



## **Final Proposal for Representation Arrangements for the 2010 Local Elections**

### **SUMMARY**

On 3 November 2009 the Waimakariri District Council considered submissions received on its preliminary proposal regarding representation arrangements for the Council and its constituent community boards to apply for the local elections to be held on 9 October 2010.

In summary, the Council has confirmed the proposal as originally advertised, except for the establishment of two new community boards, one for the Rangiora ward and the other the Woodend-Ashley ward.

### **RESPONSE TO SUBMISSIONS**

The Council received 30 submissions on its proposal. Submissions supported and objected to various elements of the proposal, as follows:

#### **Councillors**

Seven submitters supported the current arrangement of election by wards, albeit some of those submitters did not support the current ward boundaries. Two submitters supported councillors elected at large (i.e. 10 councillors elected across the district). There was no support for mixed representation (i.e. some by ward and some at large).

#### **Ward boundaries**

Seven submitters agreed with the proposed ward boundaries. Five submitters disagreed with the ward boundaries. Three of these submitted that there should be two wards in the district, one to the east and one to the west. One submitter gave a detailed analysis of the Lees Road proposed change and submitted that this boundary should not change. Another submitter recommended an additional 600 people be shifted to the Kaiapoi ward from the Oxford-Eyre ward by extending the boundary further west.

#### **Community boards**

Twenty four of the thirty submitters supported one or more community boards, including the Kaiapoi Community Board, and the Rangiora and Woodend-Ashley Ward Advisory Boards. Eight of these submitters directly supported a community board in Rangiora. Four submitters supported a community board centred around the Woodend township, in an area less than the existing Woodend-Ashley ward. Eight of the submitters supported community boards for the district. One submitter recommended two community boards with two wards and another multiple community boards but with two wards. Three submitters recommended the status quo.

#### **Ward Advisory Boards**

Five submitters supported ward advisory boards in some form, including the Oxford –Eyre Ward Advisory Board. One submitter proposed that the boards be either all community boards or all ward advisory boards. One submitter supported district committees based on the communities' interests.

Having considered all submissions, the Council resolved to confirm its preliminary proposal as publicly notified from 15 August to 18 September 2009, subject to the creation of two new community boards; the Rangiora Community Board and the Woodend-Ashley Community Board. The Council's reasons for the additional community boards are made in light of submissions received. In addition, the Council must balance the views of submitters with the practicalities of their proposals, i.e. the requirements of the Local Electoral Act.

## **COUNCIL'S FINAL PROPOSAL**

The Waimakariri District Council therefore proposes that representation arrangements for the 2010 election are:

The Council comprises 10 members elected from 4 wards and a Mayor elected at large for the triennial local government elections to be held in 2010 and that the population (updated 2008 assessments provided by Statistics New Zealand) that each member will represent is as follows:

<b>Ward</b>	<b>Estimated population (30 June 2008)</b>	<b>People per Councillor</b>	<b>Variation from quota (4608)</b>
Oxford/Eyre Ward	9,790	4895	+ 6.23%(287)
Woodend/Ashley Ward	9,240	4620	+ 0.03%( 12)
Rangiora Ward	14,100	4700	+ 0.20%( 92)
Kaiapoi Ward	12,950	4317	- 6.31%(291)
District Total	46,080		

### **Reasons:**

*The role of the Council is to govern the district as a whole and allow a level of decision making at the local community level. These arrangements provide fair and effective representation. There was a high level of community support through the submissions for this. The emphasis in the Local Government Act 2002 is on Councillors having greater focus on governance issues.*

In accordance with section 19H of the Local Electoral Act 2001, four wards will apply for the 2010 triennial local government election of Councillors, as follows:

Rangiora Ward  
Woodend-Ashley Ward  
Kaiapoi Ward  
Oxford-Eyre Ward

and, in accordance with section 19K of the Local Electoral Act 2001, the map be used to illustrate and describe the wards suggested in this electoral process:

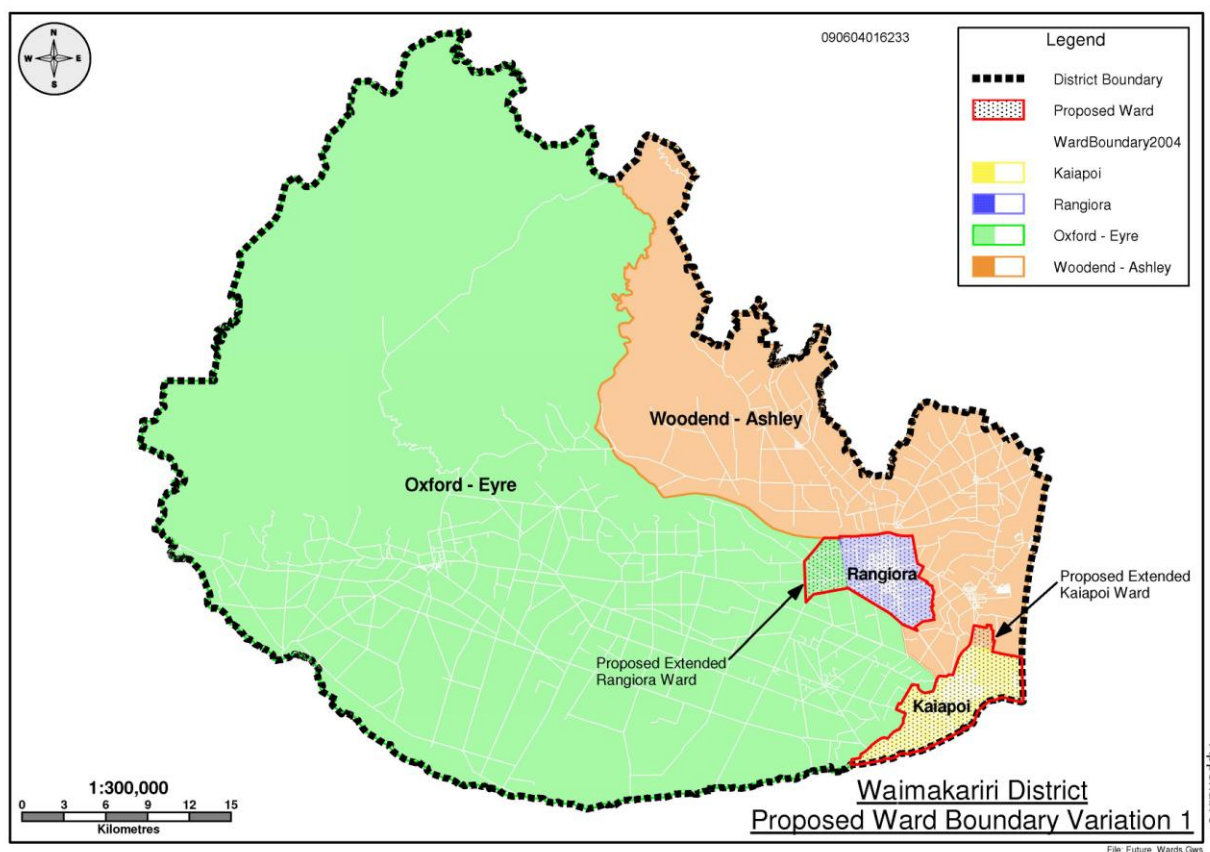
### **Rangiora Ward**

Extend the boundary of the Rangiora ward to the south along Flaxton Road and then west along Main Drain Road to Swannanoa. Along Swannanoa, Lilly and Priors Roads in a northerly direction to the Ashley River and then east to the existing boundary on Mehrton Road – meshblock numbers 2449900, 2450103 and 2450300.

### **Kaiapoi Ward**

Extend the boundary of the Kaiapoi ward to the north along Main North Road to Fullers Road, east to property RS 1203 13796 & Lots 1 2 DP 42622 Blk and south along the eastern property

boundary to a paper road alongside Lot 2 DP 52801 and Lot 1 DP 4521 then to the existing boundary on Lees Road meshblock number 2448000.



And in accordance with section 19K(2) of the Local Electoral Act 2001, the following reasons for the boundary changes between wards:

**Reasons:**

*The changes to the ward boundaries to include an area adjacent to the west of the Rangiora ward, including Fernside, to the Rangiora ward reflects a community of interest of that area with Rangiora and secondly to extend the Kaiapoi ward to the north to include the Barkers Road area. These changes also establish population numbers in each ward which comply with section 19V(2) known as the “+or- 10% rule”.*

- (a) **Retains**, in accordance with section 19J, the Kaiapoi Community Board with the same membership of six elected members, together with the appointment of the three Kaiapoi ward councillors and that the boundary of the ward be the changed Kaiapoi ward boundary.

*Reasons:*

*The majority of submissions that commented on this issue supported the retention of a Kaiapoi Community Board.*

- (b) **Establishes**, in accordance with section 19J, two additional community boards to be known as the Rangiora Community Board and the Woodend Ashley Community Board. The boundaries of the boards shall be the ward area for Rangiora in the case of the former and the Woodend-Ashley ward for the latter. Membership shall be six elected members together with the ward councillors appointed to the board; in the case of Rangiora three members and Woodend-Ashley two members. Members of the community board are to be elected by the electors of the ward community as a whole.

*Reasons:*

*The Council sought specific comment during public consultation on whether communities in the district, other than Kaiapoi, wish to retain the present ward advisory board system. Most of the submitters supported community boards in some or all wards, except the Oxford-Eyre ward. There were a number of submissions supporting a reduced area for a community board to be established around the Woodend township and environs. However, it was considered a community board should be established in the first instance for the whole ward area and this can be reviewed at the next representation review.*

(c) **Recommends** that the incoming Council:

**Appoints** an Oxford-Eyre Ward Advisory Board based on the existing criteria for the appointment of ward advisory boards, subject to the following change:

- Elected Waimakariri District community board members should not be on a ward advisory board.

*Reasons:*

*Whilst there were submissions received which supported four community boards in the district, there was insufficient support for a community board in the Oxford-Eyre ward area. Concern was raised about the election criteria and this is recommended to be changed so that one person is unable to be on a community board and an advisory board.*

(d) **Resolves** that following further consultation with local iwi, the matter of Maori representation be reported back to the Council with a recommendation by 30 June 2011.

*Reason:*

*In practical terms, the first local body elections in which Maori representation could be provided is 2013, provided the Council has made a resolution to that effect before 23 November 2011. Further, the local Runanga has indicated that it wishes our relationship to continue to evolve and it is their wish to address representation at a later date.*

## **PUBLIC RIGHT TO APPEAL OR OBJECT TO THIS PROPOSAL**

Any person who 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 initial submission.

Any person who objects to the final proposal may lodge an objection. Any objection must identify the matters to which the objection relates.

Appeals and objections must be made in writing.

Appeals and objections are to be forwarded to:

Representation Review  
Waimakariri District Council  
Private Bag 1005  
Rangiora 7440.

They must be received by Council **no later than Wednesday 16 December 2009 at 5pm**. These will then be forwarded to the Local Government Commission for consideration.

Any queries regarding the Council's decision should be directed to Kevin Lamb, Administration Manager, Waimakariri District Council, Rangiora (03) 311 8900.

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