori ward but as we are stuck with it, there should be three councillors here in line with the Maori roll.

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

"At Large" seats would be undemocratic and is unacceptable.

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"?**

No change to Community Boards

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

Something more democratic should be considered

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?**

Kao - No

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

not answered



Respondent No: 62

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Oct 02, 2021 18:42:26 pm

Last Seen: Oct 02, 2021 18:42:26 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Janet france-goss

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

We have too many now. So no more than 10.

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

It is far from a fair model. Democracy means everyone has the same chance to vote. This puts 28% of the community with a greater share of the vote. So remove the at large component. Keep the general ward and the maori ward. Do not penalize the portion if the community who have no maori affiliation. Keep it fair do not tip the scales just to benefit the few at the expense of the many.

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

The general ward should be bigger as relative to the proportion of the community maori:non maori. 4 seats is unfair and inequitable. As you state there is 72% of the community being non maori so why only 4 elected members when 28% get 2 members based on the calculation relative to population base. If

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the MāoriWard?**

This is about right.

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

This is not suffrage because it gives the 28% bigger portion of the vote and is totally wrong. This is unbalanced everybody's right to democracy in favour of the few. Sorry no. Keep these 4 in the general vote. This is maximizing the vote of the few. Everyone has the right to vote currently just because some don't doesn't mean it is OK to create an unfair system.

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

If you create the ward seat then you don't need the community boards anymore. The ward vote with 2 elected seats for maori mean there is a voice in council for advocating maori perspectives. Otherwise once again there is double dipping for a minority percentage of the community population

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

Maori Ward with 2 seats and general ward with 8 seats

Q12. Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing? Kao - No

Q13. I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

not answered

Q14. I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

not answered



Respondent No: 63

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Oct 03, 2021 11:23:20 am

Last Seen: Oct 03, 2021 11:23:20 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Rob Duthie

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

keep it the same no more than 10 !!!

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

We are all the same don't split people up on race gender.

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

Mix all together

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the MāoriWard?**

Mix all together we are all the same!!! Kiwis, Maori,Pakeha etc!!

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

All at large

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

Not sure

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

Everybody is the same, this splitting up will cost us more in rates etc. All one people

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te** Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. **I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered



Respondent No: 64

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Oct 03, 2021 11:28:59 am

Last Seen: Oct 03, 2021 11:28:59 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Norman David O'Brien

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

Ten plus the Mayor.

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

Maori ward, three councillors. General ward, seven councillors. No "at large" councillors.

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

Seven councillors.

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the MāoriWard?**

Three councillors. 9

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

Three councillors.

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

Leave them as they are.

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

Ten councillors. Three Maori ward councillors. Seven general ward councillors. No "at large" councillors

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te** Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. **I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered



Respondent No: 65

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Oct 03, 2021 12:46:05 pm

Last Seen: Oct 03, 2021 12:46:05 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Rosalie

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

Agree

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

Strongly disagree with including an "at large" component.

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

Strongly disagree with the proposal of only 4 elected members for the general ward.

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the Māori Ward?**

Strongly disagree with the proposal of only 2 elected members for the Maori ward.

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

Stongly disagree with the proposal for an "At Large" component. This must not be approved.

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

Strongly disagree with the rural member having any input regarding non rural matters. The rural member should have restrictions in place to ensure involvement is only allowed for matters that impact on rural areas.

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

I strongly support having 1 Mayor, 7 elected members from the general ward and 3 elected members from the Maori ward.
NO AT LARGE COMPONENT WHATSOEVER.

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te**

Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

not answered



Respondent No: 66

Login: greg cox

Email:

Responded At: Oct 04, 2021 14:31:44 pm

Last Seen: Oct 04, 2021 00:53:34 am

IP Address: 222.152.108.252

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Greg

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

The Rotorua council are practici

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

Council are practicing corruption. The ratepayers of Rotorua have no say in the way we live and die. We are puppets' Elections are rigged to the benefit of crooked' so called' elected officials, putting themselves in power. How dare they.! ratepayers are being ignored and overlooked to facilitate the present regime who are running rough shod. I propose that the Mayor and her deputy immediately step down. All unelected Councilors shd remove themselves from office

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

Terrible.

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

Not much.

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the MāoriWard?**

Not much

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

Bugger all

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

Represent us properly

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

Get rid of council members supporting water way bill

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?**

Check this box if you are going to present your comments in person to Council to provide a contact email/phone number to ensure we can respond to you to confirm your attendance.

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

not answered



Respondent No: 67

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Oct 04, 2021 14:37:13 pm

Last Seen: Oct 04, 2021 14:37:13 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Yvonne Hathaway

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

Yes 10 Councillors

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

A mixed model should be retained, however this model needs to be Democratic with the same voting rights for all. I believe the current model does not represent the rural sector and a Rural Ward should be introduced. The Rural sector contributes significantly to the Rates pool and the economy of the region. While a Rural Community Board operates as a "go between" the council and rural community, it does not have voting rights in council and there is a problem with that in my view.

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

To accommodate a Rural Ward there should be 3 seats in the General Ward where General Electoral voters, bar Rural Residents, could vote. This would make room for a much needed Rural Ward with 1 seat.

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the Māori Ward?**

1 Maori Ward with 2 seats - only those on the Maori Electoral roll can vote

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

Fair

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

While valuable in that these Boards are a voice they have no voting rights in Council

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

1 Mayor plus 10 councilors •1 General Ward 3 seats (General electoral voters minus rural voters) •1 At Large Ward with 4 seats(all can vote) •1 Maori Ward with 2 seats (Maori electoral role can vote) •1 Rural Ward with 1 seat (Rural only can vote) Retain Rural Community Board and a Lakes Community Board This offers a better representation and a more Democratic option.

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te**

Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

not answered

Q14. I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

not answered



Respondent No: 68

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Oct 04, 2021 16:25:10 pm

Last Seen: Oct 04, 2021 16:25:10 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Sharyn Taylor

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

Ten is ok but no more I would prefer eight

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

Don't agree with the wards they shouldn't be necessary.

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

Why do we need a General Ward and how are these people elected on to it and by whom? Does the Mayor appoint them?
Seems like we the voters are going to be voting for pre-selected people chosen by whom?

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the Māori Ward?**

Do we need a Maori Ward? we have always had Maori representation on our Rotorua council who have been elected on their own merits and were not ordered to be put there by a Government Directive from Wellington who are interfering with all local body councils up and down the country by telling them how to run their council business. Our council has always been fairly represented by local Maori who do extremely well on our council and have always had the best interests of Rotorua at heart for all the people Maori and non Maori.

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

*Adhering to the principle of suffrage where everyone has the right to vote Isn't this fundamental to voting for who we the ratepayers want on our council anyway without any pre-directive from council as to who they might want as it seems in the General Ward. Get real Council stop trying to confuse people with your silly wards. People who want to stand for council will do so and we the people of Rotorua will vote for those people according to what it is they are standing for.

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

The Community boards are alright as they are, at least we can vote for the people who have our districts best interest at heart. The only comment I have about them is they appear to be attracting certain people who are pushing their own screwed up agendas with out any thought for the long term consequences ie Greenies, Climate change activists, and Environmentalists, some of whom are very dictorial and use the Community boards to advance their ridiculous views about every thing. There needs to be a balance. This Government needs to keep its nose out of Community Board affairs and stop using the Treaty to dictate to them .

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

Keep the Community Boards as they are .

Q12. Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing? Kao - No

Q13. I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

not answered

Q14. I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

not answered



Respondent No: 69

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Oct 04, 2021 20:07:33 pm

Last Seen: Oct 04, 2021 20:07:33 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Greg Cox

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

Sounds great however the Mayor shd not vote

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

No! The pr5oposal is Rediculous

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

Seems logical

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the MāoriWard?**

Total garbage

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

The proposal makes logical sense,

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

No comment

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

no comment

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te** Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. **I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered



Respondent No: 70

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Oct 05, 2021 12:21:53 pm

Last Seen: Oct 05, 2021 12:21:53 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Jackie

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

It appears the councils operates well with the current number of councillors, there is no information being given to explain why there would need to be an increase in numbers.

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

There is no say in the framework regarding General and Maori wards as the decision has already been made. I would like to see every councillor gaining seats on votes and therefore merit, not ethnicity.

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

It should be proportional - to the demographic of our population

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the MāoriWard?**

Again - now we have Maori wards they should be proportional to our demographic

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

I see no point in having an At Large ward to boost democracy within our council - surely it is already a democratic system.

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

Retain the Boards

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

not answered

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te** Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

not answered



Respondent No: 71

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Oct 05, 2021 14:07:28 pm

Last Seen: Oct 05, 2021 14:07:28 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Mark Oxley

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

Retain current number of Councillors i.e. no change

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

As Council as already made the decision, we have to accept that we now have Maori Wards. I do not agree with an "at Large" component. Fair and effective representative would be in accordance with the electoral rolls

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

There should be 7 seats on the General Roll so that it is representative of the 72% of voters on the Electoral Roll

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the Māori Ward?**

There should be 3 seats available in the Maori Ward which is representative of those voters enrolled on the Maori Electoral Roll thus being democratic and fair

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

There is no requirement for an "At Large" ward as it would not be democratic or fair as it would go the foundation of equal voting rights by giving those on the General Ward a 14% boost compared to those on the Maori Ward that would receive a 100% boost. An "at Large" ward is unacceptable.

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

No change is necessary in respect to these "Community Boards" being policy advisory boards to Council

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

Option 1 with 7 seats for the 72% voters on the General Roll, 3 seats for the 28% on the Māori Roll, and no change to the election of the Mayor, the Rural and Lakes community board members or Te Tatau o Te Arawa

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te**

Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

not answered



Respondent No: 72

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Oct 05, 2021 20:45:49 pm

Last Seen: Oct 05, 2021 20:45:49 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name** cushla paice

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

see below

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

i fully support Te Tatau o Te Arawa to represent my interests in this matter and fully support their submission. i voted for them to represent. i did not attend their consultation hui as i trust them to represent the interests of myself and Te Arawa whanui. their submission supports a different proposal. if you want to know what Te Arawa want then please read their submission.

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

as above

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the MāoriWard?**

as above

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

as above

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

as above

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

that Te Tatau o Te Arawa submission is given the full weight that it deserves as the representatives of Te Arawa.

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te** Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

not answered



Respondent No: 73

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Oct 06, 2021 06:38:13 am

Last Seen: Oct 06, 2021 06:38:13 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Kath Weren

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

1 Mayor plus 10 councillors ok

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

We need rural representation

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

3 seats and create a rural ward 1x seat

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the Māori Ward?**

ok

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

ok

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

Retain community boards

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

1x general ward=3 seats. 1x at large ward= 4 seats. 1xmaori ward=2 seats. 1xRural ward=1 seat

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te** Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. **I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered



Respondent No: 74

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Oct 06, 2021 09:25:40 am

Last Seen: Oct 06, 2021 09:25:40 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name** Raina Meha

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

I support 10 councillors which is a reasonable and practical number.

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

I support the mixed model arrangement. The creation of a Maori Ward is commended to effectively reflect the tangata whenua status of Te Arawa.

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

I support one general ward comprising six elected members.

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the Māori Ward?**

Disagree. I support a Maori Ward with 3 elected members to recognise the unique tangata whenua status of Maori and in particular Te Arawa. Furthermore the Maori population is projected to grow and should be reflected in local government decision making.

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

Disagree. I support 1 elected member at large.

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

These should be retained to reflect the reality and actual landscape of Rotorua District which is not just urban.

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

NA

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te** Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

not answered



Respondent No: 77

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Oct 06, 2021 15:16:39 pm

Last Seen: Oct 06, 2021 15:16:39 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Helen Bell

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

10 councillors is fine.

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

The mixed model should be retained , but to gain fair representation from rural residents a Rural Ward should be added. As rural residents we have specific needs and challenges. It is important they are understood . We are an essential and vibrant part of the Rotorua Lakes Council.We contribute 30% of the rates income(Draft RLC Long Term Plan 2021) and Agribusiness contributes 25% to the GDP of the Rotorua district. We need a voice in the council which in the past has been sadly lacking. A Rural Ward would help remedy this.

