

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



## Arotakena Kaikōwhiri Representation Review

We are reviewing how the South Taranaki District Council represents our communities by way of a Representation Review. All councils are required to review their representation every six years. In November 2020, Council decided to establish a Māori ward/s and that decision triggered the need to review our Council representation for the local body elections in 2022 and 2025.

## What are we reviewing?

- How many councillors should represent the District? (South Taranaki can have between 5 and 29 councillors\*)
- Are they elected from wards or 'at large' across the whole District, or a mix of both?
- Should we retain our community boards?
- Should the Māori representatives be elected from one ward or two?

Council must consider three key factors to ensure effective representation of our communities. This is required for both the Māori and General electoral populations:

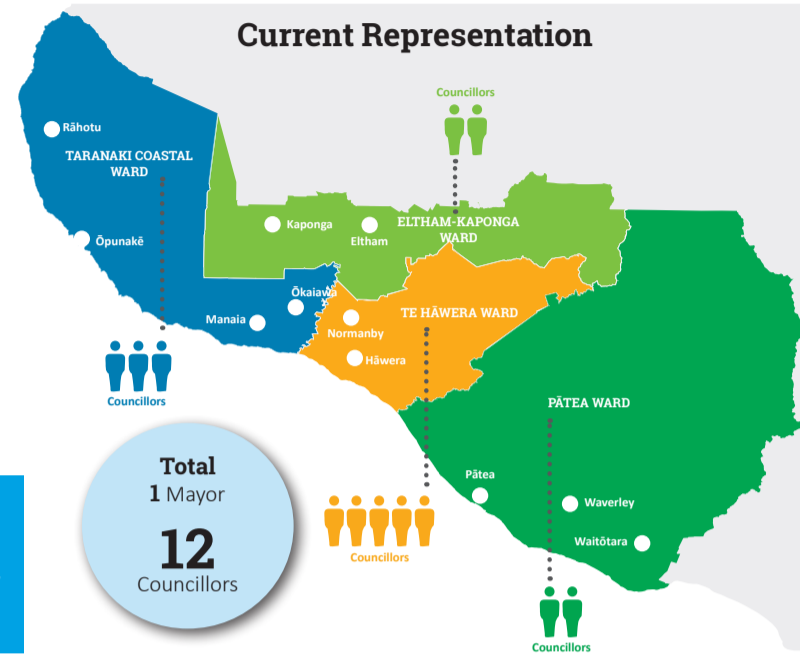
- Communities of interest
- Effective representation of communities of interest
- Fair representation of electors

## Did you know?

\* The amount of money set aside to pay the Mayor, Councillors and Community Board members is determined by an independent body called the Remuneration Authority. It is based on the population of the District. This means whether you have 5 Councillors or 29 Councillors the pool of funding available stays the same.

- 1 Mayor**  
12 councillors - 1,918 people per councillor
- Taranaki Coastal Ward (5,394 people), 3 councillors  
*1,798 people per councillor*
  - Eltham-Kaponga Ward (3,723 people), 2 councillors  
*1,862 people per councillor*
  - Te Hāwera Ward (10,776 people), 5 councillors  
*2,155 people per councillor*
  - Pātea Ward (3,120 people), 2 councillors  
*1,560 people per councillor*

This review will determine how you and your community are represented at Council, so it's important that we get your feedback.



## General Electoral Population 23,013

### Option 1



- 1 Mayor**  
8 General Ward councillors - 2,877 people per councillor  
2 Māori Ward councillors
- Taranaki Coastal ward (5,454 people), 2 councillors  
*2,727 people per councillor*
  - Eltham-Kaponga ward (3,174 people), 1 councillor  
*3,174 people per councillor*
  - Te Hāwera ward (11,265 people), 4 councillors  
*2,817 people per councillor*
  - Pātea ward (3,120 people), 1 councillor  
*3,120 people per councillor*

- Proposed Ward Boundaries**
- Western boundary of Eltham-Kaponga Ward moved east to Rowan and Palmer Roads.
  - Part southern boundary of Eltham-Kaponga Ward moved north from Skeet Road to Railway.
  - Te Hāwera Ward western boundary moved west to Inaha Road.

