



- Council's role includes acting as the voice of local people. That voice should represent all people who use and/or contribute to the facilities and services provided by Council. It must be able to represent and balance differing interests.

Because Council's democratic system is funded by rates, it's important the community feels their interests are represented fairly and effectively.

In order to ensure councils continue to provide fair and effective representation for individuals and communities, they're required by law (the Local Electoral Act 2001), to review their elected representation arrangements at least every six years.

Our last review was in 2018, so we're checking in with our community again in 2021, as we know the population numbers have shifted, plus Council voted to add a Māori ward.

Once final, the updated representation arrangements will stay in effect for six years (two election cycles) or until the next review.

- This is an informal review, but it will help us develop a formal proposal for public consultation later this year.

Read more about the 2021 Representation Review ([link to web](#))

- To start off with, could we get a few details from you -
 - Do you feel that you are fairly and effectively represented?
- 1.1 *Each elected member should represent a similar number of people, which, for Kaipara District's existing ward structure, is about 3000 people per councillor.*

- ☐ Yes, I am fairly and effectively represented
- ☐ On the whole I think I am fairly and effectively represented
- ☐ I don't think I am always fairly and effectively represented
- ☐ I am not fairly and effectively represented
- ☐ I don't know

- Which ward do you live in?
- 1.2

- ☐ Dargaville
- ☐ West Coast-Central
- ☐ Otamatea
- ☐ Kaiwaka-Mangawhai
- ☐ Outside of Kaipara District

- Which ward do you currently associate most closely with?
- 1.3

- ☐ Dargaville
- ☐ West Coast-Central
- ☐ Otamatea
- ☐ Kaiwaka-Mangawhai

• Elected representatives

- Do you know who your ward councillors are?

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- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

- Do you engage with your ward councillor/s?

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- ☐ Yes, they know me well
- ☐ I occasionally encounter or contact them
- ☐ I rarely encounter or contact them
- ☐ No, never

• How we structure our representation

- Do you think we should have more or fewer councillors, or have we got it about right?

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Currently there are 8 councillors plus a Mayor. Councillors are paid from a pool that doesn't change with councillor numbers and therefore doesn't affect your rates. This is set by the Remuneration Authority. You can see the current salaries [here](#).

- ☐ More
- ☐ About right
- ☐ Fewer
- ☐ Unsure

- How many councillors do you think is a good number to ensure fair and effective representation?

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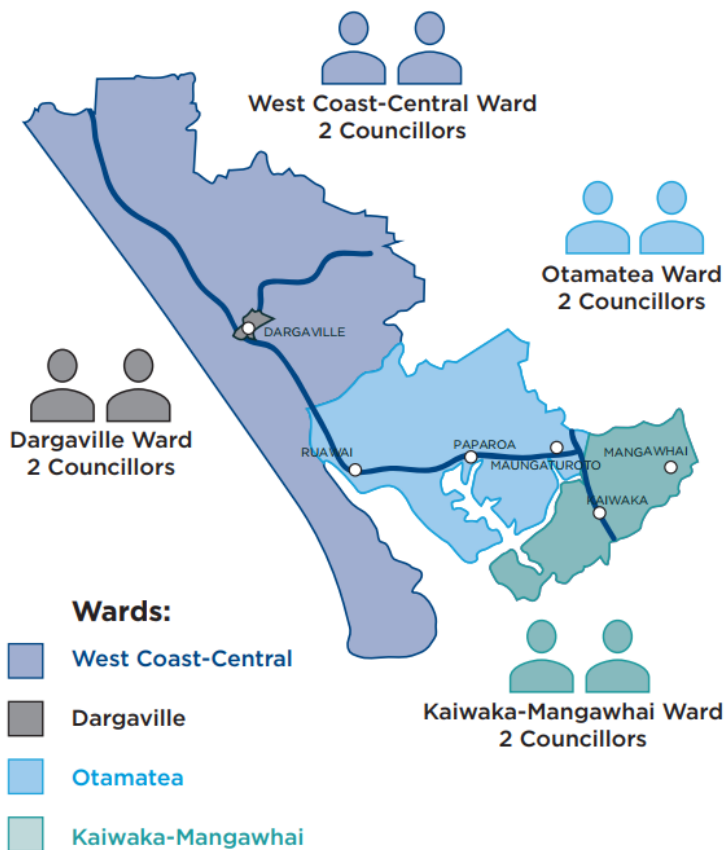
- ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10

- What structure do you prefer for electing councillors?
- 1.8 *Note – the current system is ward-based ensuring representatives are spread right across the district. Alternative systems are district-wide (elected at large) or a mixture of the two (wards and at-large).*

- ☐ Ward Based
- ☐ Elected at Large
- ☐ Mix of the two (wards and at large)

• Ward Boundaries

Current Council Wards (2019)



• In your opinion, should the ward boundaries above change or are they about right?

- ☐ Yes, they should change
- ☐ They are about right

• What do you like or dislike about the current set up?

• Do the current ward names accurately reflect the areas they represent?

What other options would you propose?

• Are there any communities of interest that council should be considering?

• Should community boards be established?

Please refer to the Community Board information provided here.

N/A

N/A Strongly Disagree

• Do you have any other comments to help inform councils proposal?

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