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

Have 3 elected members for the General ward ,rather than 4 elected members.

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the MāoriWard?**

Thats ok.

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

At large with 4 councillors adds to the rural residents to vote for more people ,as it does for Maori and other general voters.

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

These are fine as a means to hear concerns /ideas from rural residents. As they have no voting rights they are not as effective as they could be. This is why we need a rural ward.

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

10 councillors. 1 Mayor 1 Maori Ward with 2 seats (MEP vote for.) 1 Rural Ward with 1 seat (Rural GEP vote for) 1 General Ward with 4 seats (GEP vote for) 1 AT Large Ward with 3 seats (All vote for) A Rotorua Rural Community Board (4 elected members and 1 appointed councillor) A Rotorua Lakes Community Board (4 elected members and 1 appointed councillor)

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te**

Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga?Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

not answered

Q14. I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

not answered



Respondent No: 78

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Oct 06, 2021 15:19:55 pm

Last Seen: Oct 06, 2021 15:19:55 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Keiko Walker

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

I agree with the number

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

I don't understand why it is needed to separate between Maori and others and at large. The community should be on unified.

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

I don't agree with separation.

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the Māori Ward?**

I don't understand why separated from Maori and others.

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

I don't see any reason for this group.

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

It is good as it is, since I don't hear any problems.

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

not answered

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?**

Kao - No

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. **I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered



Respondent No: 79

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Oct 06, 2021 15:37:27 pm

Last Seen: Oct 06, 2021 15:37:27 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Helen Crawford

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

support

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

support

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

support

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the Māori Ward?**

support

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

support

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

support the boards but not the number of elected members within the board. Prefer same number as the Maori Ward.

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

Community Boards be represented same as the Maori Ward

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te** Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. **I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered



Respondent No: 81

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Oct 06, 2021 16:45:46 pm

Last Seen: Oct 06, 2021 16:45:46 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

David Phillips

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

Agree 10 councillors

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

Disagree "At large ward." Either return to Councillors being "Ward Based" for better accountability or retain general wad as now.

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

Not happy. No accountability by Councillors, Proposed arrangement not truly representing demographics.

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the Māori Ward?**

It is a done deed. Two Maori Councillors Ok with me.

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

Very unhappy with this. Maori have their Ward & their vote, so should everyone else in their Ward.

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

Nothing to add.

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

Either return to previous system of ward based Councillors plus Maori Ward or one general ward Plus Maori ward.

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te** Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. **I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered



Respondent No: 83

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Oct 06, 2021 23:16:51 pm

Last Seen: Oct 06, 2021 23:16:51 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Wieland Hartwig

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

10 councillors plus the mayor

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

1 Māori Ward (Te Ipu Wai Taketake) 1 General Ward (Te Ipu Wai Auraki) No "At Large" component

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

General Ward 7 seats. As in any proper democracy.

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the MāoriWard?**

Maori Ward 3 seats. As in any proper democracy.

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

None. Not needed.

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

No change.

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

not answered

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te** Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. **I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered



Respondent No: 85

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Oct 07, 2021 11:12:22 am

Last Seen: Oct 07, 2021 11:12:22 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Andrew Monk

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

I believe that the number of councillors should stay the same at 10.

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

I do not support the proposal to establish the presented Mixed Model for the following reasons: 1. It is unnecessarily complicated when compared to the existing model. 2. The model is not truly democratic because it does not have the principle of equal suffrage. Equal suffrage should mean one person, one vote, one value. 3. The model is said to be an attempt to 'provide a fair and effective framework'. It doesn't actually achieve this because the 'at large' ward disproportionately boosts the voting power of those on the Maori Roll. 4. The council has made a rod for its own back by creating the Maori ward. You have unwisely divided the democratic model into two tribes: Maori and Non Maori. In your own words: "The establishment of the Maori Ward, has by design created a circumstance that could be seen to push the Maori representation into a minority position". The important words to consider here in this context are 'could be seen'. It either does or it doesn't. That's a big difference. Because if it is based merely on a perception; to right a perceived issue, the 'at large' ward will effectively achieve the opposite result. This model may well be a preferred outcome based on the current elected Mayor and majority of councillors personal views. However, I'm not sure that these views accurately represent the majority of the voting population of Rotorua as the best model for the future. Time will tell based on the submissions you receive. Should the majority of submissions be against, what gives you the right to go ahead and create a new model if the majority of people in Rotorua don't actually support it or agree with it? Because if this is the case, you will have failed the principles of democracy and the people of Rotorua. Each individual citizen should have a fair and equal say in what happens in their community.

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

There should be 7 seats in the General Ward to match the 72% on the General Electoral Roll because it would be democratic and fair.

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the Māori Ward?**

There should be 3 seats in the Maori Ward to match the 28% on the Maori Electoral Roll because it would be democratic and fair with equal suffrage.

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

By my calculations, this proposed ward with 4 seats would boost the voting power of those on the General Roll by a small percentage while boosting the voting power of those on the Maori Roll by 100%. That would not be democratic or fair because it doesn't meet the principle of equal suffrage. One group of people could potentially have greater voting power than others depending on the tactical decisions of candidates by which ward they propose to stand for.

Q10. He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"

The current Community Board Models would seem to be still appropriate.

Q11. As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...

Keep it simple and keep it democratic. Two wards - one Maori, one General, based on the electoral rolls. The proportion of councillors for each ward to be reviewed each election cycle to determine correct proportionality of representation.

Q12. Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te Kao - No

**Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to
present your comments to Council in person at
a hearing?**

Q13. I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

not answered

Q14. I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

not answered



Respondent No: 89

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Oct 07, 2021 12:21:39 pm

Last Seen: Oct 07, 2021 12:21:39 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Stephen Axtens

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Ok

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

There needs to be a Rural Ward hence 11 councillors and 1 mayor

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

The frame work is floored.... There has to be rural representation. Rural folk contribut 30 % of concil rate take. That surely entitles Rural folk to have a say.

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

Ok

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the Māori Ward?**

Ok

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

Ok

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

Ok

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

not answered

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te**

Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. **I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered



Respondent No: 90

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Oct 07, 2021 12:38:14 pm

Last Seen: Oct 07, 2021 12:38:14 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Phil Butler

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

Are happy to run with the status quo of 10. But if the councils believes that we can not have a rural councillor because of numbers then I would like there to be 11 councillors to encompass rural representation.

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

As mentioned for the representation to be fair & effective I believe we definately need a rural councillor.

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

I believe that this number should be reduced to 3 to make way for a rural councillor .

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the MāoriWard?**

I believe we should have only 2 Maori wards.

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

Should only be for 4 councillors.

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

Retain these community boards to liase with the rural councillor.

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

Maori Wards (2 councillors) Rural Ward (1 councillor) General Ward (3 Councillors) At large (4 councillors)

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te** Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. **I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered



Respondent No: 91

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Oct 07, 2021 13:51:47 pm

Last Seen: Oct 07, 2021 13:51:47 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Simon smale

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

We need more, more minds are more likely to pick up when an idea is terrible. Make it 16

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

Poor framework, maori wards were a mistake and will serve only to further racism and division. Maori were already represented well in our region. Voting and election rights should never be based on race.

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

Any political system based on race rather than merit is a terrible, backwards idea that will result in more separation between people from different ethnic backgrounds. The whole thing is wrong, but since it's apparently too late to change that, representation should be of an equal ratio to the national population of said ethnicities. E.g 14% maori population = 14% representation.

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the MāoriWard?**

Any political system based on race rather than merit is a terrible, backwards idea that will result in more separation between people from different ethnic backgrounds. The whole thing is wrong, but since it's apparently too late to change that, representation should be of an equal ratio to the national population of said ethnicities. E.g 14% maori population = 14% representation.

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

Any political system based on race rather than merit is a terrible, backwards idea that will result in more separation between people from different ethnic backgrounds. The whole thing is wrong, but since it's apparently too late to change that, representation should be of an equal ratio to the national population of said ethnicities. E.g 14% maori population = 14% representation.

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

Yes, this representation is important as issues faced are different to the issues in town, and if no one is there to advocate, nothing will be done about the complaints.

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

A fair, merit based voting system that is not in any way based on what colour your skin is. More councilors so that (hopefully) more thought is put into decisions such as expensive unnecessary ones, or major roading projects that have not been planned or organized properly and just end up costing ratepayers more.

Q12. Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing? Kao - No

Q13. I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

not answered

Q14. I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

not answered



Respondent No: 92

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Oct 07, 2021 14:23:39 pm

Last Seen: Oct 07, 2021 14:23:39 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name** N/A

Q2. **Īmēra - Email** N/A

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number** N/A

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

10 sounds okay

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

I do not think we need an "At Large" component. I do not like this framework.

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

There should be 7 seats on General Ward. None at Large Ward.

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the Māori Ward?**

3 Maori Ward Seats.

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

No At Large component. We don't need it.

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

Sounds fine. If this has already been in place, no change needed.

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

1 Mayor, 3 Maori Seats on Maori Ward Vote 7 General Seats Voting by those on the General Electoral Roll.

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te** Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. **I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered



Respondent No: 93

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Oct 07, 2021 14:31:34 pm

Last Seen: Oct 07, 2021 14:31:34 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Richard Kean

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

I suggest 12 councillors plus mayor.

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

Agree

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

General ward should have 6 elected members because it is not exclusive to Maori or General Electoral Rolls. Maori Electoral Rolls are exclusive.

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the Māori Ward?**

We need to understand that the regional Maori population is fluid and many do not contribute to rate income.

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

This ought to increase to 6 At Large because it is non-exclusive

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

Much income including rates, is derived from the rural community which continues to be held responsible, and thus penalised for water issues. Urban population seems to be largely ignored, so I believe rural representation should be increased.

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

12 Councillors, plus mayor with a more equitable mix.

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te**

Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

not answered



Respondent No: 94

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Oct 07, 2021 14:37:05 pm

Last Seen: Oct 07, 2021 14:37:05 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name** Douwe Visser

Q2. **Īmēra - Email** N/A

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number** N/A

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

Ten is enough

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

Should be general ward only 72 percent, Maori ward only 28 percent 28 percent of 10 = 3 councillors 72 percent of 10 = 7 councillors No At Large Ward

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

N/A

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the Māori Ward?**

Not my choice

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

Not my choice

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

Agreed

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

N/A

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te** Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. **I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered



Respondent No: 95

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Oct 07, 2021 14:44:32 pm

Last Seen: Oct 07, 2021 14:44:32 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Kevin J. Lyall

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

10 councillors. 1 Mayor

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

5 councillors to be elected at large. Maori voters only.

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

5 councillors to be elected "At Large" by the people of Rotorua

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the MāoriWard?**

Not agreed. The 5 Maori councillors to be elected "at large" by Maori only.

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

5 councillors to be elected "At Large" by the people of Rotorua

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

Not supported

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

N/A

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te** Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. **I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered



Respondent No: 96

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Oct 07, 2021 14:45:16 pm

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IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Kim Shearer

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

10 Councillors + Mayor good number

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

not answered

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

3 Councillors

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the MāoriWard?**

2 Councillors

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

4 Councillors

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

Yes a important group to have for consultation and representation of these areas

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

Propose: 10 Councillors + Mayor but a different makeup Maori Ward (2) Rural Ward (1) General (3) At large (4) + Rotorua Lakes and Rural Boards

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te**

Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. **I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered



Respondent No: 97

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Oct 07, 2021 14:49:28 pm

Last Seen: Oct 07, 2021 14:49:28 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name** Trevor Rowson

Q2. **Īmēra - Email** N/A

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

10 councillors

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

We are all New Zealanders (Black, white, yellow or red). Therefore, we all vote for 10 councillors. No race discrimination.

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

N/A

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the MāoriWard?**

Should be scraped. Everyone has an equal vote. No race distinction.

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

This seems to be a good idea.

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

Leave as is.

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

N/A

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te** Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. **I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered



Respondent No: 98

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Oct 07, 2021 14:59:07 pm

Last Seen: Oct 07, 2021 14:59:07 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name** D. McPherson

Q2. **Īmēra - Email** N/A

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

I think that there should be 12 councillors and 1 mayor. If the councillors object to drop in salary, then they should cut the cloth to fit the suit.

