

Confirmed Public minutes of the Representation Review Committee meeting on Thursday 10 October 2024

Taumata Kōrero – Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council | Te Pane Matua Taiao
100 Cuba Street, Te Aro, Wellington at 9.30am

Members Present

Councillor Ponter (Chair)
Councillor Bassett
Councillor Connelly
Councillor Gaylor
Councillor Kirk-Burnnand
Councillor Laban
Councillor Lee
Councillor Nash
Councillor Ropata
Councillor Saw
Councillor Staples
Councillor Woolf

Karakia timatanga

The Committee Chair opened the meeting with a karakia timatanga.

Public Business

1 Apologies

Moved: Cr Saw / Cr Ropata

That the Committee accepts the apology for absence from Councillor Duthie.

The motion was **carried**.

2 Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

3 Process for considering submissions on Council's initial representation proposal for the 2025 triennial local elections - Report 24.471 [For Information]

Francis Ryan, Head of Governance and Democracy, spoke to the report.

4 Hearing of oral presentation

Gwynn Compton spoke to his written submission.

5 Consideration of submissions received on Council's initial representation proposal for the 2025 triennial local elections – Report 24.472

Francis Ryan, Head of Governance and Democracy, spoke to the report.

The Committee considered the matters raised in submissions and undertook its deliberations.

The meeting adjourned at 10.28am and resumed at 10.39am.

Following deliberations, the following motion was moved:

Moved: Cr Staples / Cr Ropata

That the Committee, having considered the submissions received and the information contained in Report 24.472, recommends that Council:

1. Adopts the reasons for the rejection of submissions, as set out in the table below:

Alternative proposal	Description of alternative proposal	Reason for rejection of alternative proposal
1	That a total of 11 members should be elected, being one member from the Māori Constituency, and 10 members from six general constituencies whose boundaries align with the current territorial authority boundaries (constituencies covering the areas of Kapiti Coast District; Porirua City; Wellington City; Lower Hutt City; Upper Hutt City; and Wairarapa districts).	Rejected. This alternative proposal would not enable effective representation for communities of interest in the regional context, taking into account the: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• geographic size and diversity of the Wellington Region with its urban and rural areas• diversity of Council's statutory functions

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • need for efficient and effective governance of the Wellington Region • enabling of community access to members and vice versa.
2A	That the Council's initial proposal should be amended to provide a second member for the Kāpiti Coast General Constituency, through a reduction in one member from the Pōneke/Wellington General Constituency.	Rejected. This alternative proposal would not provide effective representation for communities of interest in the regional context and fair representation for electors.
2B	That the Council's initial proposal should be amended to provide a second member for the Kāpiti Coast General Constituency, through a reduction in one member from the Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai/Lower Hutt General Constituency.	Rejected. This alternative proposal would not provide effective representation for communities of interest in the regional context and fair representation for electors.

2. Confirms its initial representation proposal as its final proposal for the 2025 triennial local elections.

The motion was **carried**.

Karakia whakamutunga

The Committee Chair closed the meeting with a karakia whakamutunga.

The public meeting closed at 10.44am.

Councillor D Ponter

Chair



Date: