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FW: Rotorua Lakes representation review - Initial proposal

From: E-J Ruthven <E-J.Ruthven@dia.govt.nz>**Sent:** Wednesday, 1 September 2021 9:31 AM**To:** Rick Dunn <Rick.Dunn@rotorualc.nz>**Subject:** RE: Rotorua Lakes representation review - Initial proposal

Mōrena Rick,

Thanks for sending this information through, much appreciated. When you have a moment, it would be great if you could please send through a copy of the report to Council, minutes of the meeting, and the public notice of the proposal (appreciate you may not have all of these to hand as yet).

All the best with the consultation period, and we look forward to seeing Rotorua's representation review progress further.

Ngā mihi,
E-J

From: Rick Dunn <Rick.Dunn@rotorualc.nz>**Sent:** Tuesday, 31 August 2021 11:27 AM**To:** E-J Ruthven <E-J.Ruthven@dia.govt.nz>**Subject:** RE: Rotorua Lakes representation review - Initial proposal

Hi E-J

Council adopted the following initial proposal this morning with additional points 2 & 3.

- 1. That Council adopt the initial proposal and proceed to public consultation commencing 8 September and closing 8 October 2021, noting that the proposal consists of a mixed model membership structure with 10 councillor seats and 1 Mayor as listed:**
 - 1 Mayor elected at large
 - 1 Māori ward with 2 seats
 - 1 General ward with 4 seats
 - 4 "At large" seats
 - A Rotorua Lakes Community Board
 - A Rotorua Rural Community Board

- 2. That Council propose that the number of elected members for the Lakes Community Board and Rural Community Board remain at 4 elected members with 1 appointed member.**

- 3. That Council propose that there are no changes to the boundaries of the Lakes Community and Rural Community Board.**

It was also noted during the presentation to council that any appointed members need to be representatives of a ward in which the community is situated, members elected via either the proposed general or Māori wards could be appointed to either community board, however members elected at large could not.

I can confirm that all this information is included in our consultation document including a map of the identifying the community board boundaries

The proposed ward names have been developed and we are currently waiting for feedback from our Te Tatau o Te Arawa partners. These will be confirmed before we go out for public consultation, 8 September to 8 October.

Thanks for the feedback.

Ngā mihi

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Thanks Rick.

I've had a second look, and would also add that the proposed names of the wards be included in the resolution as well.

All the best for the meeting today!

Ngā mihi,
E-J

From: Rick Dunn <Rick.Dunn@rotorualc.nz>
Sent: Monday, 30 August 2021 5:18 PM
To: E-J Ruthven <E-J.Ruthven@dia.govt.nz>
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Kia ora

Thanks and appreciate your feedback.

We will include these details tomorrow & provide an update.

Ngā mihi

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Kia ora Rick

I hope your week has started well, and that the transition back to lockdown life has been as smooth as possible for you.

I understand that at tomorrow's Council meeting, Rotorua Lakes will be resolving its Initial Proposal for the representation review. I had a quick look at the agenda for tomorrow's meeting, and noted a couple of matters you might like to consider regarding the wording of the recommendation:

- I see the recommendation is to include a Rotorua Lakes Community Board and a Rotorua Rural Community Board, however the recommendation itself is silent on the number of members to be elected/appointed to these. I can see there is some detail relating to this in the report that went to the Committee meeting last week (I understand for both the proposal is to have 4 elected members and 1 appointed member), however you may wish to consider adding this detail into the resolution to adopt the Initial Proposal (s19J LEA)
- Likewise, the recommendation wording does not mention the boundaries of the community boards (although a map attached to the agenda last week indicates that there is no proposed change to the community board boundaries. Again, you may wish to consider specifying this in the recommendation wording (s19J LEA)
- Also, I see in the report that went to the Committee meeting last week, the commentary relating to the '1 appointed member' specifies that 1 councillor will be appointed to each community board. However, with the proposal to move to a mixed ward system, this is a gentle reminder that, where a ward system is in place, any appointed members need to be representatives of a ward in which the community is situated – therefore members elected via either the proposed general or Māori wards could be appointed to either community board (as the community boards fall within the area of both wards), however members elected at large could not (s19F).

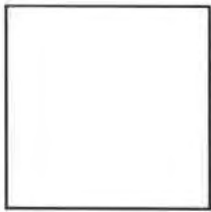
You are most welcome to give me a call if you have any questions or if there is anything else you'd like to discuss. Otherwise, all the best for the meeting tomorrow, and we look forward to seeing the representation review progress further.

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Subject: RE: Rotorua District Council representation review

Thanks Rick, that's great.

Have a good day,
E-J

From: Rick Dunn <Rick.Dunn@rotorualc.nz>
Sent: Monday, 8 November 2021 11:26 AM
To: E-J Ruthven <E-J.Ruthven@dia.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Rotorua District Council representation review

Mōrena

Correct should read 19 November, thanks for that.

Rick

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Sent: Monday, 8 November 2021 11:13 AM
To: Rick Dunn <Rick.Dunn@rotorualc.nz>
Subject: RE: Rotorua District Council representation review

Mōrena Rick

Thanks for your email, I appreciate the update. As you've noted, the table below is compliant with the formula in the LEA and it is open for the Council to consider this option.

Could I please double check with you, is the date for the final proposal meeting 19 November (presumably not October)?

Have a great week in the meantime.

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From: Rick Dunn <Rick.Dunn@rotorualc.nz>
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To: E-J Ruthven <E-J.Ruthven@dia.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Rotorua District Council representation review

Morena E-J

FYI - update

Council will still adopt their final proposal on 19 October, which is the deadline.