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

1 Maori ward with 2 seats. 1 General ward with 2 seats. 8 At Large seats.

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

Since Maori will not be able to vote on general ward, it should have the same number of seats. I think that the Maori Ward adoption was silly in Rotorua, as there has been a good Maori representation for a number of years.

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the Māori Ward?**

Already given thoughts in General Ward.

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

N/A

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

Good idea

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

I propose that there should be 8 At Large seats. I propose 12 councillors in total, to reduce the chances of another "Favourites" group (yes major).

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te** Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

not answered



Respondent No: 99

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Oct 07, 2021 15:14:25 pm

Last Seen: Oct 07, 2021 15:14:25 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name** Sylvia Phillips

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

I think the number of councillors is just about right for Rotorua

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

I do not agree with the At Large ward as this unfairly boosts the voting power of those on the Maori Roll. The Maori now have Maori seats of their own.

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

There are approximately 70 percent + on the General Electoral Role, and therefore, to be fair, there should be 7 seats in the General Ward.

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the Māori Ward?**

This has been made overcomplicated, I'm afraid. I would like: 1) Option 1 - 7 seats by 70 percent + of votes on General Roll, 3 seats for 28 percent on Maori Roll. No other changes in mayor, lakes/rural board at Te Arawa This would be fair.

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

This ward has been invented to boost the voting power of those on the Maori Roll by 100 percent, but those on the general roll by a mere 14 percent. At large seats are unacceptable, because they are not fair or democratic.

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

No change is justified to these two policy advisory boards - rural and lakes. No change is justified to the Maori Policy Board. All sectors have representation. There has been no consultation on this.

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

I would like option 1. 7 seats General Roll. 3 Seats Maori Roll.

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?** Kao - No

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

not answered



Respondent No: 100

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Oct 07, 2021 16:56:24 pm

Last Seen: Oct 07, 2021 16:56:24 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name** Malcolm Cane

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

I am happy with 10

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

I think we need to add a Rural ward so the rural ratepayers have a vote.

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

I believe there should be 3 seats in the general ward. And a Rural ward with 1 seat should be added to fairly represent the ratepaying population.

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the Māori Ward?**

Happy with 2 Maori seats

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

Happy with 4 at large

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"?**

I think they serve their purpose if you have the right people in there.

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

Refer to question 7

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te** Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. **I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered



Respondent No: 103

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Oct 07, 2021 21:51:24 pm

Last Seen: Oct 07, 2021 21:51:24 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

J Rimmer

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

Councillors stay at 10 - NO CHANGE

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

10 Councillors - NO CHANGE

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

NO AT LARGE COUNCILLORS

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the Māori Ward?**

7 General Ward & 3 Maori Ward

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

NO AT LARGE COUNCILLORS

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

Retain the Community Board as at Present. NO CHANGE

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

LEAVE THE COUNCILLORS AT 10, We have enough. As a Rate payer I want people who have been democratically voted in by the people to represent the people. I want people elected who will be accountable, approachable and listen to the Ratepayers. People who are prepared to work towards working within a budget and keep Rates increases within acceptable amounts.

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te**

Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

not answered



Respondent No: 105

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Oct 07, 2021 22:47:50 pm

Last Seen: Oct 07, 2021 22:47:50 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Lake Rotoiti Community Association Inc

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

We support Council's proposal

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

We support Council's proposed framework

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

We agree with this concept and proposal

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the MāoriWard?**

We agree with this concept and proposal

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

We agree with this concept and proposal

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

We support the retention of both Community Boards. We particularly support the retention of a Lakes Community Board as a best option for representation of our outer lakes communities. The Board continues to be an invaluable advocate and conduit for the flow of information between Council and our specific communities.

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

We favour the proposed model

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te** Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

not answered



Respondent No: 106

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Oct 08, 2021 05:35:02 am

Last Seen: Oct 08, 2021 05:35:02 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Graeme Monk

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

We need at least one rual elected based person on the council to represent the rual sector

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

We need one rual erected councilor to represent the rual sector

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

We must have at least one rual elected councilor

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the MāoriWard?**

We must have at least one rual elected councilor representing our diverse rual sector who understands it

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

One rual elected members

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

We must have at least one rual elected council member who pays rates in the rual sector

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

Please allow at least one rual elected person on the council If rual is so important to our economy it must be fairly represented

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te**

Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. **I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered



Respondent No: 111

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Oct 08, 2021 14:35:38 pm

Last Seen: Oct 08, 2021 14:35:38 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Danielle Marks

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

The number of councillors are a good amount.

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

A mix framework is a good start. I support this.

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

This should be in line with the whakaaro of ngā uri o Te Arawa and should be at 6.

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the Māori Ward?**

We should be able to have the maximum amount of votes. I do not support this approach and would recommend the council has 3 Māori Ward Elected Members. This is closest to truly honouring Te Tiriti and He Whakaputanga. That is what this Council must uphold to be fair and effective.

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

I do not support 4 councillors at large. I would endorse 1 "at-large" councillor.

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

I do not have any thoughts.

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

I would prefer the option of 3 Māori seats, 6 general seats and 1 at large seat.

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te** Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

not answered



Respondent No: 114

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Oct 08, 2021 16:06:23 pm

Last Seen: Oct 08, 2021 16:06:23 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Graeme Hathaway

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

10 councillors is enough

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

A mixed model is suitable. But I would like to see a Rural Ward with 1 seat, with the General Ward having 3 seats. The Maori Ward and At Large remain the same.

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

The General ward should have 3 seats allowing for a Rural Ward to have 1 seat

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the Māori Ward?**

No comment

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

No comment

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

The community boards, while a good idea still do not well represent the communities. Do they actually listen to the communities they represent.....does the councillor on those Boards actually present the constituents point of view at council meetings or are they too inexperienced and just go with the flow of the Mayor and other councillors?

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

1 Mayor plus 10 councillors • 1 General Ward 3 seats (General electoral voters minus rural voters) • 1 At Large Ward with 4 seats (all can vote) • 1 Maori Ward with 2 seats (Maori electoral role can vote) • 1 Rural Ward with 1 seat (Rural only can vote) Retain Rural Community Board and retain the Lakes Community Board

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te**

Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

not answered



Respondent No: 117

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Oct 08, 2021 16:32:09 pm

Last Seen: Oct 08, 2021 16:32:09 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Barbara Brandley

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

10 Councillors, plus the Mayor is appropriate.

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

I do NOT agree with the "Mixed Model" framework of "1 Maori Ward, 1 General Ward and an At Large component" as proposed. As we now have a Maori Ward the only "Fair and Effective", democratic option must be proportional to the population, being 28% Maori + 72% Non-Maori = 3 Maori seats + 7 General seats.

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

I do NOT agree that 4 seats are proportionally adequate to represent 72% of Rotorua citizens within the General Ward. Under a democratic system there must be 7 seats in the General Ward.

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the MāoriWard?**

I do NOT agree that 2 seats are proportionally adequate to represent 28% of Rotorua citizens within the Maori Ward. Under a democratic system there should be 3 seats in the Maori Ward.

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

I do NOT agree with the proposal of an "At Large" group of councillors. This clearly does not adhere to the principle of suffrage. An "At Large" component does not demonstrate equality but fosters imbalance and divide. The only democratic option for the council to adopt is based on population proportions $28\% + 72\% = 3$ Maori seats and 7 General seats.

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

I agree that the 2 Community Boards be retained.

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

If the council seeks a resilient and sustainable local government; to have the confidence and trust of the public; and provide for the well-being of ALL the community through an effective partnership, then the only democratic system of representation must be based on population proportions of 28% Maori + 72% non-Maori = 3 Maori seats and 7 General seats.

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te**

Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

not answered

Q14. I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

not answered



Respondent No: 120

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Oct 08, 2021 17:06:12 pm

Last Seen: Oct 08, 2021 17:06:12 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Brian Travers

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

No change is justified, it will just add more cost and complexity

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

It is what is it, but the priority is Fairness and Effectiveness - but in whose eyes?

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

There should be 7 seats in the General Ward to match the 72% on the General Electoral Roll because it would be democratic and give fairness.

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the Māori Ward?**

Shouldn't the Mayor's seat be included in the determination of the seats in the Maori, General and A Large wards, to determine the 28:72% split of seats, because that is the maximum number of seats the electors are voting for.

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

Shouldn't the Mayor's seat be included in the determination of the seats in the At Large Ward, General and A Large wards, to determine the 28:72% split of seats, because that is the maximum number of seats the electors are voting for.

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

No Comment

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

Include the Mayor's seat in the determination of the seats in the At Large Ward, General and At Large wards, to determine the 28:72% split of seats, because that is the maximum number of seats the electors are voting for, split over the number of seats available.

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te**

Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

not answered



Respondent No: 121

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Oct 08, 2021 17:45:33 pm

Last Seen: Oct 08, 2021 17:45:33 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

John Hamill

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

Keep it the same. 10 plus mayor

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

7 seats general. 3 seats Māori

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

7 seats to reflect the majority on the general roll

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the Māori Ward?**

3 seats not 2 to reflect the Maori roll.

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

Definitely NO to this.

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

Remain the same

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

7 general, 3 Māori and definitely no to at large seats.

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te** Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. **I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered



Respondent No: 122

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Oct 08, 2021 17:59:37 pm

Last Seen: Oct 08, 2021 17:59:37 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Kimberley Ward

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

Should remain at 10

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

Should reflect the electoral rolls 68% general 28% Māori therefore 7 general seats 3 Māori seats and NO at large

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

7 seats as they represent 68% of the electoral roll.

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the Māori Ward?**

3 seats as they represent 28% on the electoral roll.

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

No way. This will unbalance representation.

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"?**

Remain the same.

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

As per the electoral rolls. 68% on the general roll therefore 7 seats. 28% on the Māori roll therefore 3 seats. Makes for fair and equal representation

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te** Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. **I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered

Q14. **I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....**

not answered



Respondent No: 123

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Oct 08, 2021 18:42:00 pm

Last Seen: Oct 08, 2021 18:42:00 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Matthew Hathaway

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

10 is a good number, collectively they should be a good cross section of the region

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

A mixed model is good, however a Rural ward is necessary. The General Ward could have 3 seats making room for a Rural Ward with 1 seat. Maori and At Large would remain the same.

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

The General Ward could have 3 seats making room for 1 seat from the reinstated Rural Ward. Currently the rural sector feels under represented, financially they contribute significantly to the Rates take and to the regions economy, however they feel unrepresented at the council table, even with the Rural Community Board in place.

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the MāoriWard?**

Status Quo

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

Status Quo

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

Retain the Community Boards, they are an avenue for these vital sectors of the region to be heard. These Boards need to listen to the people they represent and present these concepts to the entire Council

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

1 Mayor plus 10 councilors •1 General Ward 3 seats (General electoral voters minus rural voters) •1 At Large Ward with 4 seats(all can vote) •1 Maori Ward with 2 seats (Maori electoral role can vote) •1 Rural Ward with 1 seat (Rural only can vote) Retain Rural Community Board and retain the Lakes Community Board

Q12. **Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te**

Kao - No

Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

Q13. I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

not answered

Q14. I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

not answered



Respondent No: 124

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Oct 08, 2021 19:54:15 pm

Last Seen: Oct 08, 2021 19:54:15 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Tina Marshall

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

Don't mind but should be an even number so the council over all is an odd number so know one has the deciding vote.

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

After much thought I think the only fair framework is to leave it as it is for now. No specific seats for one group only. Everyone then has the same options to either run, same number of votes. No seperatism.

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

Bit hard to comment on the General ward when we don't know where the wards would be.

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the MāoriWard?**

This should not be a given, if the Maori get a ward then Rural should get a ward, do the Asians then get a ward, should the business component of the rate payers get a ward, they sure as hell make up a large component of the rate take. Seperatism again. You even mention that only half of the Maori population are on the Maori role so are they even interested in having Maori seats? Do they even make the effort to vote, are you just guaranteeing them seats. I know that some agreement has already been made but was this done democratically or behind our backs again?

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

Keep it as it is for now, we should not be rushing these changes just to make the next election. Take some more time so we have had more time to set up a more robust system. We do not need to hurry. Currently the At Large systems gives everyone a fair go, we can all run as equal councilors or all vote for whoever runs whether Maori or non Maori, Asian etc, for who ever we think will make the best councilors.

