



# Tō Reo - Mō ngā Kaikōwhiri a-Rohe Your Voice – For Local Representation



## Representation Review Public Notice

On 4 August 2021 the South Taranaki District Council reviewed its representation arrangements, and resolved that the following initial proposal apply for the Council and its community boards for the elections to be held on 8 October 2022:

In accordance with sections 19H and 19J and clauses 1 and 2 of Schedule 1A of the Local Electoral Act 2001, the Council adopted the following as its initial proposal for the review of representation arrangements for the 2022 and 2025 triennial elections:

The South Taranaki District Council to comprise the Mayor elected at large and thirteen (13) councillors elected under a ward system, specifically eleven (11) general ward councillors and two (2) Māori ward councillors;

The South Taranaki District Council be divided into two Māori wards, these being:

Ward and number of councillors	Communities of interest	Geographic Description
<b>East Māori Ward</b> One Māori ward councillor	Ngāti Ruanui and Ngāa Rauru Iwi	The boundary between the West and East Māori Wards following State Highway 3 from the northern boundary of the District through Eltham to the intersection with Mountain Road; Mountain Road to its intersection with Ketemarae Road; Ketemarae Road to its intersection with State Highway 3; State Highway 3 south to South Road; west along South Road to the Waihi Stream and south along the Stream to the coast.
<b>West Māori Ward</b> One Māori ward councillor	Ngāruahine and Taranaki Iwi	

The South Taranaki District Council be divided into four general wards, these being:

Ward and number of councillors	Communities of interest	Geographic Description
<b>Eltham-Kaponga General Ward</b> Two (2) general ward councillors	Eltham, Kaponga, Mangamingi	The Eltham-Kaponga General Ward bounded to the west by Auroa, Ōpunakē and Ōeo Roads; to the north by the District boundary; to the south by Skeet Road and a line south of Skeet Road, Tempsky, Ōmahuru, Onewhaia and Austin Roads, the Mangemange Stream and the current ward boundary to the south and east of Moeroa and north to the District boundary.
<b>Pātea General Ward</b> Two (2) general ward councillors	Pātea, Kākaramea, Waverley, Waitōtara, Ngamatapouri	The Pātea General Ward bounded by the current ward boundaries from the coast at the Manawapou River northeast to the Moeawatea Stream and north to the District boundary, to the east by the District boundary and to the south by the coast.
<b>Taranaki-Coastal General Ward</b> Two (2) general ward councillors	Ōpunakē, Manaia, Kaūpokonui Rāhotu, Warea, Pungarehu	The Taranaki-Coastal General Ward bounded to the east by Auroa, Ōpunakē, Ōeo and Skeet Roads, a line south of Skeet Road and Inaha Road to the coast, and to the south and west by the coast.
<b>Te Hāwera General Ward</b> Five (5) general ward councillors	Hāwera, Normanby, Ōkaiawa, Ōhawe, Ōhangai, Tāngāhoe Valley	Te Hāwera General Ward bounded to the west by Inaha Road, to the north by Tempsky, Ōmahuru, Onewhaia and Austin Roads, the Mangemange Stream and the current ward boundary to the Moeawatea Stream and south west to the Manawapou River and the coast, and to the south by the coast.

The two Māori wards and the four general wards, the number of councillors per ward, the ward populations (estimated as at 30 June 2020) and the population ratio per councillor are as follows:

Ward	Population Estimate (2020 Stats NZ)	Number of Councillors	Population per Councillor	Variation %
East Māori	2,980	1	2,980	+16.2%
West Māori	2,160	1	2,160	-15.8%
Eltham-Kaponga General	4,120	2	2,060	-4.0%
Pātea General	3,120	2	1,560	-27.3%
Taranaki Coastal General	4,970	2	2,485	+15.8%
Te Hāwera General Ward	11,400	5	2,280	+6.3%

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

- each general ward councillor represents must be within the population range of 2,145 plus or minus 10% (1,931 – 2,360)
- each Māori ward councillor represents must be within the population range of 2,565 plus or minus 10% (2,309 – 2,822)

unless particular communities of interest considerations justify otherwise. Some wards fall outside of the +/- 10% range but to comply would have divided communities of interest between wards.