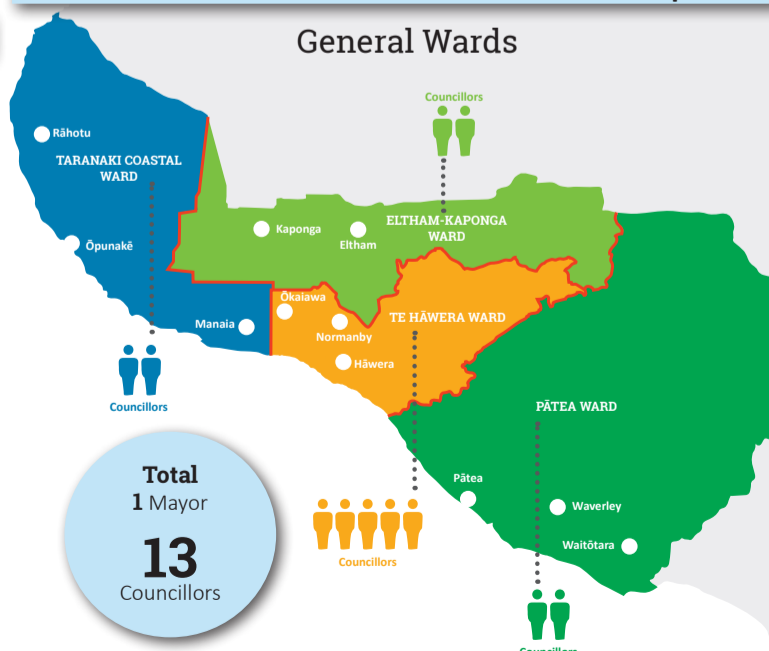
### Option 2



- 1 Mayor**  
10 General Ward councillors - 2,301 people per councillor  
2 Māori Ward councillors
- Taranaki Coastal Ward (4,944 people), 2 councillors  
*2,472 people per councillor*
  - Eltham-Kaponga Ward (3,897 people), 2 councillors  
*1,949 people per councillor*
  - Te Hāwera Ward (11,052 people), 4 councillors  
*2,763 people per councillor*
  - Pātea Ward (3,120 people), 2 councillors  
*1,560 people per councillor*

- Proposed Ward Boundaries**
- Part southern boundary of Eltham-Kaponga Ward moved south from Skeet Road to Tempsky, Ōmahuru and Austin Roads and Mangemange Stream.
  - Te Hāwera Ward western boundary moved west to Inaha Road.

### Option 3



- 1 Mayor**  
11 General Ward councillors - 2,092 people per councillor  
2 Māori Ward councillors
- Taranaki Coastal Ward (4,824 people), 2 councillors  
*2,412 people per councillor*
  - Eltham-Kaponga Ward (3,927 people), 2 councillors  
*1,964 people per councillor*
  - Te Hāwera Ward (11,142 people), 5 councillors  
*2,229 people per councillor*
  - Pātea Ward (3,120 people), 2 councillors  
*1,560 people per councillor*

- Proposed Ward Boundaries**
- Western boundary of Eltham-Kaponga Ward moved west from Auroa Road to Ōeo Road.
  - Part southern boundary of Eltham-Kaponga Ward moved south from Skeet Road to Tempsky, Ōmahuru and Austin Roads and Mangemange Stream.
  - Te Hāwera Ward western boundary moved west to Inaha Road.

## Māori Electoral Population 4,274

### Option A

- 1 Mayor**  
2 Māori Ward councillors - 2,137 people per councillor
- South Taranaki District at large

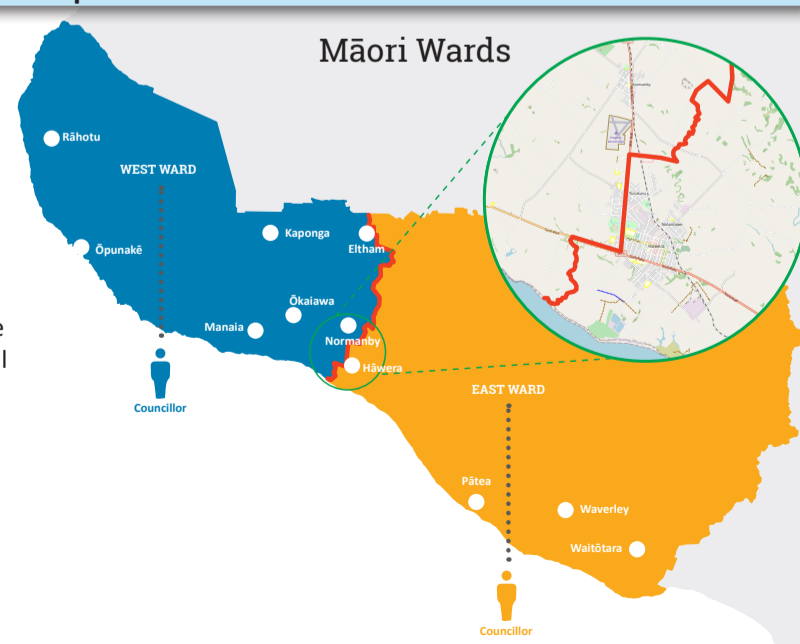


### Option B

- 1 Mayor**  
2 Māori Ward councillors - 2,137 people per councillor
- West Ward (1,994 people), 1 councillor  
*1,994 people per councillor*
  - East Ward (2,268 people), 1 councillor  
*2,268 people per councillor*

### Proposed Ward Boundaries

- Follows State Highway 3 from the northern boundary of the District to Eltham, skirts around the east side of Eltham to Maata Road, follows Campbell Road, Rotokare Road, Fraser Road, Austin Road, Mangapoua Road and Tawhiti Stream to south of Ōhangai Road, west to State Highway 3, south to South Road, west to Waihi Stream and south along the Stream to the coast.



## Tell Us What You Think

During June – July 2021, we're asking you to help us decide how many elected members we should have and what communities (wards) they represent. There are lots of different possibilities for our representation arrangements so, as a starting point, we have put forward three possible options for our general wards and two options for our Māori ward/s.

## How can I give my Feedback?

You can give your feedback by filling out the survey on our website [www.southtaranaki.com](http://www.southtaranaki.com) or by calling into any one of our seven LibraryPlus centres or our Administration Building in Hāwera by 5pm Friday 9 July. Alternatively you can call us toll free on 0800 111 323 and give us your feedback over the phone. Just ask to speak to the Representation Review team. Once we get all the feedback from the survey, we'll create an initial proposal (one option) and we'll ask you for your feedback again in late July 2021. **The survey closes 5pm Friday 9 July.**