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

Its is essential that if certain groups of interest that make up large portions of our community cannot get a designated councilor then these boards must remain in place.

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

Stays as it is until be can have a more robust non hurried alternative.

Q12. Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing? Kao - No

Q13. I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

not answered

Q14. I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

not answered



Respondent No: 125

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Oct 08, 2021 20:44:15 pm

Last Seen: Oct 08, 2021 20:44:15 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Ingoa - Name**

Darrell K

Q2. **Īmēra - Email**

Q3. **Ethnicity**

Q4. **Nama waea - Phone number**

Q5. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the number of councillors?**

10 counsellors is fine, but there should be NO maori seats/maori wards

Q6. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the framework?**

It sucks! There should be NO maori wards! This should be ONE country with ONE political system, with NO preferential votes. It should be based on MERIT, not RACE. Maoris are NOT capable of the equity that the British system has provided us. What this proposed system imposes on us is a race-based governance. This will quickly lead to the re-tribalisation of NZ and will result in political chaos and physical violence. Your proposed system is a form of apartheid!

Q7. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the General Ward?**

This wards thing is complete rubbish! IF a general, suburb based ward system is started, it will quickly be replaced by "communities of interest" who will be fighting for their specific dominance in council. This proposed system will very quickly deteriorate into a system of obstinate, bickering tribes, all vying for control - it'll be like "the good old days" before the Europeans got to NZ. And once again, the whites will be food for the maoris.

Q8. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the MāoriWard?**

Frankly, it's fucked. Why can't maoris vote for people based on their merit? Why do they HAVE to have race-based seats on council??? How is this possibly equitable? THIS IS RACIST.

Q9. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "At Large" component?**

This is also a load of shit. So the majority can only vote freely for a minority of the council? How is this a fair and equitable representation?? How the hell is this democratic?!

Q10. **He aha ōu whakaaro - What are your thoughts regarding the "Community Boards"**

There's no need to continue the rural board, because the council takes no interest whatsoever in what people outside the Rotorua town area say or think - the rural board is less than just for show - it's a diversion.

Q11. **As an alternative to the proposal by Council I propose...**

I propose one person one vote; no mandatory specific race based representation; just one electoral roll - that is, an actual, real, functioning democratic process, not this pandering, race based, dictatorial bull crap our idiot supreme leader wants to impose on us.

Q12. Kei te pīrangī koe ki te tuku i ōu kōrero ki te Kaunihera i tētahi nohoanga? Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing? Kao - No

Q13. I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

not answered

Q14. I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because....

not answered

Part 2 - Written Submissions

Tom Heard

15 September 2015

Rotorua Lakes Council

By email to Letstalk@rotorualc.nz

Re Representation Review

Dear Sir

I do not support the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because

1. The Government decided that Māori Wards could be introduced by councils without a referendum
2. Rotorua Lakes Council considered eight then three options and finally decided that only Option 3 was to be considered, which is predetermination by a few for the many,
3. Council used autocratic decision making when it decided not to consult the public, and despite consulting Te Tatau o Te Arawa on options, it decided not to accept their preference for Option 2, and
4. Option 3 is weighted in favour of those on the Māori Roll and is therefore not democratic.

As an alternative I propose Option 1 which is democratic. It offers three seats to the 28% on the Māori Roll in the Rotorua District and seven seats to the 72% on the General Roll. It is therefore fair representation.

Thank you.

Tom Heard

Malcolm Marshall

21/09/21

Rotorua Lakes Council
Private Bag 3029
Rotorua 3046
Email: info@rotorualc.nz

Dear Mayor and Rotorua Lakes Councillors,

Re: Rotorua Representation Review 2021

I am writing today as I have concerns over the option that Rotorua Lakes Council has presented to community members for consultation in this Representation Review.

I do not support the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections because:

The general electoral population (GEP) of Rotorua totals 70% of the voting population, and the Maori Electoral Population (MEP) totals 29% of the voting population. The option the council have proposed gives MEP 6 votes and GEP 8 votes. This does not uphold the principles of equal suffrage or democracy, and is also does not provide any account for representation of the rural communities of Rotorua. Rural communities are a "Community of Interest" by definition in the Local Government Act.

As an alternative I propose: that in order to fairly represent the people of the Rotorua District, there needs to be Rural seats on RLC. This is based on the concept that the rural sector is a "**Community of Interest**" due to the following facts:

- Rural voters make up 13% of the total GEP (6,684 people) excluding MEP whom have 2 seats they can vote for as they are a community of interest. If there are wards for Maori voters, there could easily be a ward for rural voters.
- Rural and rural residential voters contribute 30% of the rates income for RLC (Source: Draft RLC Long Term Plan 2021), and so are a considerable community of interest with regard to the economy of the Rotorua District.
- Agri-business contributes 25% to the GDP of Rotorua district, and again shows that rural residents and ratepayers are a community of interest from an economic standpoint.
- There are 100,000 hectares of farmland and 100,000 hectares of forestry in the RLC district – Rural landholdings are a significant geographical feature, and a this contributes to the assertion we are a Community of Interest.
- Rural people have unique and specific challenges in their communities based on the types of businesses they operate and they geographical location around the hinterland of Rotorua. These unique qualities of our rural communities are another case for rural being a Community of interest.

Based on rural communities being a Community of Interest I feel that we need to address the fact that there has been limited rural voice on Rotorua Lakes Council in the last 6 years, and this is a chance to rectify that and allow for a meaningful rural contribution around the council table. This is a alternative I present in place of the council's option:

I suggest the following model for Representation for the 2022 elections:

- 1 Mayor
- 2 MEP wards
- 1 Rural Ward
- 4 GEP wards
- 3 At Large

Plus a Rural Community Board and a Lakes Community Board.

I ask that you consider this as the option for Representation structure in the Rotorua Lakes Council 2022 election.

I would/would not like to present my comments to Council in person at a hearing. I understand that this means I will be required to attend a Council meeting to verbally present my submission points. Hearings are scheduled for 19th October 2021.

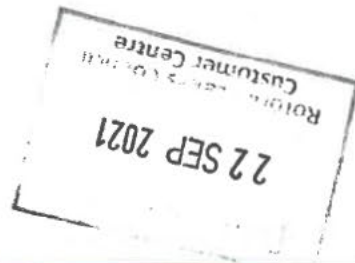
Yours sincerely

Malcolm Marshall

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Tukua mai ō korero

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Your feedback on the initial proposal:

Rotorua Lakes Council is currently reviewing its representation arrangements for the October 2022 elections. The Council has adopted an initial proposal of a mixed representation model (wards and at large) with a membership of 10 councillors and 1 Mayor (Mayor elected at large).

This proposal is now open for consultation with the community.

Submissions close 5PM

Friday
8 OCT
2021

To assist the Council in determining its final representation arrangements, you can make a submission on:

1. The number of councillors (10 councillors and 1 Mayor)
2. Introducing 1 General Ward with 4 elected members
3. Introducing 1 Māori Ward with 2 elected members
4. Introducing an "at large" component with 4 elected members
5. Retaining the existing Lakes Community Board with 4 elected members (plus 1 appointed councillor)
6. Retaining the existing Rural Community Board with 4 elected members (plus 1 appointed councillor)

I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections

Because... ..

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I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections

Because... *it is not democratic.*

One person one vote should apply.

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As an alternative I propose... ..

I propose Option One

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HAVE YOUR SAY

Tukua mai ō korero

Please continue any feedback here...

Please acknowledge this submission.

Email: [REDACTED]

Do you wish to present your comments to the Council in person at a hearing?

Yes

No

Please note that by ticking the 'Yes' box you will be required to attend a Council meeting to verbally present your submission points. Hearings are scheduled for 19 October 2021.

You will be notified of the time and venue where you are scheduled to appear.

Please note that your submission and any information you supply as part of your submission, is considered public information and will be available in reports and documents relating to this process.

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Tēnā koe, thank you

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Rotorua 3046

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Rotorua Lakes Council
Civic Centre
1061 Haupapa Street
Rotorua

29 September 2021

Rotorua Lakes Council Representation Review

The Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa Runanga Trust (the Runanga) wish to thank Rotorua Lakes Council (RLC) for providing the opportunity to submit on the 2021 Representation Review and make the following comments for your consideration:

The Runanga support the RLC decision to establish Maori ward seats in the upcoming local elections and view this as long overdue. However, the Runanga do find it extremely disappointing that the Council did not make an effort to engage with us at any stage during the plan to establish these seats and believe that this does not demonstrate a relationship in the spirit of Te Tiriti o Waitangi but rather, demonstrates the ongoing lack of care and consideration for other iwi besides Te Arawa within the council boundaries.

The Runanga does not support the proposed new model developed to accommodate the establishment of a Maori Ward as it makes no allowance for a seat at the decision-making table for the rural community. Although members of the Rural Community Board provide a rural point of view in important Council committees this is not where final decisions are made, which is one reason why the Maori ward was established, so the same opportunity should be provided for Rotorua ratepayers who live rurally. Although it is accepted that Council staff and members of the Rural Community Board have explored other models to allow for a rural seat based on being a community of interest, this was always doomed to fail if the Council insisted on the allowance for voters being able to vote for more than one council candidate plus the mayor.

The Runanga propose that a more fair and equitable model would be one person, one vote for Council candidates and the same for a mayoral candidate. A Rural ward could be established based on being a community of interest, and would include those living in the lakes and rural communities. Combining these two communities into one would go some way to meet the 10% rule for fair representation. "At large" seats would not exist (except for the Mayor) but instead Maori and General ward seats would increase based on population. The first past the post system would still work using this method as the candidates with the most votes in each ward would be duly elected. The proposal also includes the retention of both the Lakes and Rural Community Boards but their role would be more as a support mechanism for the rural candidate and their separate communities.

Should councillors not agree with this proposal then another alternate proposal is to restructure the Rural Community Board elections into 2 north ward and 2 south ward elected member seats with the Hemo Gorge being the boundary line. If two seats were allowed for each ward then the Board would present a more balanced representation of both rural communities as each have their own issues and concerns.

Naku noa, na



Michelle Phillips

Environmental Resource Consents Officer
Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa Runanga Trust

Euan McKnight

28th September 2021

Rotorua Lakes Council
Private Bag 3029
Rotorua 3046
Email: info@rotorualc.nz

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From: Shreeve Donaldson <
Sent: Monday, 13 September 2021 3:06 pm
To: Lets Talk
Subject: Representation Review

I am a Rotorua resident and rate payer and I am on the Maori Electoral roll.

I support the proposed model of one (1) mayor and four (4) councillors elected at large, four (4) councillors in a general ward, and two (2) councillors in a Maori ward.

This would give me six (6) votes in the make up of the next council compared to the eight(8) votes I would have got if I was on the general roll where I used to be several elections ago, and the 10 votes I was entitled to before the Maori Ward was approved.

I believe the proposed model is the fairest democratic model.

Please acknowledge my submission, I do not require to appear in person.

Thank you.

Henrietta S. DONALDSON

From: Carol Smyth <
Sent: Monday, 20 September 2021 2:39 pm
To: Lets Talk
Subject: Council's proposed representation for 2022 elections - Feedback

To whom it may concern

I do not support the Council's proposed representation for the 2022 elections because:

1 It does not align with NZ's Democratic tradition of 1 person, 1 vote, 1 voice, which celebrates our common humanity.

2 The question of Maori Wards was decided by the Council without proper, timely consultation with the people of Rotorua.

As an alternative I propose:

EITHER a return to the "At Large" system with NO wards because Maori are already extremely well-represented on our council under this system.

OR should a Maori Ward go ahead, it should be alongside ONE General Ward, the distribution being as follows with 1 Mayor and 10 Elected Councillors :

ie 1 Mayor elected at large
1 Maori Ward with 3 seats
1 General Ward with 7 seats
A Rotorua Lakes Community Board (4 elected members and 1 appointed councillor)
A Rural Community Board (4 elected members and 1 appointed councillor)

My reasons are as follows:

The Maori Electoral Population (MEP) for the Rotorua District makes up @28% of the total electoral population and is **democratically entitled to have 3 votes to elect 3 councillors out of 10 on council.**

The General Electoral Population (GEP) for the Rotorua District makes up @72% of the total electoral population and is **democratically entitled to have 7 votes to elect 7 councillors out of 10 on council.**

Te Tiriti o Waitangi did not provide for Maori to have, **additional rights** - for example, to contribute to council meetings etc by way of Partnership agreements as at present exist.

Article 3 of Te Tiriti provided that "the people of New Zealand shall be protected by the Queen of England and the rights and privileges of British Subjects will be granted to them." New Zealanders are entitled to **equal rights** at Law.

I do not wish to present my comments to the Council in person at a hearing.

Yours sincerely

Carol Smyth - Rotorua Ratepayer

From: Harry Brasser <
Sent: Sunday, 3 October 2021 10:31 am
To: Lets Talk
Subject: Survey on representation

To survey on representation,

In a democratic fashion, every person elected at the election by us rate payers should have one vote. This happens to be seven votes for non-Maori plus three for Maori. On every issue at council meetings there should be 10 equal votes. In other words, no vote is more important than the other votes. This is what we rate payers expect.

Harry Brasser

From: David and Flo
Sent: Saturday, 2 October 2021 2:37 pm
To: Lets Talk
Subject: election of council

To the secretary, Rotorua Lakes Council,
For the election of Mayor and Council, let democracy rule.

1. Number of councillors 10.

2. 7 seats for General Ward, equates to 72% on General Roll.

3. 3 seats for Maori Ward, equates to 28% on Maori Roll.

4. No change to election of Mayor and Rural and Lakes Community Board members.

5. NO AT LARGE SEATS.

Yours in expectation,

D.H. BRUCE..ratepayer.

From: James Adams <>
Sent: Saturday, 2 October 2021 1:18 pm
To: Lets Talk

The 'at large' ward is a no brainer, not necessary, and will lead to much bickering, Maori wards will create a 'ghetto' effect within the system, not a wise move, The whole system needs shaking up and replanning. Jim Adams

From: Joan Bracken
Sent: Saturday, 2 October 2021 11:44 am
To: Lets Talk
Subject: Changes to election forms

My veiw is we should go with option 1.
It is more democratic. Less confusing for people .
Joan Bracken
Sent from my iPhone

28 September 2021

Submission on the Rotorua District Council's
2022 Representation Review

Submitter: Leonard (Len) John Watson

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The following is my submission on the **2022 Representation Review** (the *Review*) as spelled out in a 12 page document (undated) extracted from Council's website.
- 1.2 My submission centres on the two options set out on pages 6 to 8 of that document, and the impact that the *Review* could or should have on Council's existing arrangement with *Te Arawa*.
- 1.3 I appreciate that this submission is quite lengthy, but because of the significance of the change as proposed in the *Review* document, an appropriate response cannot be provided by simply filling in the response form included at the end of the *Review* document. There are significant matters of principle (especially re democracy) and fact that need to be canvassed and considered.
- 1.4 Even though, strictly speaking, the "At Large" component proposed by Council is not a ward, I refer in this submission to either a 2 ward system (a Māori ward and a General ward) or a 3 ward system (a Maori ward, a General ward and the "At Large" ward).

2. Local Government Elections

- 2.1 The law governing elections at a local body level are set out in the *Local Electoral Act 2001* (LEA), including as amended by the recently enacted *Local Electoral (Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Act 2021*. The latter was enacted to remove the previously existing provision that enabled, should a council decide to provide for Māori wards for local elections (as provided for in the LEA), for the voting public to demand a poll on the council's intentions.
- 2.2 The poll provisions having now been removed has opened the issue up and many (not all) councils have resolved to provide for Māori wards for the next two council elections.
- 2.3 The process for the creation of Māori wards is provided for in s19Z of the LEA and more particularly, Schedule 1A of the Act. This provides for the possibility of Māori wards along with one or both a General ward and the "district as a whole" (the "At Large" ward). The number of councillor positions available for each ward is based on the electoral population formula set out in Schedule 1A.

3. Need for Māori Wards in Rotorua

- 3.1 In the first instance, I question the need for a Māori ward for the Rotorua local elections. In my 46 years as a resident of Rotorua, I have observed that there have always been persons of Māori ethnicity who have been elected as councillors via the current "at large" system. It is my understanding that on the present Council, the ethnicity of 4 out of 10 councillors (or 40%) includes Māori.
- 3.2 The *Rotorua District Council* has since 2015, created a political and ideologically conspired alliance with *Te Arawa*, Rotorua's dominant Iwi grouping (and with that, *Te Arawa* has the status of *Mana Whenua* in Rotorua). That alliance includes the appointment of certain *Te Arawa* members to certain council committees, committees that can otherwise be made up of elected councillors only. This alliance was created to provide *Te Arawa* (and not Māori generally) with a voice on Council, given that there was a perception that any call to create Māori ward/s in Rotorua would quite likely have been challenged by 5% or more of the electorate calling for a poll on the matter (as has happened in a number of other council areas when they sought to introduce Māori wards).
- 3.3 At the time that the *Te Arawa* alliance was established, the focus at the time was on *Te Arawa*, although it was agreed then (by Council) that their alliance would need to include wider Maoridom and that a mechanism would be put in place to achieve this. As far as I am aware, nothing has been done in this regard (prior to the recent resolution to create Māori wards).
- 3.4 That being said, Council has agreed to establish Māori wards and that decision cannot now be challenged. Council therefore has to now devise a mechanism (within the bounds of the LEA) to put into effect the provisions of the LEA's with respect to Māori wards.

4. Rotorua Electoral Population

- 4.1 The *Review*, at the foot of page 4, suggests that Rotorua's Māori population is close to 40% as opposed to the 28.1% used for the purpose of the introduction of Māori wards in the *Review* document. That 40% assertion is made in the document without justification. This percentage is referred to, in my opinion, for no other purpose that to support the political and ideological objectives of a majority of councillors, and the Mayor, to have a 50/50 *Council / Te Arawa* co-governance arrangement in Rotorua.

4.2 A range of statistics exists that seek to establish those in the Rotorua electorate, as a whole, who can be defined as Māori. This ranges from official census statistics from Statistics NZ (SNZ), the Electoral Commission’s determination of those enrolled in either the Māori roll or the General roll, and the Local Government Commission’s (LGC) determination of the roll breakdown.

5. Census and Electoral Statistics

5.1 The following is a table of populations for the Rotorua district, which shows this range of numbers and percentages for the Māori and General populations:

	<i>Māori</i>	<i>General</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Māori %age</i>
SNZ (2018 Census)	28,839	43,038	71,877	40.1%
Electoral Office	13,881	46,562	60,443	23.0%
LGC	21,700	55,600	77,300	28.1%

5.2 The SNZ datasets from which the above has been determined is somewhat difficult to analyse because of the method used by them to analyse the data collected from its periodic census. This is because people, when completing the census, had the ability to record multiple ethnicities. When multiple ethnicities were indicated, each of the selected ethnicities was counted in the ethnicity totals from the census. There is no scaling of the count based on the degree of ethnicity. Thus, the total of the ethnic breakdown far exceeds the total number of people who completed the census. The percentage of the Māori ethnicity group has then been determined by applying the Māori group count to the number of people who completed this part of the census. Doing so produces the percentage of the Māori population (the 40.1% above).

5.3 The following table is taken from the Census report generator on the SNZ’s website. It records for each of 2006, 2013 and 2018, a summary of the ethnic data collected from each census.

	2006			2013			2018		
	<i>Number</i>	<i>%age based on:</i>		<i>Number</i>	<i>%age based on:</i>		<i>Number</i>	<i>%age based on:</i>	
Total People in Census	65,901	65,901	73,314	65,280	65,280	70,899	71,877	71,877	86,259
<i>Ethnic Analysis:</i>									
European	38,076			40,350			45,534		
Other	12,504			8,139			11,886		
Total “Other than Māori”	50,580	76.8%	69.0%	48,489	74.3%	68.4%	57,420	79.9%	66.6%
<i>Māori</i>	22,734	34.5%	31.0%	22,410	34.3%	31.6%	28,839	40.1%	33.4%
<i>Total</i>	73,314	111.3%	100.0%	70,899	108.6%	100.0%	86,259	120.0%	100.0%

5.4 The first point to note from the table (referring to the 2018 data), is that the total number of people who completed the census was 71,877 but the ethnic breakdown totals 86,259. It is true that 28,839 have reported a Māori element to their ethnicity and when applied to the number who completed the census (71,877) a percentage of 40.1% is determined. It is equally true however that the total of *Other than Māori* ethnicities (57,420) is 79.7% of the census total. The two percentages when added together total 120.0%!

5.5 The inference when the 40.1% Māori figure is used (by both Council and SNZ) is that the *Other than Māori* ethnicities total 59.9% of the Rotorua population (being 100.0% less 40.1%). This is

not correct given that the latter should be in the order of 79.9% (as noted above). Focussing on the recorded Māori ethnicity only (when determining population percentages) simply ignores the existence of the other ethnicities in cases where people are of mixed ethnic origins. Further, it presumes that those of mixed ethnic origin (which included Māori) acknowledge only their *Māori* ethnicity to the denial of their *Other than Māori* ethnicity/ies. This denial can hardly be true!

- 5.6 A more appropriate calculation is to apply the ethnic group totals to the grand total of the Ethnic summary which produces 33.4% for *Māori* and 66.6% for *Other than Māori*. *But*, this approach too has problems, particularly for 2018. In that census (and because of the debacle that surrounded the holding of that Census), SNZ undertook some population modelling and collection of non-census data to determine their ethnicity breakdown from that 2018 census. This analysis by SNZ for 2018 has established the 28.1% Māori population for Rotorua as published by the *LGC* for the purpose of the introduction of Māori wards.
- 5.7 The Electoral Office figures for the Rotorua electorate are not that reliable for the purpose of the *Review* given that the figures do not include people in the Waiariki electorate who are resident in Rotorua. Further, they relate to electors only and do not include those of non-voting age who are included in the Census figures.
- 5.8 The *LGC* determination (calculated by SNZ from the 2018 Census and other data) is the appropriate percentage to use for the purpose of determining the number of Māori councillor positions available for the Māori ward created as a consequence of the *Review*. If Council believes that this figure should instead be closer to 40% (as stated in the *Review* document), it should have provided justification for its assessment (given that that percentage is contrary to official Government produced statistics). I note that a national politician recently commented that Rotorua's population comprises 45% Māori, so the misuse of statistics is not limited to Council alone.

6. Maoridom versus *Te Arawa*

- 6.1 Council's focus since 2015 has been based on its belief that *Te Arawa* represents the interests of Māori as a whole, a belief that has been carried over into the *Review* document. It is to be noted that the LEA refers to Maoridom as a whole, and takes no account of Iwi groups be they those with or without *Mana Whenua* status.
- 6.2 As part of the 2001, 2006 and 2013 Census, respondents were asked to spell out their Iwi association. The Iwi totals from the responses provided are set out following. Again, there are multi-Iwi associations for some individuals; hence (for 2013) the total of Iwi association is 29,718 when only 23,103 people responded to the question raised in the Census.
- 6.3 For 2013, the summary shows that of those who indicate that they have Māori ethnicity, something between 34.5% and 44.4% record a *Te Arawa* affiliation. As noted, the LEA when referring to Māori wards, speaks only of Maoridom in general, and not by Iwi grouping. *Te Arawa* therefore cannot be treated (under the LEA) as representing the wider Māori population, and in any case, *Te Arawa* is but a minor portion (despite its *Mana Whenua* status) of the total Māori population of Rotorua.

Rotorua Iwi Groupings in NZ Census

	2001	2006	2013	%age based on:	
	22,707	23,934	23,103	23,103	29,718
Total people, Iwi groupings					
Te Hiku	426	513	495		
Hauraki	279	426	450		
Ngai Tahu Whanui	648	819	807		
Ngati Kahungunu	1,398	1,659	1,545		
Ngati Raukawa	741	969	951		
Ngati Tama	27	45	48		
Te Arawa	8,340	10,497	10,260	44.4%	34.5%
Te Atiawa	219	306	288		
Turanganui a Kiwa	306	402	423		
Waikato-Tainui	1,527	1,530	1,545		
Ngati Toarangatira	69	93	81		
Rangitane	45	75	72		
Other Iwi	12,576	13,401	12,753		
	26,601	30,735	29,718		

6.4 Council has to be honest with all electors when fulfilling its LEA obligations (with respect to Māori wards), and should not perpetuate (intentionally or otherwise) this political and ideologically created partnership with *Te Arawa* and thereby, in the process, favour *Te Arawa* simply because it has *Mana Whenua* status in Rotorua.

