

Public Notice

Monday, 25 March 2024

Initial Proposal for Representation Arrangements for the 2025 local elections

Pursuant to section 19M of the Local Electoral Act 2001 the Hurunui District Council gives public notice of its initial proposal for its representation arrangements for the 2025 local elections.

On 12 March 2024 the Hurunui District Council reviewed its representation arrangements, and resolved that the following proposal apply for the Council and its community boards for the elections to be held on 11 October 2025:

Council representation

It is proposed that the Council retains its 10 members elected from the existing three wards, and the mayor. The population that each member will represent is as follows:

| Ward | Population (2018 Census) | Members | Population per member |
|--------------|--------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| West Ward | 5,450 | 4 | 1,363 |
| East Ward | 2,670 | 2 | 1,335 |
| South Ward | 5,680 | 4 | 1,420 |
| Total | 13,800 | 10 | 1,380 |

In accordance with section 19V(2), Local Electoral Act 2001 the population that each member represents must be within the range of +/- 10% (1,242 to 1,518).

Community Board representation

It is proposed that the following two community boards be elected:

| Community Board | Area of Community |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Hanmer Springs Community Board | Encompassing the rating area of Hanmer Springs |
| South Ward Community Board | This will encompass the entire area of the South Ward |

Hanmer Springs Community Board

The Hanmer Springs Community Board will elect five members. It will not be subdivided for electoral purposes and will have one appointed Councillor from the West Ward.

South Ward Community Board

The South Ward Community Board will elect five members. Four Councillors will be appointed to the Board from the South Ward.

The South Ward Community Board will be subdivided for electoral purposes as follows:

| Subdivision | Area of Subdivision |
|----------------------|---|
| Amberley Subdivision | Encompassing the Amberley Township |
| Kowai Subdivision | Encompassing the rest of the ward excluding the Amberley Township |

The population that the members of each subdivision will represent is shown below:

| Subdivision | Population (2018 Census) | Members | Population per member |
|-------------|--------------------------|---------|-----------------------|
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| Amberley Subdivision | 2,380* | 2 | 1,190 |
| Kowai Subdivision | 3,290* | 3 | 1,097 |
| Total | 5,680 | 5 | 1,136 |

The population that each member of the South Ward Community Board represents falls within the range of +/-10% (1022 – 1249) in accordance with section 19V(2), Local Electoral Act.

* due to rounding from Statistics NZ these numbers are 10 people lower than the population it has estimated for the whole ward.

Consultation opens on Monday, 25 March 2024 and closes on Wednesday, 8 May 2024.

Public Meetings

We are holding three public meetings to hear from our communities:

- **Amberley Domain/ Tin Shed:** Thursday 4 April 6.30pm.
- **Hanmer Springs Library:** Wednesday 10 April at 6.30pm.
- **Cheviot Knox Community Centre:** Monday 15 April at 6.30pm.

We will also be available to meet with the community at the Amberley Farmers' Market on Saturdays from 30 March-27 April, and the Hanmer Springs Village Market on Saturday 30 March 2024.

Further Information

Copies of the Council's resolution and maps setting out the areas of the proposed wards, communities and subdivisions may be viewed and obtained from:

- Any Council service centre and libraries
- Council website www.hurunui.govt.nz/have-your-say/consultations – Representation Review – Initial Proposal.

Any queries regarding the Council's decision should be directed to Michelle Stanley, 0204 1333 201, Michelle.stanley@hurunui.govt.nz.

Relevant information

Have Your Say

If you are interested in proposed representation arrangements and would like to make a submission, please go to one of the following:

- Online: www.hurunui.govt.nz/have-your-say/consultations – Representation Review – Initial Proposal.
- Email: submission@hurunui.govt.nz (please put 'representation review' in the subject line)
- Drop into any of the Council's service centres and libraries.
- Post to Hurunui District Council, PO Box 13, Amberley 7441

Submissions must be received by Council no later than 8 May 2024, 5pm.

Hamish Dobbie
Chief Executive
25 March 2024