The model below, which complies with legislation, will also be considered.

It is a way to create parity under the formula. It requires a reduction in the total number of ward seats, and increase in the seats elected from the district as a whole. The split would need to be 1-1-8.

$$nmm = \frac{21,700}{21,700 + 55,600} \times 2$$

Under this approach, where the total seats under the wards is only 2 (as opposed to 6 in the initial proposal) , the equation becomes $0.29 \times 2 = 0.58$

Clause 2(3) of Schedule 1A LEA provides:

'If the number of the Māori ward members (other than the mayor) calculated under subclause (1) includes a fraction, the fraction must be disregarded unless it exceeds a half. If the fraction exceeds a half, the number of Māori ward members must be the next whole number above the number that includes the fraction.'

Ward	Population	No. Councillors per Ward	Population per Councillor	Deviation from District average population per Councillor	% Deviation from District average population per Councillor
General Ward	55,600	1	55,600	n/a	n/a
Māori Ward	21,700	1	21,700	n/a	n/a
At Large	(77,300)	8		n/a	n/a
Total Members	77,300	10			

Ngā mihi

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From: E-J Ruthven <E-J.Ruthven@dia.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 21 October 2021 4:28 PM
To: Rick Dunn <Rick.Dunn@rotorualc.nz>
Subject: RE: Rotorua District Council representation review

Kia ora Rick

Thanks for your email. I see I missed a call from you earlier (my apologies, I was in a meeting). I've just tried to call you back, but understand that you are on leave.

As you have noted below, the proposal in the second table for 3 general and 3 Māori ward members does not comply with the legislation. This is because, with a total of 6 members to be elected via wards, the formula for calculating the number of Māori ward members in Schedule 1A of the LEA gives a maximum of 2 Māori ward members (ie 4 general ward members + 2 Māori ward members, as per the Rotorua's initial proposal).

You have asked whether the Commission would consider a proposal that is non-compliant in this manner. However, the LEA does not give the Commission any discretion to approve non-compliance with the prescribed formula for calculating Māori ward members. This is quite different to the +/-10% rule, where the LEA lists specific scenarios for which non-compliance with the +/-10% rule can be considered. Therefore, the proposal in the second table would be non-compliant with the legislation, and the Commission would not have any power to uphold it.

Is the plan still for Council to resolve its final proposal on 28 October?

Please feel free to give me a call if you want to discuss any of the above. Otherwise, have a great long weekend in the meantime.

Ngā mihi,

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Kia ora E-J

Need some guidance please.

Councils initial proposal is:

Ward	Population	No. Councillors per Ward	Population per Councillor	Deviation from District average	% Deviation from District average
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General Ward	55,600	4	13,900	n/a	n/a
Māori Ward	21,700	2	10,850	n/a	n/a
At Large	(77,300)	4		n/a	n/a
Total Members	77,300	10			

We had a hearing on Tuesday 19 October followed by a workshop today for elected members to discuss the submissions received and any potential changes to consider for the final proposal.

For Rotorua, the GEP/MEP stats. allow up to 3 Māori ward members. In the initial proposal, with 6 elected ward members, there could be 3 Māori ward/s. A number of submitters including Te Tatau o Te Arawa and Ngati Whakaue want to have 3 Māori ward members. Council now wish to amend their in initial to the model below, giving equity to both the Māori & General wards. Although this model is not compliant with the legislation, would the LGC consider this proposal.

Ward	Population	No. Councillors per Ward	Population per Councillor	Deviation from District average population per Councillor	% Deviation from District average population per Councillor
General Ward	55,600	3	18,533	n/a	n/a
Māori Ward	21,700	3	7,233	n/a	n/a
At Large	(77,300)	4		n/a	n/a
Total Members	77,300	10			

Ngā mihi
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To: Rick Dunn <Rick.Dunn@rotorualc.nz>
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Kia ora Rick

Thanks so much for the update, it is great to hear how everything is tracking. It sounds like you had a really busy schedule of engagement activities, despite lockdown and higher alert levels!

I hope that the preparation for hearings on Tuesday (and for the final proposal decision) go as smoothly as possible, with no covid-related interruptions. I'll then be in touch again during the appeals period to see how things are tracking (the vast majority of councils doing representation reviews have appeals periods finishing in late-November-mid December, so we'll be trying to plan as much as possible for what is likely to be a very busy January-March at our end!)

As always, please feel free to email or call if any questions arise, otherwise all the best for next week.

Ngā mihi,
E-J

From: Rick Dunn <Rick.Dunn@rotorualc.nz>
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Morena E-J

Thank you, another busy week, hope all is well with you.

Correct our submission period closed on Friday 8 October. Considering we moved into COVID Level 2 two days before went out for public consultation the response has been good.

We promoted/ask for feedback on the review through our "Lets Talk – Kōrero Mai" platform on the RLC website, social media, emails to community groups, Zoom webinars (9), digital media, radio, Customer Center & Library displays, back of the buses advertising, community newsletters and video's of a presentation given at the Library & Zoom and Zoom webinar available to view on our website.

Feedback received: Online = 125, written = 43, Total = 168. We are still holding a hearing on Tuesday 19 October with 36 submitters indicating they wish to be heard. The hearing timetable will be forward to submitters today. In the 2016 Rep. review we received a total of 52 submissions with 9 wishing to be heard.

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Kia ora Rick

I hope your week has started well. I understand that the submissions period for Rotorua's representation review initial proposal closed last week, so this email is to touch base and see how everything went. Did you end up receiving many submissions? And is the plan still to hold a hearing on 19 October?

Thanks in advance, and have a great week.

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