7. Democratic Principles

7.1 The principles of democracy are fundamental to our governmental and electoral systems and are referred to in a number of sections of our law, including the *Local Government Act (LGA)*.

7.2 Among these principles, is the “*one person, one vote*” doctrine, one applied in an electoral system for choosing (or replacing) a government via free and fair elections. The system provides every person with an equal voting right, thereby ensuring that the voting strength of one person is as important as the voting strength of each other person.

7.3 Democracy is also a system by which the people choose their leaders to act on their behalf, and where, in the process, the leaders are accountable to the people. Government is therefore based on the consent of the governed (the people who decide who will represent them in government). The Electoral Commission on its website, states that during local elections, voters elect councillors and board members to run essential services and respond to the needs of their towns, cities, districts and regions. These obligations are also set out in the purpose provision of the LGA (although national politicians have changed the legislated purpose of Local Government in recent times requiring, currently, councils to be more “well being” focussed, rather than service focussed).

7.4 In any case (and especially in smaller local authorities), I believe that councillors should be acting to achieve the common good for all of the residents in their council area, and to do so with minimal reference to wider political ideals. This belief is confirmed in the oath taken by all councillors after being elected (as referred to on page 8 of the *Review*) – “*all councillors...are required to represent and make decisions for the good of all of Rotorua*”. All councillors take a vow accordingly.

- 7.5 Despite the creation of Māori wards, councillors elected in this ward are not intended to “represent” Māori per se. Instead, their election should fulfil a requirement in the LGA: “for Māori to contribute to local government decision-making processes”.

Councillors elected in a Māori ward are elected to provide, amongst other things, Māori contribution to decision making and not simply to promote issues associated with Māori (although of course, they are likely to promote such issues where the issues are for the good of Rotorua as a whole). It is inappropriate therefore to believe that councillors elected in Māori wards are elected substantially to promote Māori issues in general, let alone the issues that might be of greater concern, in a Rotorua context, to just *Te Arawa*.

8. The Form of Māori Wards for Rotorua

- 8.1 Council apparently considered a number of proposals to implement their decision to introduce Māori wards. The final choice seemed to come down to having one of:

1st Option:

- a *Māori Ward* (the voters in which being people registered on the Māori roll), and
- a *General Ward* (the voters in which being people registered on the General roll).

2nd Option:

- a *Māori Ward* (the voters in which being people registered on the Māori roll), and
- a *General Ward* (the voters in which being people registered on the General roll), and
- an “At Large” Ward (the voters for which would be those registered on either of the Māori or General rolls)

- 8.2 Council has opted in its *Review*, for the second option, for what I believe are somewhat questionable and illogical reasons. Further, there are some significant difficulties created by the proposal that will impact on both electors and candidates.

- 8.3 The *Review* refers in many places, to the position of *Te Tatau o te Arawa (Te Arawa)* and in doing so, ignores the purpose of the LEA with respect to the representation of Maoridom (and not the Iwi with *Mana Whenua* status). I believe that this has also influenced Council in its design of the ward system to ensure, as best possible, that there is a greater likelihood of *Te Arawa* associated candidates being elected.

- 8.4 The proposed 2 candidates for a Māori ward could well see other than *Te Arawa* associated candidates being elected, given that the population of *Te Arawa* associated electors is less than 50% of those on the Māori population of Rotorua (as commented above).

- 8.5 The “At Large” ward seeks, in my opinion, to mirror the results of elections held to date, where *Te Arawa* associated candidates have fared very well in becoming councillors. It could also increase the total number of “Māori councillors” to something that is beyond the 28.1% population-based “share” decreed by the LGC and would work toward achieving what is simply a political and ideological objective of some on Council to move toward a 50/50 governance structure of our council (between *Council* and *Te Arawa*). The LEA makes no provision for this objective.

- 8.6 The *Review*, at pages 7 and 8, makes some questionable and illogical assertions about the value of the votes of Māori electors in a system that was limited to a 2 ward system (and no “At Large” ward). Referring to the democratic principles discussed above, the emphasis should be on the equality of the vote (“one person, one vote”). The *Review* now introduces a novel deviation from this concept, in that it suggests that the equality of a vote is to be assessed, not by its voting entitlement, but instead, with reference to the number of councillor positions that

can be voted for! The *Review* also noted (on page 7) that *“The establishment of the Māori ward, has by design created a circumstance that could be seen to push the Māori representation into a minority position”*. Introducing the mixed model therefore *“aims to restore equity as best it can”*.

- 8.7 If there is, in Council’s view, a lack of “equilibrium” or equity for Māori voters in a 2 ward system, this has occurred only because of the move away from a single “*At Large*” system (when there was “equilibrium” and equity). Having created a Māori ward in order that the number of elected councillors from that ward mirrors the population entitlement of Māori, it is somewhat illogical to then say that the creation of the Māori ward denies voters on the Māori roll an “equilibrium” of voting, simply because, in a 2 ward system, they are unable to vote in the General ward election (or, in the words of the Review document (at page 7) *“...those on the Māori electoral roll cannot have a say in the election of the majority of elected members”*).
- 8.8 In a race-based ward system, where 28.1% of the population are *Māori* and 71.9% are *“Other than Māori”*, surely it is axiomatic that the 28.1% will be voting for a minority of councillors and 71.9% for a majority! To seek to achieve otherwise moves away from a system based population proportions to one with political and other ideological objectives, objectives that totally negate democratic principles.
- 8.9 Perhaps a better (and far simpler solution) to the matter of guaranteeing at least a population based number of councillors for Māori would have been to maintain the existing “*At Large*” system in which all eligible voters voted, with the highest 3 Māori associated candidates automatically being elected. The highest polling remaining 7 councillors would be elected from that same vote. While this would not have Māori associated candidates being voted for by only those from the Māori roll, it is a system where all votes are in “equilibrium” and like previous elections, all who stand, regardless of race, have a chance of being elected. I believe that such a system would comply within the requirements of the LEA (given that Council believes that the 3 ward system proposal does). The great principled advantage of this system is that all voters are in one system, and save for the guarantee re a minimum of Māori councillors, a race-based electoral system (and one that is undemocratic as proposed), is avoided.
- 8.10 The purpose of the LEA in respect of Māori wards is to ensure that seats are allocated to Māori that match (as best as possible) the population proportion of Māori. To seek to impose some higher level of allocation is outside the provisions of the LEA and is more associated with political and ideological objectives of some in Council (for a 50/50 governance between *Council* and *Te Arawa*). This is perhaps best exemplified when, at the conclusion of the 21 May 2021 Council meeting at which the decision was made to implement a Māori ward system for Rotorua, the Mayor noted (at 2:03:00 into the on-line recording of the meeting) *“that you don’t have to limit yourselves to 3 Māori on Council”*. This despite the understanding at the meeting (based on the LGC’s determination) that 3 would be the population-based allocation. The Mayor already had, at that meeting, an agenda for the Māori representation on Council to be greater than the LEA determined population-based allocation. At the time when I heard this comment I became (and now remain) very sceptical about the consultative process. My assessment is that the Mayor and her councillor supporters, have already determined what the final system will look like (being as set out in the *Review* document) and in all likelihood will ignore alternatives that might be suggested from the consultative process.
- 8.11 The fact that there may be a perceived imbalance of voting entitlement is a direct consequence of moving to have Māori wards in the first place. As commented earlier, most, if not all of the

recent local body elections in Rotorua (where all voted in a single system) has seen a more than appropriate number of councillors with Māori ethnicity being elected by the voters (on merit). At the 21 May 2021 Council meeting, two of what I understand to be a total four councillors of Māori ethnicity, did not agree in principle with the proposal to introduce Māori wards. However, comments in the *Review* that suggest that in a *Māori* and *General* wards only system creates inequality in voting “equilibrium”, are made solely to support the political and ideological objects of some in Council.

8.12 Further, I am not aware of this argument being raised when dealing with the National election process, where voters vote for candidates in either the Māori electorates or the General electorates and where the size of each is near equal based on population. Electors have a choice about which electoral roll that they register on. Each voter in each electorate has an equal vote (“one person, one vote”) and there is no undermining of the equality principle simply because the total number of MPs representing the Māori electorates is significantly less than the total number representing the general electorates.

8.13 If there is an argument for creating a Māori ward and allocating councillor positions based on the proportion of the Māori electoral population, then it is equally valid to apply the same principle to the “Other than Māori” population. This would therefore provide an allocation of 7 General Ward councillors, to sit along side the allocation of 3 Māori ward councillors. On this basis, there is no place for an “at large” ward. This is by far the most appropriate system that should be implemented and is in keeping with the system envisaged by the LEA. It also mirrors the voting methodology used in our national elections. To do otherwise (such as the 3 ward system proposed), introduces other factors into the process that are driven by politics and ideology, rather than the law or the principles of democracy. Further, if this ideology is to be incorporated into the system, it should be only after proper consultation with the public (and one with full disclosure about the ideologies), and not by way of a *Representation Review* (which I suggest, few will read, let alone understand, and even fewer will submit on).

9. Candidacy

9.1 Under the LEA, a candidate for election to Council cannot stand in more than 1 ward (Māori or General) or an “at large” ward. Further, there is no race criterion that needs to be met to be eligible to stand in either of the wards. That is to say, both *Māori* and *Other than Māori* candidates can stand in any of the proposed 3 wards, but in no more than 1. I suggest that this creates something of an issue for all candidates as they make some decision about which of the 3 wards to stand in. Do they take their chance with the councillor position in the Māori or General wards or do they seek nomination in the “at large” ward where, like in the past, they would rely on voters to assess their merit to act as councillors in the interest of the community at large.

9.2 Under a 2 ward system (*Māori* and *General* wards only), all candidates can choose which ward they seek election in without having to second guess the possible outcome of standing in one of the race-focussed wards versus standing in the “at large” electorate. I can see no merit in the candidates having to make the unreasonable choice that is required under the 3 ward system.

9.3 My suggested alternative suggestion referred to in paragraph 8.9 of this submission, totally avoids this candidacy dilemma given that there would be a single “at Large” system in place.

10. Current Representation of *Te Arawa* on Council Committees.

- 10.1 In 2015, Council agreed by majority of councillors, to appoint *Te Arawa* representatives to certain Council committees. These appointments were made for a number of reasons proffered at the time, among which was a desire to fulfil legal obligations that as set out in the likes of the LGA, “to improve opportunities for Māori to contribute to local government decision-making processes”. This is what the introduction of a Māori ward system does.
- 10.2 Further, the appointment process could not extend to the Council as such (as opposed to council committees), given that the Mayor and Councillors are required to be elected (and not appointed) to Council by electors. Allocation of Māori councillors to Māori wards overcomes the earlier perceived shortcomings. Therefore, there is no further need for the *Te Arawa* appointments and these should be abandoned as part of the creation of this new electoral system.
- 10.3 The *Review* suggests that the arrangement between Council and *Te Arawa* is a legally binding one, but Council is not able to circumvent the operations of the law where the law does not provide for them to do so. In my opinion the current arrangement with *Te Arawa* should now devolve into being something akin to a commercial arrangement. Under a Māori ward system, the representation of Māori and their contribution to local government decision-making processes is achieved (as required by the LEA) by the election of councillors from the Māori wards. The earlier arrangement with *Te Arawa* to achieve this is now superseded and should be discontinued. Under the Māori ward system, Māori interests should be “represented” by elected councillors from the Māori ward and not by appointees of *Te Arawa*.

11. Community Boards

- 11.1 I have no issue with the continuation of the two Communities Boards that currently exist, given that they were created to air the issues and views of all people impacted by matters of concern with respect to our lakes and rural areas.

