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I refer to your official information request dated 3 May 2025 for information on the Council's review of representation.

The six yearly review of representation arrangements is next due to be undertaken in 2027, with the result taking effect from the 2028 elections. The last review of representation was undertaken in 2021, with the result of that review being in effect for the 2022 and 2025 elections.

When undertaking a review of representation, the Council must include the following in the review:

- the number of elected members (within the legal requirement to have a minimum of six and a maximum of 30 members including the Mayor)
- whether the elected members (other than the Mayor) shall be elected by the entire district, or whether the district will be divided into wards for electoral purposes, or whether there will be a mix of 'at large' and 'ward' representation
- if election by wards is preferred, then the boundaries and names of those wards and the number of members that will represent each ward
- whether or not to have separate wards for electors on the Māori roll
- whether to have community boards and if so how many, their boundaries and membership and whether to subdivide a community for electoral purposes.

There are currently two community boards in the Tararua District, being the Dannevirke Community Board and the Eketāhuna Community Board.

Instead of community boards, Woodville has a Community Committee, Positively Woodville Incorporated, and Pahiatua has Explore Pahiatua Inc. The disestablishment of the preceding community boards in Pahiatua and Woodville were at the request of the communities involved (Woodville in 2002 and Pahiatua in 2004).

The community is able to advocate for the establishment or disestablishment of community boards through the representation review consultation and engagement process.

You can view more information on our website about the representation review process on this page:

<https://www.tararua.govt.nz/your-council/governance/local-elections/representation-arrangements>

Ngā mihi



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Tēnā koutou All TDC Councilors, Her Worship the Mayor of Tararua Tracey Collis, Bryan Nicholson and John Ryan,

Please advise when the next periodic review of its representation arrangements (which must occur at least every six years under the Local Electoral Act 2001) shall be done.

As it is my understanding that; if such a group such an Explore Pahiatua that acts as a community-led initiative, working in partnership with the Tararua District Council (TDC) and the community to promote and enhance Pahiatua's identity, attract visitors, and foster a thriving local environment: That this group then has indeed meet all the requirements for a community constitution by nature of the Tararua District Councils working relationship with this group and positions within this group (community board) should be made available at the local general elections process which currently are not.

My concern is that Pahiatua is the only community within the Tararua District without a community board election process when it is the second largest town in the district and when two smaller towns than it have community boards. Leaving residents that would like to participate in a community board without any option to stand for election in one; thereby the community itself then has no standing in the council by means of the community not being able to elect this group.

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Kia ora.

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