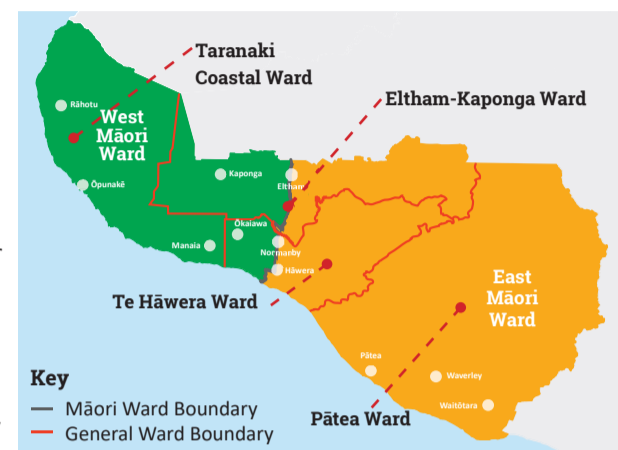
Retains four (4) community boards representing four (4) communities, these being:

Community Board and number of members	Communities	Geographic Description
<b>Eltham-Kaponga Community Board</b> Four (4) elected members and one appointed member, being an Eltham-Kaponga general ward councillor or the East Ward Māori councillor.	Eltham, Kaponga, Mangamingi	The Eltham-Kaponga Community Board bounded to the west by Auroa, Ōpunakē and Ōeo Roads; to the north by the District boundary; to the south by Skeet Road and a line south of Skeet Road, Tempsky, Ōmahuru, Onewhaia and Austin Roads, the Mangemange Stream and the current ward boundary to the south and east of Moeroa and north to the District boundary.
<b>Pātea Community Board</b> Four (4) elected members and one appointed member, being a Pātea general ward councillor or the East Ward Māori councillor.	Pātea, Kākaramea, Waverley, Waitōtara, Ngamatapouri	The Pātea Community Board bounded by the current ward boundaries from the coast at the Manawapou River northeast to the Moeawatea Stream and north to the District boundary, to the east by the District boundary and to the south by the coast.
<b>Taranaki Coastal Community Board</b> Four (4) elected members and one appointed member, being a Taranaki Coastal general ward councillor or the West Ward Māori councillor.	Ōpunakē, Manaia, Kaūpokonui Rāhotu, Warea, Pungarehu	The Taranaki Coastal Community Board bounded to the east by Auroa, Ōpunakē, Ōeo and Skeet Roads, a line south of Skeet Road and Inaha Road to the coast, and to the south and west by the coast.
<b>Te Hāwera Community Board</b> Four (4) elected members and one appointed member, being a Te Hāwera general ward councillor or the East Ward Māori councillor.	Hāwera, Normanby, Ōkaiawa, Ōhawe, Ōhangai, Tāngāhoe	Te Hāwera Community Board bounded to the west by Inaha Road, to the north by Tempsky, Ōmahuru, Onewhaia and Austin Roads, the Mangemange Stream and the current ward boundary to the Moeawatea Stream and south west to the Manawapou River and the coast, and to the south by the coast.

In accordance with section 19K(2) of the Local Electoral Act 2001, the reasons for the proposed changes to the current representation arrangements are:

- To reflect the establishment of one or more Māori wards in accordance with Council's resolution on 11 November 2020;
- To provide effective and accessible representation to all communities of interest within the District;
- To reflect the feedback received through the pre-consultation undertaken from 9 June to 9 July 2021.
- To reflect the 2020 population figures as provided by Statistics New Zealand.

Adopts the South Taranaki District Council's Representation Review 2021 Initial Proposal for consultation starting 12 August 2021 and closing 23 September 2021 and a public notice is published to that effect, in accordance with the Local Electoral Act 2001.



### Further Information

Copies of the Council's resolution and maps setting out the areas of the proposed wards and community boards may be viewed on the Council's website [www.southtaranaki.com](http://www.southtaranaki.com) or obtained from any LibraryPlus in Hāwera, Manaia, Pātea, Waverley, Ōpūnake, Eltham and Kaponga or the Hāwera Administration Building in Albion Street, Hāwera.

Queries regarding the Council's decision can be submitted through [policy@stdc.govt.nz](mailto:policy@stdc.govt.nz) or to Becky Wolland, Policy and Governance Manager, Phone 0800 111 323, 06 278 0555. Relevant information is also available on the Council's website [www.southtaranaki.com](http://www.southtaranaki.com)

### Submissions are invited:

Persons with an interest in the proposed representation arrangements are invited to make written submissions on the Council's initial representation proposal by:

- Completing the online submission form at [www.southtaranaki.com](http://www.southtaranaki.com)
- Sending an email to [policy@stdc.govt.nz](mailto:policy@stdc.govt.nz)
- Posting a hard copy to us at Private Bag 902, Hāwera, 4640 or drop it into any LibraryPlus or the Hāwera Administration Building

**Submissions must be received by Council by 5pm on Thursday 23 September 2021. Please indicate if you wish to speak to your submission.**

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Waid Crockett  
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12 August 2021