12. Consultative Process

- 11.1 While having little to do with my submission on the *Review* proposal, I cannot conclude my submission without commenting on the *Review* proposal and the method used to create it.
- 11.2 Throughout, Council’s emphasis has been on consulting with *Te Arawa* on the substantive issue of Māori wards, with an apparent belief that the views of *Te Arawa* represented the views of the Māori population of Rotorua as a whole.
- 11.3 At the Council meetings when the subject of Māori wards was discussed and voted on, presentations were made by *Te Arawa* but no others (including potentially, those who might oppose the introduction of Māori wards). There was no balance in the presentations made to Council, which suggests a significant bias by Council in favour of the views of *Te Arawa* alone.
- 11.4 The *Review* document itself is festooned with reference to *Te Arawa* and no other groups within Rotorua, be they on behalf of other Māori or community groups.
- 11.5 The *Review* document on page 3 states that the key considerations in the *Review* were determined from community, Iwi and Council feedback. Apart from the *Te Arawa* representation, I am not aware of any other consultative process having been engaged in or feedback sought.

- 11.6 It disappoints me that the above has occurred and that the wider population has not been engaged in the process. Sure, they can comment on this *Review*, but I believe that the proposal, as outlined in the *Review*, is now “set in concrete” because of the political and ideological support that is apparent by a majority of Councillors. Like other consultations before, the consultative process can, I believe, be seen as disingenuous, given, as commented by me in other submissions in the past, Council might **hear**, but it does not necessarily **listen**?
- 11.7 My initial thought with respect to the *Review* document was to simply ignore it (as most people will). Complacency is a serious weakness in our society, where, at times when significant changes are being made in our society to our democratic process (including by stealth), people and the media remain silent. Lively debate and discussion on significant societal issues should be held given that complacency can have negative outcomes in the future once society come to grips with, and realise the impact of, imposed changes.

13. Legal Form

- 13.1 It is interesting to note that nowhere in the *Review* document is the legal name of Council referred to (*Rotorua District Council*), although its substituted marketing name of *Rotorua Lakes Council* is referred to. I therefore question the legal standing of the *Review* document because of this omission, given that the LEA requires all territorial authorities to undertake the *Representation Review*. The *Rotorua District Council*, as a legal entity, has not issued, in its name, a *Representation Review* document.
- 13.2 I have long believed that the adoption of this marketing name will see at some time in the future (if it has not already), Council falling short of meeting its legal requirements when such can be fulfilled only by the use of its legal name.

14. Naming of the General Ward

- 14.1 The *Review* on page 7 suggests that the *General Ward* will be given a Māori name of *Te Ipu Wai Auraki*. I am aware of the drive toward the use of bi-lingual language in Rotorua (by the contemporaneous use of both the Māori and English language) but I see absolutely no merit in what is proposed. We are dealing with the application of the LEA which uses specific terms (in English) to describe the components of an electoral system that includes Māori wards. For the sake of long term reference to what is eventually put in place in this regard, the wording of the LEA should remain.
- 14.2 Having said that, logic would suggest to me that if there is a desire to describe one of the wards using the Māori language, this naming should be applied to the Māori Ward alone. A Māori name for this ward is proposed in the *Review*.

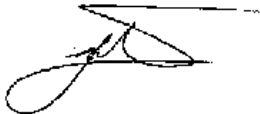
15. Verbal Presentation

- 15.1 In other situations I would wish to make a verbal presentation to Council on the matter of the *Review*. However, I (and others) had the experience of being unjustifiably branded as racist by a vocal few during the course of the hearings back in 2015 with respect to the *Te Arawa Partnership Model* proposal. There was little intervention by the Mayor at the time to control the accusers. I do not wish to place myself in this position again, given that my views contained herein will, in all likelihood, raise the hackles of some who are likely to be present at the hearings, and who, instead of listening to argument, venture off into the race-card pulling abyss. Such is the depths to which our democratic process have sunk in recent times when instead, issues associated with race should be openly and freely considered.

16. Summary

- 16.1 While in principle I see no need for a Māori ward system for Rotorua (because of the outcome in earlier elections with respect to the election of councillors, including those with Māori affiliations), I can accept the introduction of a Māori ward for the purpose of ensuring the elections of councillors with Māori ethnicity. However, the political and ideological agendas associated with the design of the Māori ward system (as envisaged in the *Review*) create issues that overly complicate the system and create unintended consequences.
- 16.2 The scheme to be implemented should be in accordance with the LEA (with the *Māori* and *Other than Māori* population being represented by a number of Councillors that is reflective of their respective population base). Having said “represented”, it is questionable whether representation is the core purpose of the election process. The election of councillors in the Māori ward will however provide for, in a meaningful way, the ability for *Māori to contribute to local government decision-making processes*, as required by the LGA.
- 16.3 Rotorua is not a large city, and in an “At Large” system of local body election system (such as has existed in Rotorua for elections up to now) all councillors have always been available for people to air issues in the hope that their concerns can be dealt with at a council level. Representation is not therefore a function of race differentiation (as the *Review* proposal infers).
- 16.4 Information and statistics about the population mix of Rotorua is often either misunderstood or misused in support of vested interests. The inference appears to be that if people have any element of Māori in their ethnic composition, then they are automatically Māori and that this should be used when determining the number of councillors that should be assigned to a Māori ward. This assumption denies the reality that most people in Rotorua with mixed ethnicities also have an *Other than Māori* element to their ethnic composition, but for the purpose of determining the ethnic composition of the city, some choose to ignore this.
- 16.5 In an analysis by SNZ for the purpose of a Māori ward election system (and as reported to the LGC), the Māori portion of the population of Rotorua is 28.1% and 71.9% for the *Other than Māori* population. This debunks the myth (perpetuated by many, including Council) that the percentage of Māori is more in the order of 40+%.
- 16.6 In developing the proposal contained in the *Review*, Council has focussed on the position of *Te Arawa* in Rotorua, who, while holding *Mana Whenua* status in Rotorua, cannot be seen as being representative of all Māori in Rotorua (if representation is in itself, paramount). My own *Review* of statistics suggests that *Te Arawa* represents 35% to 45% of the Rotorua Māori population, the balance being for a range of other Iwi. The LEA itself does not refer to *Mana Whenua*, but instead, to the Māori population as a whole. It is totally inappropriate for the *Review* proposal to maintain this *Te Arawa* focus.
- 16.7 Political and ideological views that NZ should have a 50/50 governance structure between *Māori* and *Other than Māori*, has no place in determining the make up of a Māori ward to be included in a local electoral system. The 50/50 objective (often based on un-defined principles of the *Treaty of Waitangi*) is not one that has been canvassed or agreed to on either a regional or national basis, let alone Rotorua. Further, the LEA does not refer to these un-defined principles.

- 16.8 With respect to the *Review* proposal itself, it appears to me that we are creating a solution to a problem that never existed and in the proposed system has created new problems. Rotorua has, as long as I can remember, always elected councillors that have a Māori connection, with the numbers being elected probably exceeding the population based “share” set out in the *Review*. It is a credit to the electors of Rotorua to have, over the years, voted for all Councillors on the basis of who might best serve the needs of Rotorua and its residents, and to do so without reference to the ethnicity of the candidates.
- 16.9 A far simpler system that guarantees at least a population based number of Māori councillors would have been to maintain the existing “At Large” system in which all eligible voters voted, and with the highest 3 Māori associated candidates being automatically elected. The highest polling remaining 7 councillors would be elected from that same election. Doing so would overcome the mythological lack of “equilibrium” that Council suggests will exist with a 2 ward system alone. In the process, a race-based electoral system is avoided.
- 16.10 Finally, the 3 ward system proposed in the *Review* creates unnecessary problems, establishes a race-based bias, creates a system that is unduly complicated, and, above all else, departs significantly from democratic principles (especially the “one person one vote” doctrine). If allocation of councillor positions are to be made to *Māori* and *Other than Māori*, they are best to be made in a 2 ward system alone, one for those registered on the Māori roll and one for those registered on the General roll.
- 16.11 With respect to the *Review* proposal, I strongly advocate for the **2 ward system** with **3** candidate positions assigned to the **Māori Ward** and **7** to the **General Ward**. There is no place for an “At Large” ward in this system. My overall preference however is for the alternative system referred to in paragraphs 8.9 and 16.9 of this submission.



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Len Watson

7 October 2021

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Rotorua Lakes Council Representation Review

I'd like to thank Rotorua Lakes Council (RLC) for providing the opportunity to submit on the 2021 Representation Review and I'd like to make the following comments for your consideration for the model for the 2022 elections:

RLC advises that the current number of councillors provides effective representation of communities of interest, and that the mixed model arrangement is required to establish a degree of equity with regards to the total number of votes individuals can make depending on which electoral role they are on. I do not accept that this model offers fair and equitable representation for the rural community at the decision-making table. Although members of the Rural Community Board provide a rural point of view in important Council committees this is not where final decisions are made, which is one reason why the Maori Ward was established. So I feel that the same opportunity should be provided for Rotorua ratepayers who live rurally.

I support a mixed model approach however consider the following changes are needed to improve representation of rural communities:

- Māori Ward (2 Councillors)
- Rural Ward (1 Councillor)
- General Ward (3 Councillors)
- At large (4 Councillors)
- Rotorua Lakes Community Board and Rural Community Board

A rural ward could be established based on being a community of interest, and would include those living in the lakes and rural communities. Combining these two communities into one would go some way to meet the 10% rule for fair representation. The proposal also includes the retention of both the Lakes and Rural Community Boards, but their role would be more as a support mechanism for the rural candidate and their separate communities.

Thanks for taking the time to consider my submission.

Yours sincerely
Phil Butler

From: grahamn <
Sent: Thursday, 7 October 2021 12:59 pm
To: Lets Talk
Subject: COUNCIL'S SURVEY ON REPRESENTATION

Hi There

- The Number of Councillors Should Stay the same at 10.
- Double the voting power of those on the Māori Roll and should not be used or increased.
- General Ward – There should be 7 seats in the General Ward to match the 72% on the General Electoral Roll.
-7 seats for the 72% voters on the General Roll, 3 seats for the 28% on the Māori Roll, and no change to the election of the Mayor and the Rural and Lakes community board members.
- Should Be Able to Present at Council's public hearings.
- Should be 3 seats in the Māori Ward to match the 28% on the Maori Electoral Roll because it would be democratic and fair with equal.
- Community Boards – No change is justified to these two policy advisory boards of Council, the Rural Community Board and the Lakes Community Board.

Cheers

From: Bruce Beesley
Sent: Thursday, 7 October 2021 2:52 pm
To: Lets Talk
Subject: REPRESENTATION REVIEW

Good Afternoon,

Please put my submission forward

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Bruce Beesley
Ratepayer

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: Douwe Visser
Sent: Thursday, 7 October 2021 10:07 pm
To: Lets Talk
Subject: Representation review

To whom it may concern.

In my opinion:

10 councillors in the City Council is enough

There should be 7 seats for the Council for the 72 % on the General Roll

And 3 seats for the Council for the 28% on the Maori Roll

No change in how to elect the Mayor and the Lakes and Rural Board Members.

Not in favour of "At large Ward". It is undemocratic.

No need for personal representation

Kind regards
Douwe Visser

From: Richard Amery
Sent: Thursday, 7 October 2021 8:42 pm
To: Lets Talk
Subject: Submission on Representation Review

Dear Rotorua Lakes Council,

I am most unhappy about the way in which you are allowing the council and our area to be taken over and run by a minority group of 16% of the population who can claim they had a Māori ancestor at some time in the past.

1. I don't want you to introduce this strange "At Large" ward which seems to be there to give even more power to local Māori. And totally undemocratic.
2. No change is needed to the two Community Boards which advise the council.
3. You and the government have bulldozed us in to racist Māori wards which divide us racially, but we have to live with that until we can throw the present council out and get something more democratic.
4. NO change is justified to the number of councilors- they should stay at 10.
5. There should be 7 seats in the general ward to be democratic representing around 70% of the general electoral roll.
6. I want option 1 because it is simple and democratic.

