



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



## Representation Arrangements Final Proposal

On 11 October 2021 the South Taranaki District Council considered the submissions received on its initial proposal regarding representation arrangements for the South Taranaki District, to apply for at least the local body elections to be held on 8 October 2022.

The Council received 39 submissions on its proposal. 22 submissions supported the Council's initial proposal, five supported the proposal with some changes to boundaries and the number of councillors, and six submissions did not support the proposal.

In addition, four submissions were unable to be considered as they did not relate to the representation review.

Key findings from the submissions were:

- 24 submissions agreed to retain 13 councillors;
- 3 submissions considered that 13 councillors were too many for the District;
- 2 submissions considered that there should be an additional councillor added to the Taranaki-Coastal General Ward;
- 2 submissions suggested that the Te Hāwera General Ward should be divided in two;
- 4 submissions did not support the proposed boundary along Ōeo Road between the Eltham-Kaponga and Taranaki Coastal General Wards;
- 27 submissions agreed to establish two Māori wards;
- 26 submissions agreed to retain the four community boards;
- 5 submissions proposed names for the two Māori wards.

As a result of the submissions received and to reflect communities of interest, the Council amended the boundary between the Taranaki Coastal and Eltham-Kaponga general wards. The boundary has been moved from Ōeo Road to Auroa Road and follows the mesh block boundaries south of Skeet Road.

The Council also resolved to name the proposed West Māori Ward, Te Kūrae Māori Ward and the proposed East Māori Ward, Te Tai Tonga Māori Ward as these names are considered more appropriate for these wards.

The Council rejected some matters raised in submissions for the following reasons:

- The points raised to increase the number of councillors were rejected based on the support received in other submissions to retain the proposed number of 13 councillors;
- The points raised to decrease the number of councillors were rejected based on the support received in other submissions to retain the proposed number of 13 councillors and reducing the number of councillors would not provide effective representation;
- The submissions recommending the Te Hāwera General Ward be divided into two was rejected as this would split a community of interest;
- Submissions received on the principle of Māori wards were out of the scope of the representation review process.

### Appeals and Objections

Any person who has made a submission on the Council's initial proposal may lodge an appeal against the Council's decision. An appeal must relate to the matters raised in that person's submission.

Any person may lodge an objection to the Council's final proposal. An objection must specify the matters to which the objection relates.

Appeals and objections must be made in writing and must be received by the Council no later than 5 pm on Friday 26 November 2021.

Appeal/objection forms are available from the Hāwera Administration office or any LibraryPlus and from the Council's website

[www.southtaranaki.com](http://www.southtaranaki.com) and should state your name, address, telephone number and email address. Appeals and objections are to be addressed to:

Waid Crockett, Chief Executive

- Send an email to [policy@stdc.govt.nz](mailto:policy@stdc.govt.nz)
- Post it to us at Private Bag 902, Hāwera, 4640

### Further information

Please direct any queries regarding the Council's decision to Becky Wolland phone 0800 111 323 or 06 278 0555.

Waid Crockett  
Chief Executive  
South Taranaki District Council  
21 October 2021



The final proposal is:

### Council Representation

It is proposed that the South Taranaki District Council comprise the mayor elected at large and 13 councillors elected from six wards that reflect the identified communities of interest:



Ward Name	# of Elected Members	Ward Boundaries and Changes
Te Kūrae Māori Ward	1	A new Māori Ward bounded to the north by the District boundary; its east boundary 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; a line north west to Boylan Road; Boylan Road to Austin Road; Austin 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; and the coast to the south and west. This ward largely encompasses the parts of the Taranaki Iwi and Ngāruahine rohe that are within the South Taranaki District. This ward does not meet the +/-10% population requirement but the boundary was defined by Ngāruahine and Ngāti Ruanui.
Te Tai Tonga Māori Ward	1	A new Māori Ward bounded to the north and east by the District boundary; its west boundary 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; a line northwest to Boylan Road; Boylan Road to Austin Road; Austin 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; and the coast to the southwest. This ward largely encompasses the parts of the Ngāti Ruanui and Ngāa Rauru Kaitahi rohe that are within the South Taranaki District. This ward does not meet the +/-10% population requirement but the boundary was defined by Ngāti Ruanui and Ngāa Rauru Kaitahi.
Taranaki Coastal General Ward	2	Bounded to the north by the District boundary; to the northeast by Auroa Road; to the south by a line south of Skeet Road; to the southeast by Inaha Road to the coast, and to the south and west by the coast.
Eltham-Kaponga General Ward	2	Bounded to the west by Auroa Road; to the north by the District boundary; to the south by a line south of Skeet Road; Tempsey, 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.
Te Hāwera General Ward	5	Bounded to the west by Inaha Road; to the north by Tempsey, 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.
Pātea General Ward	2	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.

### Community Board Representation

It is proposed that the South Taranaki District Council will include four community boards, each represented by four community board elected members and one appointed member (a councillor representative):

Community Board Name	Number of Representatives	Description of Community Board Area
Taranaki Coastal Community Board	4 elected members and 1 appointed member being a Taranaki-Coastal General Ward councillor or Te Kūrae Māori Ward councillor	Same as the Taranaki Coastal General Ward
Eltham-Kaponga Community Board	4 elected members and 1 appointed member, being an Eltham-Kaponga general ward councillor or the Te Tai Tonga Māori ward councillor or the Te Kūrae Māori ward councillor	Same as the Eltham-Kaponga General Ward
Te Hāwera Community Board	4 elected members and 1 appointed member, being a Te Hāwera General Ward councillor or the Te Tai Tonga Māori ward councillor or the Te Kūrae Māori ward councillor	Same as the Te Hāwera General Ward
Pātea Community Board	4 elected members and 1 appointed member, being a Pātea General Ward councillor or the Te Tai Tonga Māori Ward councillor	Same as the Pātea General Ward