In summary, I do not want any racial minority group to have unfair representation on our council

Richard Amery

From: John van der Vegte
Sent: Thursday, 7 October 2021 7:28 pm
To: Lets Talk
Subject: My comments

Sir, madam,

The At Large Ward has been invented to double the voting power of those on the Māori Roll and should not be used

This will drive a wedge between Pakeha and Maori, and it will be detrimental to Maori, and to all europeans, chinese , Indian, and any other race.

I want the simple and democratic 'Option 1' with 7 seats for the 72% voters on the General Roll, 3 seats for the 28% on the Māori Roll, and no change to the election of the Mayor and the Rural and Lakes community board members.

Maori Ward – There should be 3 seats in the Māori Ward to match the 28% on the Maori Electoral Roll because it would be democratic and fair with equal suffrage.

That is my opinion.

I am 83 year years old. I am married for 55 years to a Moari.

I cannot be there to express my opinion at the meeting

Signed<

John van der Vegte

From: Bronwyn Hoe
Sent: Thursday, 7 October 2021 5:48 pm
To: Lets Talk
Subject: =Council Representation Review

My Submission

The number of councillors should stay the same. Increasing the number would just increase the cost with no benefits.

The introduction of Maori wards was not democratic and done with no consultation. As it's a done deal there should be 3 seats in the Maori Ward to reflect the 28% on the Maori Electoral Roll to resurrect some democracy.

There is no justification to change the community boards.

Many of the proposed changes appear to give some individuals more rights than others which leads to a very divisive society.

As a ratepayer I am looking for a council that gets back to providing the basic services the whole community needs and treats everyone on an even footing. This should be reflected in the Council Structure.

Thank You

Bronwyn Hoe.

One of the 5 Million Kiwis.

From: Mark Franken
Sent: Thursday, 7 October 2021 2:55 pm
To: Lets Talk
Subject: Representation review

Dear Mayor and Councillors

I am of the opinion that the number of Councillors should remain at 10.

There should be 7 seats in the general ward to maintain the current democratic levels, with 3 seats in the Maori ward.

The two policy advisory boards should remain as they are currently.

Elected representatives should be the only members representing ratepayers on the 3 waters and any other contentious issues which may arise in the future.

Yours sincerely

Mark Franken



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REPRESENTATION REVIEW

Every six years we have an opportunity to take a fresh look at the structure of the membership of our council and the way councillors and community board members are elected. In this review we need to ask:

- How many councillors should we have?
- Should councillors 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 councillors should we have per ward?
- Should Community Boards be introduced/retained?
- Number of seats for Māori Ward/Wards

Right now we have 10 councillors and 1 mayor (11 altogether) who lead our district.

But we could have 5 to 29 members (excluding Mayor). We want to know if you think we have the right number or if we need to change it so that everyone can still be represented properly (fairly and effectively) at council.

Are you:

Māori

Pākeha | European

Other (please state)

Prefer not to say

Age: 16-25 26-49

50-64 65+

1. How many councillors do you think we should have?

More How many?

The same Currently 10

Less How many? (at least 5)

Only those on the Māori electoral role will be entitled to vote for Māori representative councillors. Based on 10 current councillors there could be 3 Māori councillors.

2. Should there be:

1 ward, 3 Māori councillors

2 wards: 1 ward with 1 Māori ward councillor, 1 ward with 2 Māori ward councillors

3 wards, 1 Māori ward councillor per ward.

3. If you suggest either 1 ward or three wards, where do you think the ward boundaries should be? (how would you split up the district?)

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Please explain your choice **WE ARE ALL NEW ZEALANDERS SO THE CREATION OF MAORI WARDS OVER AND ABOVE WHAT WE HAVE ALREADY WILL ONLY CREATE RACIAL TENSION IN OUR SOCIETY. ONE COUNTRY, ONE VOICE, ONE PEOPLE.**

4. Excluding the Maori ward councillors there will potentially be 7 general councillor seats.

Should these be split further into: Wards Mixed (At large & wards)

5. If wards, where do you suggest ward boundaries are (how would you split up the district)?

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6. If a rural council seat could be introduced, do we still retain a rural community board? Yes No

7. If a lakes council seat could be introduced, do we still retain a lakes community board? Yes No

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FEEDBACK

He aha ō whakaaro?

We think people come together for different reasons to form a community.

Sometimes it's people who live in the same area, or who have the same interests, or who share the same whakapapa. If lots of people belong to a community, it may be big enough to form a ward, or a community board (a community board is a group of people from your community who you vote in to take your concerns and ideas to council).

8. Is there a community that you feel you belong to / identify with? Yes No

If yes which one/ones? SENIOR CITIZENS.

9. How many people do you think belong to / identify with it? 15% of Rotorua's population

10. Is it important for your community to have your concerns heard at council? Yes No

If yes, how would your community like to be heard? through GREY POWER and representation on council.

Right now we have two Community Boards - the Rotorua Lakes Community Board - who speak to council on behalf of the people who live in the lakes areas (Lakes Rotomā, Rotoehu, Rotoiti, Tarawera, Ōkareka & Ōkātaina) and the Rotorua Rural Community Board - who speak to council on behalf of people who live in our rural areas.

11. How many community boards do you think we should have? None The same as we have now

More than now - which communities do you think should have their own board?

Why? Have a rural + lakes council seat.

Name: GERALD HANSON

Address: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED] Contact phone: [REDACTED]

Tēnā koe, thank you

Please return your completed form to: Rotorua Lakes Council Customer Centre
Haupapa Street
or send to: Rotorua Lakes Council
Private Bag 3029
Rotorua Mail Centre
Rotorua 3046
or email: letstalk@rotoruac.nz

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From: Neil Heather
Sent: Friday, 8 October 2021 3:59 pm
To: Lets Talk
Subject: Fwd: Electoral Review

----- Original Message -----

From: Neil Heather >
To: Lets Talk <letstalk@rotorualc.nz>
Date: 08 October 2021 at 12:51
Subject: Electoral Review

Neil Heather

945 Paradise Valley

RD2

Rotorua

I wish to state that I do not support the proposal that the elected members are proposing as the future voting structure for RLC

In 2015 I was involved in the Electoral Review at the time we described our experience with the governance of RLC as being challenging. Unfortunately over the intervening years it has been no different

I believe that a rural councillor will be more accessible and accountable to the rural people they represent at the council table

I do not believe that RLC's proposal ensures effective representation of the rural communities

Having engaged with the rural board a number of times since it has been in place I do not believe the Rural community board has advanced our representation at the council table to the point that I gave up on them 2 years ago

I would like to see

2 Maori wards

1 Rural ward

3 General wards

4 At Large

8th October 2021

Rotorua Lakes Council
Private Bag 3029
Rotorua 3046
Email: info@rotorualc.nz

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Re: Rotorua Representation Review 2021

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Chris Haworth and Chris Stevens

John Tadema

8/10/21

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Yours sincerely

John Tadema

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Your feedback on the initial proposal:

Rotorua Lakes Council is currently reviewing its representation arrangements for the October 2022 elections. The Council has adopted an initial proposal of a mixed representation model (wards and at large) with a membership of 10 councillors and 1 Mayor (Mayor elected at large).

This proposal is now open for consultation with the community.

Submissions close 5PM

Friday
8 OCT
2021

To assist the Council in determining its final representation arrangements, you can make a submission on:

1. The number of councillors (10 councillors and 1 Mayor)
2. Introducing 1 General Ward with 4 elected members
3. Introducing 1 Māori Ward with 2 elected members
4. Introducing an "at large" component with 4 elected members
5. Retaining the existing Lakes Community Board with 4 elected members (plus 1 appointed councillor)
6. Retaining the existing Rural Community Board with 4 elected members (plus 1 appointed councillor)

I **SUPPORT** the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections
Because... ..

I **DO NOT SUPPORT** the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 elections
Because... *It is not democratic.*
I support option 1.

As an alternative I propose... *option 1.*

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SUBMISSION TO ROTORUA LAKES COUNCIL

REPRESENTATION REVIEW

I SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 election
Because

I DO NOT SUPPORT the Council's proposed representation arrangements for the 2022 election
Because Option 3 is not democratic. It is a gerrymander – where representation structures have been manipulated to favour one group.

As an alternative I propose Option 1 because it is democratic. The Māori Ward and the General Ward are real wards with real electoral populations. The Māori Electoral Population (MEP) for the Rotorua District is 19,791. The voters in Rotorua's MEP are 28% of the total electoral population and are democratically entitled to have three votes (30%) to elect three councillors out of ten on Council.

Rotorua's General Electoral Population (GEP) is 51,618. The voters on the GEP are 72% of the total electoral population and are democratically entitled to have seven votes (70%) to elect seven out of ten councillors to Council.

Why is Option 1 democratic? Democratic rights are based on equal suffrage - one person, one vote, one value. Each person has the right to vote and every vote must have the same value. The number of the votes each voter gets depends on the number of councillors to be elected from the ward they belong to. Option 1 is simple, common sense and democratic.

Te Tatau prefers a Māori Ward with 3 seats because it would reflect the size of the Māori Electoral Population. That would be democratic.

However, Te Tatau also supports one seat being taken from the General ward and converted into an "at large" seat that everyone on the Māori and General rolls can vote for. Those on the General roll would stay with having 7 votes while those on the Māori roll would advance from having 3 to having 4 votes, an increase of 33.3% in voting power. This would undermine equal suffrage and create undemocratic voting. It is unacceptable.

Option 3 was created by taking 1 seat from the Māori ward and 3 seats from the General ward to create 4 "at large" seats that everyone on the Māori and General rolls can vote for.

Compared to Option 1, those on the General roll would advance from having 7 votes to 8, an increase of 14% in voting power. Those on the Māori roll would advance from 3 votes to having 6 votes, doubling their voting power. This would significantly undermine equal suffrage. Option 3 is even less democratic than Option 2. It is even less acceptable.

There are three major problems with Options 2 and 3. They both set aside equal suffrage to propose unfair representation based on a phony ward with "at large" seats to favour mana whenua. Seven incumbents on Council consider that these two options are justified by the Treaty of Waitangi which they believe guarantees partnership with the Crown and 50/ 50 co-governance.

The second problem with Options 2 and 3 is that candidates can select voters by selecting one ward (Māori, General or "At Large") to stand in, rather than having voters selecting representatives from actual electoral populations. It would be like an election in reverse. Voters usually get to pick their representatives. By adding the fake "At Large" ward, local politicians will get to pick voters.

The most serious problem with gerrymandering is that it corrupts democratic processes. The more complex the options, the more cynical and alienated voters will become. An even lower turnout will favour factional activism. Another is that disaffected groups, like farmers, will continue to be ignored. !!

Finally, although New Zealand citizens are guaranteed democracy in law, adopting Option 3 or Option 2 will erode democratic rights for six years, at least. They are unacceptable.

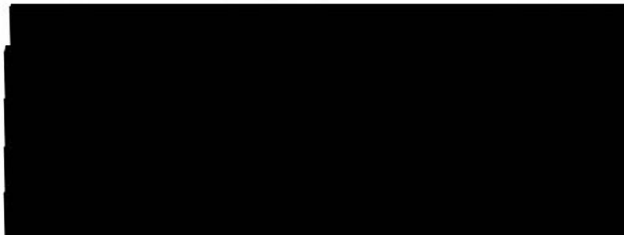
Do wish to present your comments to the Council in person at a hearing? Yes No

I understand that hearings are scheduled for 19 October 2021 and that I will be notified of the time and place.

Add Name, Address, Contacts

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Glenda Wade

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Barry Wade



From: Info RDC <INFO@ROTORUALC.NZ>
Sent: Monday, 11 October 2021 9:00 am
To: Lets Talk
Subject: FW: Submission Representation Voting RLC [#65070S]

-----Original Message-----

From: "chrisandheather"
Sent: Saturday, 9 October 2021 3:28 pm
To: "info@rotorualc.nz" <info@rotorualc.nz>
Subject: : Submission Representation Voting RLC

To whom it may concern, For receiving submissions at R L C.

As a Rotorua ratepayer my preference is for Option 1

7 Seats for voters on the General Role.

3 Seats for the Maori Roll.

No change for election of Mayor.

No change for election of Rural and Lakes Community Board members.

After looking at the alternatives I believe this is the fairest and most democratic.

Unfortunately I am unable to speak to my submission.

Chris Whyte